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From Skepticism To **FAITH** & **TRUST** by Roger Williams



As we look back over this past summer of ministry at Mount Hermon and Kidder Creek, we see dramatic evidence of God at work, indicators of lives transformed.

As you explore this issue of the LOG we pray you'll enter with us into the drama, and catch the marvel of God's life-giving power through Christian camping.

In the amazing story of an 11-year-old boy brought from skepticism into faith and trust, God imparts His life through a ropes course! By means of a Redwood Canopy Tour advertisement God demonstrates His redemptive power to a recovering addict. An attentive counselor carries a young girl past a fearful place, personifying the body of Christ serving, supporting.

With Spirit-inspired creativity the Ponderosa Lodge staff weaves Truth and intentionality into each week's programs, allowing their impact to spread more deeply into the lives of campers, both

while at camp and when back at home. Our venerable involvement with Hispanic Family Camp and our blossoming efforts reaching inner-city kids signal a cross-cultural, cross-strata commitment into the "highways and byways"—open doors inviting all to partake in the Lord's banquet.

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description of Jesus' timeless love, and Ron Demolar's recall of 50 years of Lord-exalting ministry reveal the majesty of God glorified through servant hearts. But as committed as we are to Him, this staff understands we cannot "do camp" on our own. God has raised up a team of phenomenal partners to yoke with us. Volunteers come alongside with tools, skills and hearts brimming with gratitude for their Lord.

Couples and families open their homes, sharing their stories of Mount Hermon, inviting others to join them. ●

As you read this LOG, look for God's hand, God's heart and God's harvest—the evidence is everywhere. Rejoice with us and worship. God IS at work!

Roger Williams, Mount Hermon's Executive Director since 1993, and his wife Rachel, bring both strength and mirth to our staff.

The very best thing happened at camp—my son Nicholas found God!

lives transformed.

by Nate Pfefferkorn

HIGH IN THE REDWOODS

It's surprising how many guests come alone to the Redwood Canopy Tour. Recently a young man registered, and he began telling us his story. Breaking from his past he'd moved nearby, looking for adventure, purpose, and life change. Expectantly he asked, "on your website it says, 'lives transformed.' Can I come have my life transformed?" We carefully explained that God does the transforming, but as His followers we'd love to pray with him. When he arrived, we prayed together before his tour, asking God to transform his life. As he progressed through the tour's six ziplines he was confronted with his fear of heights and fear of the unknown. He began making profound connections between his experience on the ziplines and the real challenges facing him as a recovered addict. As we later talked and prayed he was struck, "God uses people to transform lives. That's awesome!"

Another powerful event happened at our Sequoia Adventure Course. This amazed mom told us, "In February my husband moved out, ending 14 years of marriage. My children, faith and friends helped me go on, and as the year unfolded we all settled into our new life and routines. A friend kept insisting, 'you NEED to go to Family Camp this year!' So, with a generous campership we attended Week 5. The very best thing happened at camp—my son Nicholas found God! He's 11 and very bright, and was somewhat skeptical about God. But something changed in him at camp."

On the ropes course Nicholas became deathly afraid, freezing halfway through.

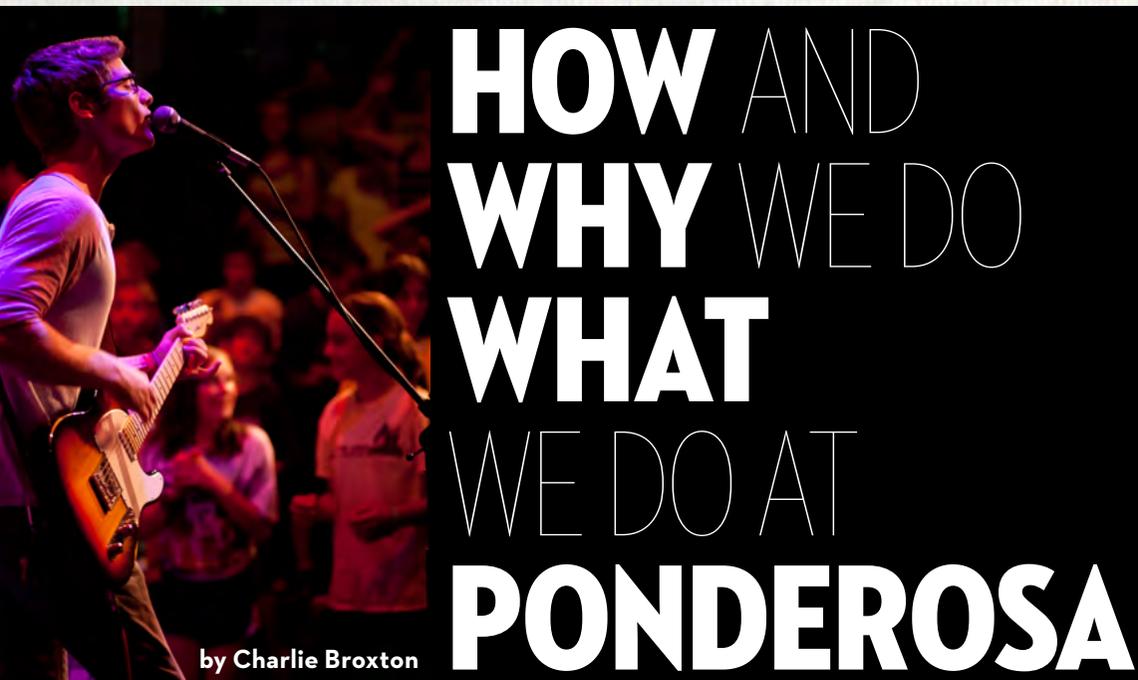
His counselor offered to pray and Nicholas agreed, and was able to exit the course. Friday Nicholas tried again, this time navigating the course well but still too afraid to leap from the final zipline platform. Everyone was shouting encouragements. Suddenly Nicholas yelled, "STOP! I just need to pray about this!" All fell silent as Nicholas prayed. After about five seconds he lifted his head — and leaped! He just kept saying, "I did it! I conquered my fear. All I had to do was pray!" Nicholas was asked what he had learned at camp. He smiled, "I learned that God will give you the strength to help you solve your problems."

During Week 7 a father brought his young son and daughter to our Discovery Grove Kids' Course, a new adventure designed for kids as young as 5! Both children were excited and a bit nervous to 'get up in the trees.' But once the son had run the course, he exclaimed, "this was the most fun I've ever had!" His dad saw his son's courage and confidence growing, especially from the summer staff's enabling encouragements all along the way.

His daughter had a greater struggle but really wanted to finish. At one point, clearly afraid, she was ready to give up. But summer staffer, Rochelle, offered to carry her on her back across that element. The young girl brightened and they crossed together, giving us all an incredible picture of the body of Christ supporting and encouraging one another through life's challenges.

God's work of lives transformed is a "natural high!" ●

Nate Pfefferkorn keeps the bar high as the Director of Mount Hermon Adventures. Nate and his wife, Allison keep it real and green at Mount Hermon with their two little girls, Sydney and Stella.



HOW AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO AT PONDEROSA

by Charlie Broxton



INTENTIONAL. EXCELLENT. FOCUSED. AMAZING!

Every day we lead students deeper and deeper into our daily Bible passage, leading them one step closer to Jesus. Every aspect of our program is designed with this goal in mind. Here's a brief look at how this happens:

Each morning after breakfast, students head to the Rec Field for an all-camp activity—a high energy, fun challenge designed to get students thinking about the ideas they'll encounter that day in Scripture. Joining their "family groups" of two cabins—one male cabin and one female cabin—they read the daily Bible passage, acting it out, singing and artistically expressing its message. Fifteen to twenty minutes are also spent individually reading

the passage. By journaling through a very simple yet practical process they prepare to share in their small group time what God is teaching them. Then comes "Real Life!"

Real Life is a new addition to Ponderosa's programming. After a solo time with God students head to the Forum for worship through music. They watch our daily Real Life drama, written to help students see in a real-life setting the truths of their daily Bible passage. The characters are easy to relate to, as they grapple with challenges students face every day. These dramas don't end nice and neat and are written so that students will see the relevance of God's Word to their world. Now the students are ready to process all they've learned that morning. In their cabin groups they work through questions regarding the Real Life drama and the Bible passage.

Afternoons are intentionally packed—cabin activities, village games, large group games, beach time and free time. Students may also spend time together with their

cabin or one-on-one with their counselor, and with their Youth Leaders who often come with their group. Counselors are trained to use these games and activities as springboards to talk through where God is moving in each student's life.

Following dinner everyone gathers again in the Forum for the evening worship. They see the daily passage expressed in a hilarious program skit and then hear God's Word powerfully preached by our speaker of the week. The speaker drives home the truth of the passage the students have spent the day reading, studying and discussing. That evening in their small groups they debrief all that God has taught them that day. We end the night with a fun all-camp game or activity that reinforces the theme of the week and the passage of the day.

God is moving at Ponderosa Lodge. The stories of life change we hear from students are powerful! This past summer one student best summed it up,

"Ponderosa is the place I am most at home, the most secure and the most able to be myself. God is so present in this place and coming there always brings me closer to Him."

And that's why we do what we do at Ponderosa Lodge! ●

Charlie Broxton, Mount Hermon's Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is training and coaching the next generation of leaders and instilling in them the importance of intentional programming that helps students go one step further in their relationship with Christ.

MY FAVORITE MOUNT HERMON EVENT

by Maribel Boyd

CAMPAMENTO Familiar Hispano



Since 1996, Mount Hermon's Hispanic Family Camp (Campamento Familiar Hispano) has been serving the nation's largest ethnic group. To me, it is one of the most significant events we host. (It's actually my favorite, but don't tell anyone!) This year marked their 15th annual conference. We are privileged to be part of God's work and Mount Hermon's growth in ministry to these wonderful people.

Mount Hermon is an active participant in spiritual ministry especially among the Hispanic population, the evidence of which is the growth in our multi-ethnic community. Our partnership in the Hispanic Family Camp is a fundamental part of "serving Christ's Church throughout the world."



Last year I spoke with Rev. Luis Palau, a speaker for Family Camp, and was pleasantly surprised with what he shared with me. He explained

that he had committed his life to Christ one summer when he was 12 years old, while attending a Christian Camp in the mountains of Argentina. How rich to have him with us to minister in this same manner!

I attended some of this year's sessions with a few of my staff, and couldn't anticipate the impact and outcomes we saw. We joined the rest of campers singing the moving worship songs led by Pastor Frank Giraldo. Our witness of God being

manifest through the words of Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz and Dr. Walter Koch was an unforgettable moment for us all.

The campers' evaluations of their own experience corroborated what we all felt to be a remarkable work of the Lord. Reading them one by one, I saw their comments over and over, requesting we bring the speakers back next year because of the blessing their messages were to their lives. They expressed great love for the conference, even asking if it could be held TWO times a year. I just loved that!

As Mount Hermon's Accommodations Manager, I supervise a staff composed mostly of Hispanic employees. I also have the privilege of working alongside other staff members and ministry supporters equally passionate about the Hispanic community. People such as our dearest Ron Singley (recently gone home to the Lord), Trustee Ron Demolar, and Operations Services Manager Sean McFeely, have been most responsible for working out the Family Camp details with pastor Carlos Coulter, the Conference Host.

It is my passion to see the wonderful works the Lord has done through this conference continue in the lives of many here at Mount Hermon. It's a blessing to be part of this new revival. I pray that the Lord will guide us as we move forward, and that Mount Hermon will continue to be a place that facilitates this conference. We'd all like to see many other Hispanic Community events at Mount Hermon, and we are sure this is God's desire as well! ●

Maribel Boyd, Mount Hermon Accommodations Manager, oversees an important group who tirelessly and carefully prepare our rooms and cabins for you our guests. She and husband Paul live in Mount Hermon.

GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND

by Michele Izor



Mount Hermon's eager volunteer partners accomplish great things! Many projects were completed this year, with several more scheduled through spring.

This summer we added something especially dynamic at Family Camp: **Family Service Opportunities**—fathers, mothers and grandparents working with their children, teaming together in a ministry of serving. And BOY were they productive! They cleared several Mount Hermon trails of fallen debris, and served the local community by cleaning nearby Santa Cruz beaches.

Volunteer groups also served in high school camps, at child care, as cooks, programmers, Kidder Creek wranglers, and much more. High school and college groups teamed with our local volunteers to—you name it—do accounting, serve donuts, process large mailings and help with Family Camp preparations. These folks were everywhere

with a quick smile and a servant's heart! God's promise to bless His servants is clear: *"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."* —John 12.26

Sixty people came to Family Camp this summer from Oak Park Christian Church, Grover Beach. Several joined a Family Service crew clearing out some invasive Bay trees. Gregg Whitford said, "We accomplished a lot in a short period—only 1.5 hours to clear a large area of lots of material. The kids had a great time and we all still had free time that afternoon."

Doug Pietrok from San Jose, CA rebuilt a staff housing deck. We asked him why he volunteered.

"My impression of Mount Hermon is beautiful grounds and great food. But I've quickly learned the real beauty is shining in the hearts of the people. Before retiring my spare time was scarce. My wife and I have attended several conferences and

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we're also Associates. Mount Hermon always leaves us refreshed and alive with the spirit of our awesome God. Now retired, I volunteer to help keep Mount Hermon available for many more people. Plus it's a way we can spend more time here!"

This fall we introduced **Servant Builders**—service that precedes a retreat. At no additional cost volunteers arrive for a Thursday evening check-in and dinner, plus Friday breakfast and lunch. They bring their boots, work gloves and friends, and a desire to work hard and fast. Projects are laid out at Thursday's dinner, and completed by Friday afternoon. They've set fence posts, replaced cabinets, split wood, rebuilt decks, repaired siding and weatherized cabins. They serve alongside Mount Hermon staff, and then join their own retreat Friday evening, knowing they've bolstered the kingdom work of Mount Hermon. Let us partner like this with your retreat group too.

The Scriptures say, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

—Eph.2:8-10

Our volunteers fit this to a "T"!

If you or your group wants to affect God's kingdom work at Mount Hermon, we have the right opportunities.

Contact Action Ministries
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831.430.4375.

We can make it happen! ●

Interested in becoming a Volunteer?

Contact Michele Izor at 408.358.2808 or michele.izor@mounthermon.org

Michel Izor, Action Ministries Director, and husband Paul live in Mount Hermon. Michele is a hands-on, can-do encourager who is strengthening the impact our volunteer teams and individuals bring.



A Christ-Centered Culture

by Suzy Clark

Afsha and Saif are homeschooling their children due to their own concerns about the education system and the morals and values their children would experience there. Their concerns are familiar to many Christian families – except for an important difference: Afsha and Saif immigrated to California from the Middle East, and they are Muslim.

Their family belongs to a charter school that regularly attends our Outdoor Science program. Last year the school brought 35 kids—including 13 Muslim girls. Nearly every activity in our program was something that these girls were experiencing for the first time ever. Even Afsha, their 40-year-old mother, did everything with them so she could also have the experiences—including scaling to the top of the Ponderosa Lodge climbing tower, and

immersing her bare feet in Bean Creek. In any Outdoor Science week serving a public school we welcome all different types of students, teachers, and parents joining our “culture” for the week. We strive for an environment of genuine love, grace and respect, and our programs intentionally convey biblical principles and parables without using religious language. Through our actions we plant many Kingdom seeds, and seek to be as Christ to all who join our community.

Seventy percent of Mount Hermon’s OSS programs serve public schools, most of which are ethnically non-white. It is a multi-cultural mission field where we open doors for people to participate in and experience our Christ-centered culture—many for the first time. What a privilege! Please pray for our staff who welcome campers nearly every week, September through May. ●

Suzy Clark is Mount Hermon’s Director of Outdoor Science School. She, husband Todd, and children Khenya and Brady can’t help but revel in and share the gospel as expressed in creation.

OPEN HOUSE

INSERT MOUNT HERMON!

By Don Broesamle

We pulled into the town of Paradise, population 27,000, nestled 2,500 feet up in the Southern Cascade Mountains foothills. “Bucolic” appropriately describes this friendly, welcoming town. And welcoming it was, as we arrived at the mountain church that was hosting Linda and me and Jack Pearson for their first annual musical “Hoedown.” We’d been on the road 23 days, in 22 home, church and school Open Houses where over 1,400 people had come to hear for their first time about Mount Hermon Family Camps. Jack Pearson’s inimitable down-home banjo, guitar and harmonica songs, and stories to enchant all ages, draws crowds—and Jack never disappoints!

In Paradise Jack joined a stage filled with outstanding blue-grass musicians, led by their worship pastor Trent Smith, and hundreds got a taste of what’s in store for their families at Mount Hermon. That was fun! But a truly amazing event occurred a week earlier at Chico Christian School. Mount Hermon regulars Dave and Michelle Walker set it up, and Principal Bev Landers invited us to give their Back-to-School-Night families a good taste of Mount Hermon. Afterward scores of folks eagerly grabbed more information on Family Camp.

That evening a 9-year-old boy had sat enthralled with what he heard. He snatched a LOG and a camp brochure and, noting our website, headed home. Once online, he perused all the Family Camp details, including costs for him, his dad and his grandmother. That same night he called

his grandmother. “Grandma! We HAVE TO go to Mount Hermon! I figured out the cost—we can DO this!” What a salesman.

When I walked into Bev Landers’ office the next morning to explore their Junior High kids coming to Kidder Creek, she looked up and said, “Don, first we need to talk about Family Camp. My grandson called last night. He’s insisting we come this summer.” Is that fun or what? God at work in people’s hearts.

There are many emotional stories of youngsters and families hearing about Mount Hermon and coming for the first time. But one from a church in Medford, Oregon, was really special. Many families came to our Open House for the dinner and presentation, including a recent widow and her young daughter. Over dinner she and I talked about camp and her \$200 discount from attending the Open House. Then I described our Camperships—that sealed the deal! The fun part was that she not only came to camp, she brought with her four other widows with their kids! They all told us how their week at Mount Hermon was a supreme blessing.

Open House events easily introduce new people to the amazing, God-at-work Mount Hermon Family Camps. When they register for camp, host and first-time guests each receive a \$200 discount for hosting or attending an Open House. Now it’s YOUR turn! Invite us to come. We’ll be there with bells on! ●

Don Broesamle is our Church and Partner Relations Director. Contact Don to host your open house. don.broesamle@mounthermon.org, 831.430.1240

socially networked

by Murphy Felton



Mount Hermon is a special place that continually compels people to share however they can about their experiences here. In our archives early-1900s postcards, pictures and letters describe to friends and family the many different things God did at Mount Hermon, and the amazing setting in which He worked. Fast forward to today—Mount Hermon’s Facebook, Twitter, Yelp, and YouTube accounts are full of these same stories and pictures, with invitations to come—new mediums, same message.

amy

facebook

“Walking around in the spectacular redwoods. This is my office for the week,” read the caption Amy posted to her Facebook page of a grove of redwoods at Mount Hermon.

angela

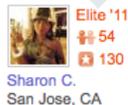
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Angela, a camper at Ponderosa Lodge this summer, posted to her blog, “There’s nothing quite like being at Ponds. This place is a haven. This place is safe. This place is moving with the Holy Spirit. This place is home.”

sharon

yelp

Sharon from San Jose wrote, “Yelp does not have enough stars to describe how awesome the Mount Hermon Redwood Canopy Tour is. Everybody should definitely do it.”



★★★★★ 10/10/2011

Yelp does not have enough stars to describe how awesome Mount Hermon Redwood Canopy Tour is. Everybody should definitely do it. We had 2 awesome guides who provided a lot of helpful information as well as comedic acts during the tour. Ask for them when you book - their names are Leslie and Cameron. I was very surprised when I learned that they’re only 20 years old - they couldn’t over-emphasize enough all the safety rules and regulations they have and we followed them religiously all throughout the tour.

Aside from the that, the forest is beautiful. I have never been up close and personal with the redwoods and I felt that at the end of the tour, I truly bonded with it. So beautiful, awe-inspiring and I feel so lucky that I live only 30mins away from this beauty.

I really enjoyed it so much that I am planning to organize another one with my friends to share the beauty of the redwoods with them. It is a very safe environment. It’s pure FUN and it was NOT SCARY at all. Just zip and enjoy the view:))

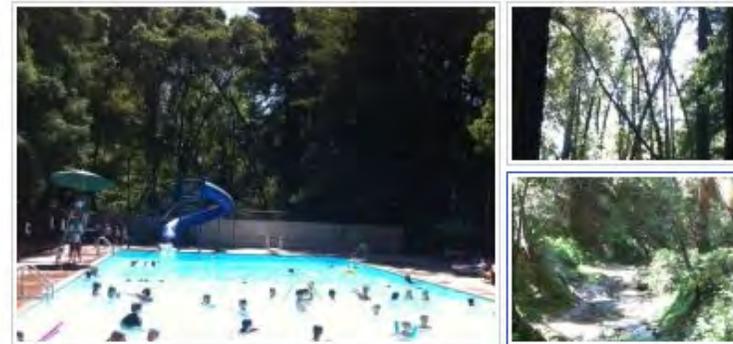
brad

facebook

Brad (camp name, “Dutch”) is a long-time Mount Hermon fan who uses social networks to invite others to experience his week at Family Camp with his family. Brad, husband of one, father of four, “decided to share our experiences during the day through iPhone photo postings on Facebook,” said Brad. “I took pictures whenever an activity changed or if I happened to see something that exemplified our Mount Hermon experience.”



Brad added 4 new photos to the album Mobile Uploads.



June 13 at 6:59pm via mobile

What kind of response did that generate? “Many people who had not been here in years commented it was good to see Mount Hermon again. Some were excited knowing they were coming later in the summer. Others missed Mount Hermon and wished they could be here.”

There are also many opportunities to share your experiences on sites like Facebook, Yelp or Twitter—the social network is vast and your postings impact other networks—that’s why social media works.

“I really wanted people to sense the experiences we’re having here,” said Brad. “Each year the Lord speaks to me in unique ways through the messages and in the time of rest and focus. My family and I have made major decisions at Mount Hermon.”

“I share my experiences so people who are unsure about going somewhere or doing something can visualize accomplishing that activity themselves, or recognize something familiar. I want to share our experience in the best and most honest way I can. I feel an incredible peace when I’m at Mount Hermon. I look forward to returning every year to this sanctuary of rest, inspiration and focused family time.”

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Murphy Felton is the Marketing Team Coordinator who doubles as our Coca-Cola® drinking copywriting, text editing team wrangler, and resident cheese monger.

A Job Well Done

by Don Broesamle

Those who've experienced the exhilaration of our WORLD CLASS Redwood Canopy Tour will understand its attraction for many new people to Mount Hermon. Our virtuoso Adventure Team led by Nate Pfefferkorn has myriad stories of drama and impact from high in the redwoods canopy!

In seeking to spread the word of this breathtaking escapade, we thought of the "local attractions" displays located in virtually every hotel and motel lobby. We decided to produce the card you see here for distribution throughout California.

Our inimitable designers began by combining photos and text that would command head-turning attention. The cards were printed and sent out for display. Mission accomplished. End of story...or so we thought!

A few weeks ago we received a call asking our Creative Services Team and Executive Staff to assemble for a presentation. We agreed, not fully expecting what was to come. There our Creative Services Team was presented with a plaque honoring their Redwood Canopy Tour promotional card. Our team, in their usual excellence, had designed a compelling piece that had won FIRST PLACE in an INTERNATIONAL competition—they were #1 in the world in a contest they hadn't even entered!

There are two points we learn from this:

- 1) When a job is worth doing, it is worth doing not only "right" but also "as unto the Lord."
- 2) When we give God our best, He gets the glory and the ministry He gives us grows.

We are extremely proud of all the work of the designers and photographers Josh Bootz, Peter Thomsen, and Dan Dawson and production manager Andrea Bonilla. It's no wonder that the Mount Hermon Creative Service Team's excellence and commitment, combined with our expert Tour Guides, has the Redwoods Canopy Tour running at near capacity—rain or shine. As we said, "To God be the glory!" ●



Eternal Impact Revisited

"Love one another, just as I have loved you."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2002, IS A DAY I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.

I'd spent a fun week at Ponderosa Lodge meeting new friends and seeking the Lord. The week culminated in a time of worship on Friday night when I encountered God in a way as never before. Overwhelmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, I began to weep. My counselor, Mike, put an arm around my shoulder and prayed as we sat and continued in worship.

Moments like this strongly influenced my desire to return as a counselor. In 2009, my third summer as a Ponderosa Lodge counselor, I had another unforgettable experience. Ben was a camper who'd been in my cabin for the previous two summers, and I was blessed to have him this third time. It had been a tough week; I wasn't sure if any of my campers had learned anything from the Bible studies

I had led, or if they'd been spiritually impacted at all by their week at camp.

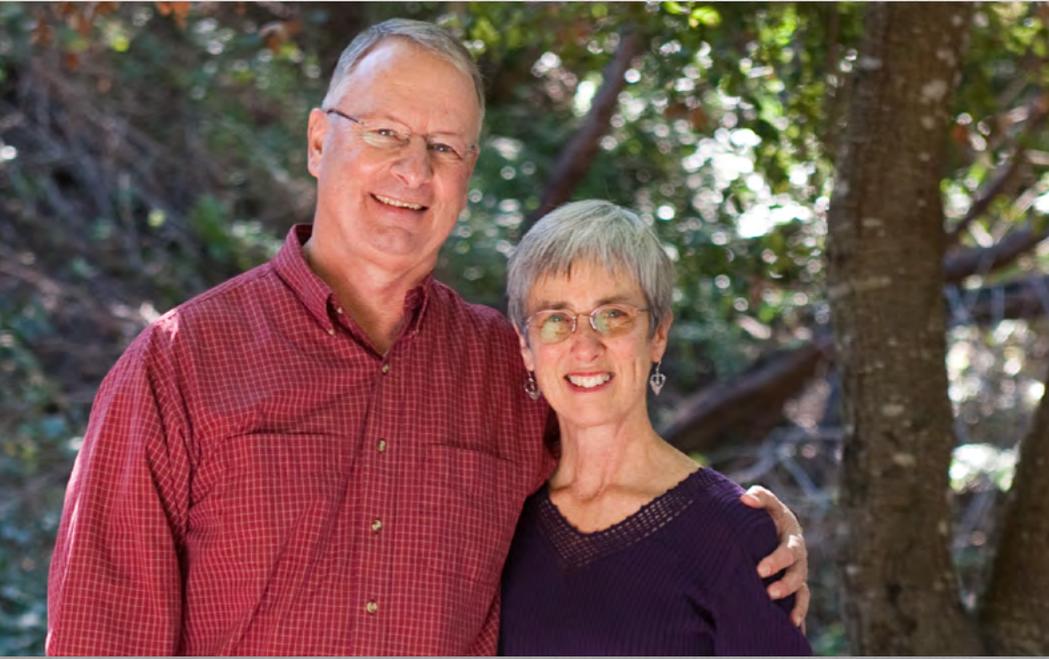
"I put my arm around him and began to pray for him as we continued our worship together—just as Mike had with me!"

On Friday night during the Forum worship time I glanced over at Ben. He was sitting there weeping just as I had been seven years earlier. I put my arm around him and began to pray for him as we continued our worship together—just as Mike had with me!

Those two nights will always hold a special place in my heart. Experiences like these at Mount Hermon are ones I'll carry with me for the rest of my life. God is so good! ●

Andrew Summers a second year intern at Mount Hermon. Andrew is currently focused on changing the world by helping the program team develop a conference on Human Trafficking.

If I Be Lifted Up by Ron Demolar



I arrived in 1961 at Redwood Camp as a summer counselor, eager to work with young campers and lift up Christ among the staff. The value God built into me that summer was the stimulus for me to serve Christ. From then on God's vision was for me to weave recreation and ministry together in camping.

Completing seminary I returned to Mount Hermon as an Intern. In 1967 Ponderosa Lodge was being built, and I was chosen to be its first director. My dream of pointing students to Christ through camping had become reality. For me, it was the best job in the world!

Over the years it's been clear that the strength of Mount Hermon's ministry is our staff. Our counselor-centered model was critical to being effective in lifting Christ up with our Ponderosa Lodge campers. That meant we had to also minister well TO our summer staff. Our morning Scripture studies together were formative, both in my life and for the staff, many of whom still continue as good friends. They have moved on in life, serving Christ in many strategic ways.

At Ponderosa Lodge they learned well that "if Christ be lifted up, He would draw people to Himself!"

Recently I was deeply honored to be invited to join the Mount Hermon Board of Trustees. I accepted, and in June officially retired from Mount Hermon staff. Jacquie and I feel richly blessed that in the years to come we'll continue to lift Christ up at Mount Hermon as volunteers. ●

Ron and Jacquie Demolar have served together on staff at Mount Hermon, Ron for 50 years, Jacquie for 15. They look forward to active days and the opportunity to continue to invest in Mount Hermon as a member of the Board of Trustees.

OPPORTUNITIES that last an eternity!

by Kerry Phibbs

South Sacramento is a tough place to grow up. According to Sherwood Carthen, Pastor at Bayside of South Sacramento (BOSS), unemployment is 15%, 96% of residents live below poverty level, and 93% of those are single-parent homes.



It hit me then just how much the loving community of our staff had broken through her distrust. She had learned to feel safe at Redwood Camp - she knew she belonged. God had given her a new image of people reflecting God's love for her, offering her the safety of His embrace."

Mount Hermon loves to partner with ministries serving in communities like South Sacramento. We look for opportunities to proactively reach out to kids who would benefit from camp in transformational ways, but who have no way to ask for help.

Give Camp 331 describes how friends who value Mount Hermon can make it possible for kids to attend camp who would otherwise be unable. Mount Hermon gives hundreds of camperships each year, and our average grant is \$331.

GIVECAMP 331

Some of the organizations we partner with are:

Green Pastures

Serving youth and adults with physical and mental challenges

Angel Tree

Serving families with an incarcerated parent

Military Families

serving families of soldiers who are on active duty

Help One Child

Serving Bay Area families caring for foster children.

\$331—that's all it takes.

We'd love your partnership with us too. ●

These children have never dreamed of spending a week in the redwoods having fun at camp. They're unaware that experiences like this even exist, and their parents have no margin in their lives to seek out such opportunities. Redwood Camp counselor, Karissa (Chipper) shared how God intervened this summer,

"I had four BOSS girls in my cabin, and it was the most challenging week of my summer. But it became filled with wonderful rejoicing. The entire week overflowed with so much newness for a few of my girls. One girl had a terrified shyness and was very closed off. I quickly realized she had the hardest time trusting adults and being herself around them.

On Thursday she finally began to really talk with me. On the final morning I found her at a picnic table crying. This shocked me because she'd been so straight-faced all week. When I asked what was wrong she crumpled into my arms and cried, 'I don't want to leave!'

Kerry Phibbs is a passionate member of our Advancement Team. Contact Kerry if you are interested in partnering with Mount Hermon. kerry.phibbs@mounthermon.org or 831.430.1237

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- 9 Hymn Sing
- 10-12 Couples Retreat
- 17-20 All Comers Conference

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- 16-18 Junior Getaway II | [Redwood Camp](#)
- 16-18 Women's Reflective Retreat
- 23-25 Women's Retreat
- 28-29 Head Start Clinic for Writer's Conference
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