



Camp was absolutely amazing this year! Students came to know Jesus and His love for them; were filled with the Holy Spirit, felt loved and accepted all week by our staff, drew close to God, learned to forgive, met and made new friends and had a great time!

On Friday morning the campers write what happened in their lives this week (or whatever their camp story is). I just finished reading every one of them: from campers, counselors and youth pastors. I am so moved - moved by their stories, what God did for them this week and the many letters thanking us that we continued to have camps. As challenging as it has been for us to continue camps while still grieving Donnie, I am convinced that we made the right decision!

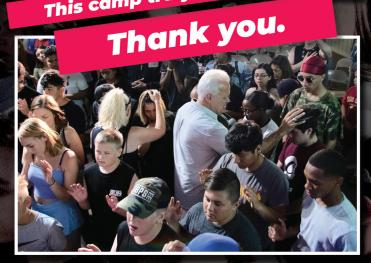
I want to publicly thank our speakers AND our amazing staff - some who work tirelessly in the months before and continue their dedication to the campers throughout the week of camp. They are loyal, committed, wonderful and sleep-deprived. They love students and have the same vision as we do: to help kids. Our family is so blessed and grateful not only for their service, but for their friendship. We could not have Summer Camp without them. YWAM Chico has been nothing but a blessing to host us and work so well with us.

I also want to give a big shout of appreciation for all of you who sponsored campers and support the ministry. Many of them attended because of your generosity. And for all of you who prayed for camp, THANK YOU!

I wish I could put every one of the testimonies in this newsletter for you to read. Hopefully, the excerpts will be a blessing to you.











"When I was (young) my parents divorced and my dad got custody. My mom would come to pick me up and they would always fight...I started to feel like it was my fault...My dad started taking me to church and we started learning about God. I didn't really get it at first, but I started to understand it more and more. So going to this camp really helped me understand what God is all about. I'm very grateful for it. Thank you so much."



"What I got is closer to God and can't wait to tell family!"

"This place has truly changed my life.

I have been touched by God and will

remember this for the rest of my life."

"This is the first time I've gone to camp in years and it was an experience. I've struggled with self-hate and self-harm. The pain and the weight of that has followed me for some time. Getting away from the people that have hurt me and forgiving them has taken some of the weight off. These people here have helped and supported me. Thank you."

"I have been going to this camp for a few years and every time I'm at camp I get stronger and stronger in my faith. Thank you for showing me that I am not alone. I was able to forgive a person that hurt me."

"Camp is my favorite time of year. It always reminds me of how much I am loved and how great God is. This place is a safe place. We all

come with our brokenness and feel

safe. This place is a lighthouse."

"This summer was the summer I felt most alive and that's because of camp. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. I can't find any way or form to express how deep I was impacted by God at this

camp."

"For years I have come to these camps and it's always been hard for me to forgive those who've hurt me and especially myself. However, this year I was able to forgive...the man who took my innocence away. I still continue to forgive...and continue to finish my race and tell my story. Thank you for having camp, once again."