



FROM THE PVBC STAFF:

Balancing camp life and family life can be a challenge. Our winter season is coming to an end and we look forward to the renewal that comes with Spring! Winter meant two kids playing basketball, six weekends of winter camps, and even now, preparation for summer. We are encouraged by the salvation decisions that happened at various winter events at camp (7 that we know of). In the past month, we lost two loved ones to cancer and it is in reflecting upon the certainty of death, we give thanks for the hope of Life in Christ! We are reminded of the importance of spending time with loved ones and we look forward to visiting family over Spring Break. We ask for your prayers. As camp prepares for a busy summer season, so we seek renewed energy. As our kids prepare for spring sports (soccer and baseball), we pray for safety and patience. As summer staff applications and various positions at camp are filled, we pray for unity throughout all our staff so that it will reflect God's continued grace upon each one of us.



-Steve (PVBC Director), Naomi, Nicholas, William and Ella Mae Sponable

Rejoice with us! Yesterday (Feb 23rd) was Ruth's final visit with the Oncologist. It has been 5 years since her cancer surgery and she has been released from observation follow up. We have been so thankful for God's plan in that area of our lives. We remain so very thankful for you who pray for us and you who are sharing financially so that we can continue to share the Good News with others. Your love for us is a demonstration to others of God's Love. Thank you so much.



- John and Ruth Madsen

being **confident** of this, that He who **began a good work in you will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6

Well, we are off and running! Sue and I had the opportunity to do our first recruiting tour this winter. We visited Calvary Bible College and Concordia University to talk to students about being counselors at camp this summer. Pray that the contacts we made will bear fruit this year and into the future.

There were other stops scheduled but we came home early when we got word that Sue's dad was nearing the end of his life here on earth. We were blessed that there was time to see him and say goodbye before the Lord took him home. The funeral was a blessing as we celebrated the gift of a Godly man.

Since our start in August, we have seen the Lord provide commitments of 42% of our needed support! We have also been accepted into a consortium of cooperating churches in Grand Rapids area. While the relationship does not come with a commitment of financial support, the churches will provide us opportunities to share our burden for camp ministry. Again pray that these become fruitful contacts for our need as well as extending the camp network.

Bill & Sue Green



Let the children come unto me and forbid them not... Luke 19:14 Children are important to God. He loves and cares for them. I'm thankful that God graciously allows us to serve Him at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp where the majority of ministry is aimed at reaching children with the Gospel. As summer approaches, camp staff will again be given the opportunity to share the Gospel with several hundred children. Through daily chapel sessions and Bible memory verses, children will hear of God's love and care. We are so thankful for the various ways God faithfully guides, provides and protects us at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp.

Beth and Edson Sommer



Busy, Busy! Of course, the holiday season was very busy with family activities – visits from grandparents and traveling. We had a great visit with Alexis while she was home from Bob Jones University for Winter Break. Both boys are on the Honor Roll and all of our children continue to make us very proud! Nathan's retirement date from the ARMY is coming ever closer and we are almost giddy with anticipation for him to be able to work here at camp full-time! Please pray with us for our monthly financial support to be in place before his final day with the ARMY. We are trusting in a very faithful God and so we are excited to see how He will provide through His people!



Our winter season at camp has been a fun one with lots of new faces around camp – giving of their time to volunteer in the work here! The kitchen was always warm with water on the stove for hot cocoa and the laughter of friends! Thanks for partnering with us in this ministry!

**-Nathan, Kim, Alexis,
Ethan and Trevor Zeeryp**



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