



CAMP CONNECTION...

HIS WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS...

Back in 2013, when we were accepted by the PVBC Camp Board to come to camp and begin working and start the process of raising monthly support, we had *our* idea of how things were going to go. We knew that Nathan could retire from the ARMY with 20 years of active duty in 2017. Neither of us wanted to wait that long for him to come to camp full time. His heart is here at camp! He wants to be here working and serving full time! Certainly God would honor that request! I mean, it's a good one, right? Serving Him in this amazing place? But, we are reminded again and again that our ways are not like His ways. He knows all things and...we don't. And, ultimately He is a good Father and wants what is BEST for His kids.

So, when we began to realize that this wasn't how God was going to work things out, we began to pray for God's will to be done – for things to be accomplished in HIS timing. You know, that's a hard prayer to pray! We want what we want and we want it now! (Spoiled kids that we are!)

But, we have to go back to the words of the old hymn – "Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Oh

Lord, give us trusting and obedient hearts!

CHANGES AND MORE CHANGES

Now we come to 2016 – only months until Nathan's retirement date (July 31, 2017) and, in His ultimate knowledge, God does something that just makes no sense to us... He changes Nathan's duty station. He

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now reports to the Grand Valley Armory in Wyoming, MI instead of the Cadillac Armory where he has served for the past 10 years.

So, our weekly schedule has changed. Nathan works out of the Cadillac Armory on Mondays and Fridays. He works and stays in Grand Rapids (which is about a 3 hour drive from our home) Tuesdays through

Thursdays. We are adjusting, but it kinda feels like he's on another deployment... Not Fun! But...we trust that God knows best and He has given us joy even within these circumstances.



PRAY AND ACT

Please pray with us as we trust God to continue to supply consistent financial supporters for our ministry at camp.

Our camp policy states that full time staff must maintain at least 80% of their designated monthly support level. For us, with three kids, that's \$3,192 of the \$3,990 which is our designated monthly support amount. We currently stand at about

\$400.00/month.

Now, we understand that some of you have intentions of partnering with

us financially when Nathan is truly here at camp in a full time capacity. If that's you, here's what we need you to do: Put your intentions on a Ministry Response Card so we can demonstrate to our leadership that we indeed will meet that 80% benchmark. Thank you!

If you THINK you might want to partner with us financially, but have questions and would like to sit down and meet with us, please contact us! We would LOVE to sit down and share with you what this ministry is all about and how you can play a part! And for those of you who have faithfully given, we appreciate so much your partnership in this ministry! We couldn't be doing what we are doing without you! It's an exciting business - Seeing the Lord work in and through His people!

PLEASANT VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

WOW! WHAT A SUMMER...

From powerful storms to powerful Chapel speakers, it was another AMAZING summer at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp! We had around 300 campers that came to camp this summer! Again, God moved in the hearts of a number of campers and we have record of 23 children that accepted Jesus as their personal Savior! That's what PVBC is all about!

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Camp is an amazing place filled with amazing people! Let me introduce you to a few...

This is **Haley Nabozny**. Haley was an awesome answer to prayer! She served



as our Kitchen Assistant all summer long! She helped plan,

prepare and serve the over 8,000 meals that we served from the kitchen! With Haley in the kitchen, this allowed me to have the office hours that I needed each day. God provides!!!!

Camp needs energetic people that love Jesus! **Shannon O'Brien** is that kind of person! She came to camp from Winona, MN and just filled this place with JOY! Shannon served as our



in Chapel. What a blessing and what an amazing friend! God blesses!!!

Sometimes the best thing to get through a HOT day in the kitchen is a visit from a friend!

Marilyn Kelly (a dear friend from



Cadillac) surprised me with an evening visit to camp. It was just the pick-me-up I needed! God encourages!!!

I could fill a BOOK of pictures and stories of the people that we meet at camp each summer season. Each person comes with a different purpose and each person impacts the ministry in different ways!

Summer Program Director and worked many hours planning activities, lifeguarding and leading worship

PLAN B...

This summer brought with it some POWERFUL storms! And, with high winds and lots of rain comes storm damage and power outages. Just imagine getting ready to put 15 pizzas in the oven to feed lunch to a group of campers and staff and all of a sudden, the power goes out! Hmmm...plan B! Then your alarms on all of your refrigerators and freezers begin to buzz because they are beginning to heat up and the generator is needed for the main well of camp! Hmmm...Plan B! So, we served PB&J on hamburger buns and kept the doors closed on those appliances until the power was restored! Thankfully, no food was lost and the campers left the Dining Hall with full bellies!



Camp suffered some damage to the pool building as well as some damage in the RV Park. Camp's plow truck was crushed beneath some fallen trees. We are trusting God to provide a new plow truck and we have most of the needed repairs completed. Sometimes our Plan B is God's Plan A! He is in control

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Praise!** Alexis is back in South Carolina for her sophomore year at Bob Jones University. **Pray** that she will continue to do well and keep focused on her studies.
- **Pray** for safety for Nathan as he travels between East Jordan and Grand Rapids each week and for our family as we continue to adjust to his absence during the week.
- **Please** pray with us about our monthly financial support. It is easy to get discouraged, but we trust God to provide...and He is faithful!
- **Praise** God for an amazing summer camp season! Now, as we finish out the fall and look to winter, **pray** that God will protect and provide!

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