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Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus! Following is an update of our recent camps for children and teens. First of all, we just want to say "thank you" for any prayers and finances that were sacrificed for helping with Camp Samuel.

It was quite a construction endeavor to be ready for our first camp this past July. We were pouring gravel even the morning of the first day of camp. When camp officially started, the lodging quarters were in order, the basketball court completed, the swimming pool finished, volleyball court and the restroom/shower house was ready. What we were really looking for spiritually took place as over 70 plus young people registered and showed up at our camps and we witnessed a movement of the Spirit of God upon their lives during this two week period. We had 27 salvation decisions and many more decisions by young Christians who were taking steps forward in their walk with the Lord. There were approximately seven teens who committed their lives to prepare for full time ministry. We also had 22 teenagers that made a commitment to purity (keep sexually pure until marriage). In a couple of weeks, we are having a Sunday morning service where purity rings will be given out to each teen who made that commitment in a special ceremony. We are following up with discipleship and plan to have some weekend retreats in the fall and spring for the teens to help develop them spiritually. At the conclusion of each week of camp, we had a Friday night Awards Banquet. We invited the parents to come and we saw parents saved.

For those of you, who have visited with us here and for those who may visit with us in the future, will know that along the Ohio River on the Kentucky side, it is a struggling economic area and many would call "poor" all the way to the Appalachian Mountains. In these past two camps, 90% of our children and teens could not pay for the week of camp or were able to pay only a small portion of the camp fee. After prayer and much consideration, we have decided to run the camp on a freewill offering basis. In the future, the teens can work around the camp, help in kitchen and a select few can help with the children's camp. It's not the children or teens fault that they don't have the money and we are going to believe the Lord to provide a way so that any young person who wants to spend a week at camp surrounded by the principles of God and the presence of God can do so. In fact, if you have children or know of others who would like to come to Camp Samuel, we would be glad to have them as we really believe God will use these weeks to do a great work in their lives spiritually. For example, we had a young man named Joshua Deese from Detroit (inner city) who came to our camp. We almost kicked him out the second day. He got saved at Camp Samuel and was one of the 22 teens that made a decision for purity until marriage. This 14 year old boy is a totally different teen than when we first met him.

We desperately could use financial, monthly support on a monthly basis whether that is \$5, \$10, \$25 or \$100 a month. Any amount would be helpful. We could square our bills for this past camp (a few thousand) and prepare for even greater camps this next summer. If you have any questions, please give us a call or write us a note. We'd love to hear from you.

Remember, God loves you and so do we,

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