

Dear Friend,

As the director of Ridge Top Bible Camp, please allow me to share our vision and our need for this coming year and the future. Our vision statement states that we exist by the Grace of God to share the gospel of Jesus Christ so that individuals would come into relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and to give believers an opportunity to use their spiritual gifts in a camping setting. We accomplish this through resident camps, retreats, and events that share the gospel message.

Three years ago, God allowed us to partner with Him to establish this camp and begin reaching our local area for Jesus Christ. This past year we held 3 sessions of summer youth camp, conducted 2 Super Saturdays, 2 Teen retreats, 2 Ladies Retreats, an Outdoor Day, a Men's Event, hosted Crossroads Horse Ministry—Dog Demonstration, and hosted 2 rental groups. Also, this year we made some major improvements at the camp, which include a new double zip line, 2 new staff rooms, a half-court basketball court, improved the water slide, additional beds in the cabins, and the moving of our playground and sand volleyball court. None of this could have been accomplished without dedicated volunteers and financial supporters, and the prayers of God's people.

As we begin a new year and look forward to the opportunities God will bring our way, I would like to ask you to pray for us as we plan for the people God will bring to Ridge Top Bible Camp. Also, please consider how you might be able to be used of God in this ministry. We always need volunteers to work with our campers in a variety of ways. These opportunities include cabin leaders, craft leaders, recreation leaders, music leaders and food service people. There is also always a need for people to help in construction, lawn mowing and maintenance of the physical plant of the camp. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please call me at 417-342-7659.

The camp has been and continues to be blessed by the financial gifts of those who know the value of investing in the lives of people, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, that has eternal rewards. We are asking for God to raise up more individuals and churches that will invest in these lives. At the risk of overwhelming some with total figures, let me share that the camp needs approximately \$1200 a month to meet the daily expenses of the camp, apart from any improvements, or additions. Even though that seems like a large number, it is achievable if many people do something. To break it down, 50 people do \$24 or 30 people do \$40, whatever amount God would have you give monthly, when it is multiplied with others, will help us reach the goal. One time gifts are also needed and appreciated. I firmly believe that God's work done God's way will always have God's provision. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you do.

Sincerely,

Bill Bennett