

EL PORVENIR POST

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Think About This...

“I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ And He took the children in His arms and blessed them.”

Mark 10:15

50 YEARS AGO... A DREAM

“It has been years since I have been to El Porvenir, do you mind if I have a look around to see how things have changed?” Those have been the words of many spontaneous guests since my wife and I moved here last year. They then walk around camp with a sense of nostalgia, re-

stroll through the old dining hall or the old chapel (current old shop) and then tour the new dining hall and the new chapel to get a sense of how much things have changed. EPCC has been stepping into a new era



of El Porvenir Christian Camp. For 50 years we have been reaching lost people with God’s Word, challenging Christians to live their faith, and giving God the Glory for it all! It amazes me every time I hear someone new comment to me about what EPCC has meant in their lives. From hearing the gospel message for the first time, to meeting their future spouse, to making the decision to become a minister, a missionary, or simply a real Christian. Maybe it’s the mountains. Maybe it’s the green of the pine trees or the trickle of a water fall. Whatever it is, God has been meeting people here for years...and people have been listening.

TODAY... A REALITY

membering all the blessings they have received here over the years...and wondering why it has taken them so many years to come visit again. “So many things have changed!” we often hear them say. And some things have changed. One only has to take a

of camp ministry. No longer do you have to fight for elbow room at a meal or get up before daylight to have a hot shower. One friend of mine, when he found out what camp we were working at, commented, “You are the only camp I have ever seen that has



Adam Harger Hanging Out with Campers

log cabins for dorms!” Some things do change, but some things never change...like the mission

TOMORROW... A VISION

BY THE NUMBERS

2006 Camp Numbers

- 11th-12th 125 campers
- 9th-10th 200 campers
- 7th-8th 157 campers
- 6th 79 campers
- 4th-5th I 78 campers
- 4th-5th II 110 campers
- 3rd 61 campers
- Y Adults 24 campers
- Women's Ret. 69 ladies
- Family Camp I 154
- Family Camp II 142

(More Numbers in the 2006 Summer Wrap Up)

How Did We Do Financially This Year?
(Comparison of 2006 to 2005)

Total Available Cash:
+ \$24,635

Tuitions:
+\$32,922

Church Support:
- \$5,789

Donations:
- \$6,441

Rentals:
- \$1,747

Fast Number Fact

EPCC Average Monthly Cash Flow During the Off-Season (Sept-Apr of '02-'06):

\$-5,200

How is camp money being used? See our upcoming projects!!!

2006 SUMMER WRAP UP

God showed up at EPCC in 2006! It can be stated as simply as that. Outwardly things looked much as they have for over 50 years. Preachers preached the amazing truth from God's

Word, singers sang inspiring songs, and teachers challenged our minds with their teaching. But inwardly we knew that God was doing some very special work on the hearts of young people. No



11 Students Baptized at Junior High Camp

fewer than **38 people accepted Jesus Christ for the first time, 28 of those being baptized at our facilities immediately.** Many others were baptized upon return to their home churches. 133 people

realized that they were not living the Christian life to its fullest and rededicated their lives to God. And what might be the most unexpected blessing, at least 56 people dedicated their lives to full time Christian service. Who knows how many others were surely touched in untold ways! EPCC hired four college interns, a secretary, a maintenance person, a head cook, and an assistant cook this summer. Overall, camper numbers were up. Youth camps totaled 152 more campers this year than last! Adult camps and family camps were down about 59 campers. **That adds to a total increase of 93 campers for the year. Praise God for a great year!**

PEOPLE LIKE YOU

What do you have to offer? Probably more than you think! This spring, over 13 work groups brought over 144 total people to apply their skills and muscles into improvements at camp. Everything from electrical and plumbing work to hauling firewood and rocks, there was something for most any skill level and age. Without people like you, the ministry of El Porvenir Christian Camp could not exist!



UPCOMING PROJECTS

There are many upcoming projects on the drawing board for this off-season. One of our biggest projects is a complete renovation of the Whispering Creek cabin so that we may use it for staff housing next summer. The board of trustees also just agreed to take advantage of the income achieved by increased camper numbers this summer by purchasing a much needed brand new work truck. In addition, we are applying for permits to build a new bathhouse

Getting Started in Whispering Creek



and set of bungalows to remedy our current need for housing expansion. Funds have also been started for a backup generator for the new dining hall. So far we have collected around \$5,000 of the estimated \$12,000+ needed for the generator. Other projects include continuing our current forest thinning project which is nearing its deadline, upgrading our dial up internet to high-speed satellite internet, repairing camp roads, burying overhead electrical lines around camp, installing a new tank-less hot water heater for the McBride Cabin, improved lighting in key places, and much more!



Our New Truck Already Hard at Work

RECENT RENOVATIONS

THE COOKS CABIN REMODEL

The Old Cooks Cabin is now the **NEW Cooks Cabin!** Work groups from the OU Christian Campus House, West Amarillo Christian Church, and First Christian Church in Albuquerque tore into the project this spring. We stripped the walls to the studs, removed a wall, fixed the roof, sanded down the log roof joists, and many other things. Then our summer maintenance man Matt Phillimore, when he wasn't fixing things around camp, put a lot of sweat into making the whole place new. In the end, we have new wiring, new paneling, new windows, a new kitchen, and tons more. Equipped with a queen size bed, the cabin is now cleaner, safer, and more functional as married housing for summer staff and family camps. Special thanks to everyone who helped for your hard work! We couldn't have done it without you!



Before



After

TOP 5 WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT EPCC

- 1. Be a Camper.** Camper tuition makes up the majority of our financial income and you receive the blessings!
- 2. Encourage your church to support us monthly.** The more campers your church sends, the more we need you to give. Tuition doesn't cover all camper expenses and we rely on income year around!
- 3. Consider donating yourself.** Whether a monthly commitment or a one time gift, your sacrifices can make all the difference!

HENDERSON BATHROOM REMODEL

Here are a couple pictures from the Henderson cabin bathroom remodel. Groups from Heights Christian Church in Albuquerque and Washington Avenue Christian Church in Amarillo did much of the work, along with several individuals who sacrificed their time and resources too! THANK YOU!!!



Before and After

NEW NURSES STATION AND MORE!

Martinez room #1 is now our summer nurse's quarters. With its central location and roomy accommodations, this recent change was a hit this summer. We put a wall up in the lobby separating it from the other two rooms and added a vanity with sink in room #1. Other new additions to the camp include 6 new picnic tables built by the Paramount Terrace (soon to be Hillside) Christian Church middle school group from Amarillo who camp up to work over spring break.

Our new kitchen now has several additions in equipment including a commercial grade microwave, a brand new floor mixer, new front loading washer and dryer, and several other smaller items. The dining hall also sports newly laid concrete on its west porch and upgraded porch swings. The addition of snow jacks on the roof ensure that our new down spouts and gutters don't get ripped off by this winter's snow fall. Other projects involved upgrading wiring and plumbing in several locations as well as

regular maintenance duties such as treating the exterior of the log cabins and some minor drainage and road work. Check out www.elporvenircc.org for ongoing updates on current projects and ways that you can get involved. We need your help to be the most functional and best looking camp in NM!



- 4. Rent a Cabin.** We have family cabins open for rent year around at very reasonable rates.
- 5. Donate Work.** We often rely on volunteer labor and donated supplies. Every time it happens, the camp saves money and you get to take an active part in something great!

We're on the Web
www.elporvenircc.org

El Porvenir Christian Camp is a non-profit Christian Church Camp owned and operated by Independent Christian Churches in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Established in 1956, it is our purpose to provide a unique mountain environment for Christ's Body, the Church, to spread the Word of Christ to nonbelievers, to refresh and renew the believer, and to challenge all people to be Christ-like followers of Jesus and leaders in His Church. EPCC offers camps and retreats for all ages and a place for your church to conduct their retreats and camps. EPCC also offers cabins for rent year-round to refresh and support the Christian individual and family.

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MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE



Is that the camp manager? Nope! This is Kaitlyn, the newest blessing added to the Stafford family, born on April 18th of this year. She is far more suitable than I to show off her face in a picture!

This past year has FLOWN by so fast! One day we are touring this new place called El Porvenir...and before we know it, we are calling it home. And it is home. This past year has given us a new perspective on Christian service. It has brought new joys, new frustra-

tions, new problems, and a new sense of satisfaction. It has forced us to prioritize our lives more strictly than ever before. It has compelled us to work hard and work smart. It has taught us so many new things. What a difference a year can make!

I can honestly attest that Terri and I are very pleased in our new life at El Porvenir. God has been confirming our decision to come here with each passing season, each passing event, and each passing pro-

ject. It isn't the easiest job, but each time someone makes a decision for Christ, I know that we are a part of something very special here. And that makes it worthwhile. God has some big plans for EPCC. There is so much history and so much potential in the air up here...everyone who comes here can sense it. And I know that God has placed us here for such a time as this...and I can't wait to see what will happen next!

- *Nate S.*