

# El Porvenir Post



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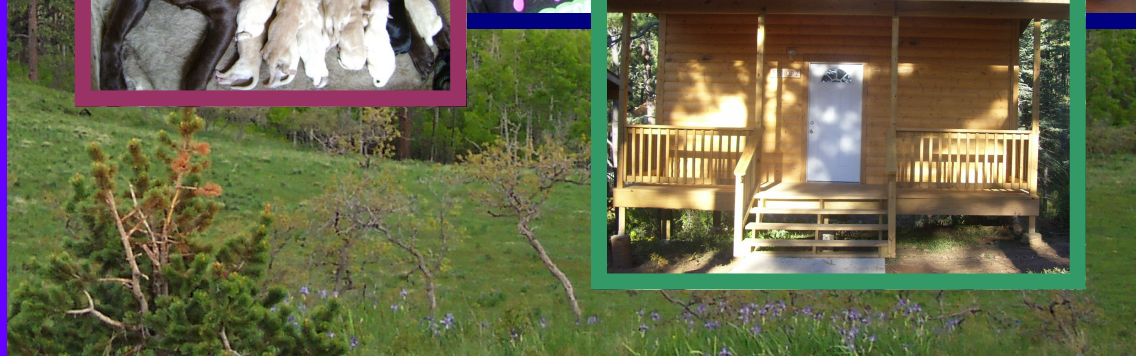
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**"Be devoted to one  
another in brotherly love."**

**Romans 12:10 (NIV)**





**2008 Camp Numbers**

11th-12th	169 campers
9th-10th	135 campers
7th-8th	216 campers
6th	94 campers
4th-5th I	72 campers
4th-5th II	87 campers
3rd	45 campers
Y Adults	6 campers
Ladies' Ret.	56 ladies
Fam. Camp 1	76 campers
Fam. Camp 2	111 campers
Craft Ret.	26 ladies

**FIREWOOD,  
FIREWOOD, AND  
MORE FIREWOOD!!!**

We've finished the 150 acre forest thinning project we began 2 years ago. Come help us clean up the forest by taking firewood for FREE! Please call ahead first!

**DID I MENTION THAT  
WE HAVE LOTS OF  
FIREWOOD?**

Donate \$500 to the camp and we will deliver a pickup load of split firewood to your home and help you stack it. Call for details! A few restrictions may apply!

**An Amazing Year at Camp**

This was certainly a year to remember. This past summer brought us the largest camp we've had in recent history, the smallest camp we've had in recent history, and a new camp that is sure to be back in 2009. Our bunk beds were packed with 216 campers during 7th-8th grade camp. The chapel was overflowing when all 304 campers and staff were worshipping the Lord together! In contrast, the young adult retreat after a 2008 date change only had 6 campers. This proved to be no ordinary group as the week became one of the most productive work groups of the season. Among their accomplishments was a 32 ft. bridge that spans the first stream crossing on El Porvenir Creek. Their work inspired a second bridge

which now spans 40 ft. across the second stream crossing. Finally, some of the ladies at women's retreat decided that only one trip to the mountain each year just wasn't enough so they organized a craft retreat with the theme "Time To Do It." For 3 days in September they scrapbooked, quilted, knitted, and more while the camp provided childcare so they could truly have time to do it! Among the statistics and new events, one thing stood out: God once again quieted the noise of the world and spoke to human hearts. Humble tears were cried on gentle shoulders, renewed souls were raised to new life in the icy

waters of a camp baptism, and repentant hearts set out from this place to live differently for the rest of their lives. In the past 12 months, over 2400 lives came to EPCC at camps, work groups, and rentals. We know that God has once again reaped a great harvest at EPCC in 2008!



**Brian Layton on the Low Ropes Course**

**Thank You!!!**

This year we'd like to give a shout out to a few who have really gone above the call of duty for EPCC.

**Jackie and Carolyn Nall**, a retired couple from Sherman, TX, brought their RV to EPCC and volunteered for 8 weeks this summer. Their humble hearts, skilled hands, and commitment to the Lord blessed the camp and our staff time and time again! THANK YOU!

**Heidt Melson** has been up to camp more than most in the past few years. Many know how he helped us during the construction of the Fowler cabin and the new dining hall. However, many of you may not know of his numerous visits recently to help us upgrade our electrical service all over camp. THANK YOU!

For everyone not mentioned, and there are many, THANK YOU!!!!!!

**Wish List!**

- **Motorola CP200 uhf 4 channel radios**
- **Nice 24 channel or larger sound board**
- **14.4 or 18 volt Dewalt cordless reciprocating saw**
- **Electric heat gun**
- **Red and green handled tin snips**
- **Router bit set 1/4" shaft**
- **Echo PPT-265 power pruner 25.4cc**
- **12 gauge shot gun**

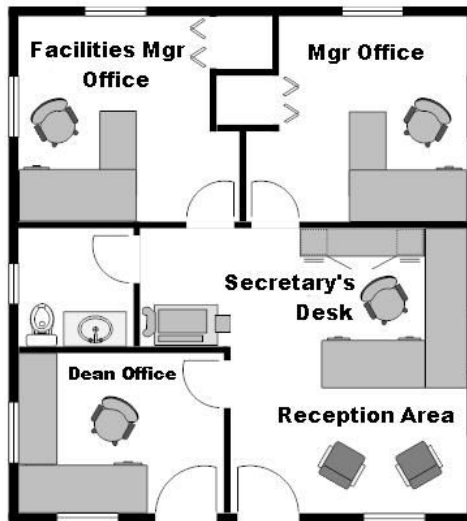
## Work Complete!

John Bishop loved Jesus Christ and it showed through his devotion to El Porvenir Christian Camp. Funds donated in his memory were used this year to build three new bungalows. On April 18th, a work party of 16 men from Washington Avenue Christian Church began construction. The cabins were completed just 4 months later. A big thank you goes out to the Bishop family and to all the volunteers that worked on the cabins throughout the summer. Each cabin has 7 twin size beds, 1 full size bed, a large front porch, and a back porch that overlooks the valley. They are a beautiful addition to the camp property and have provided 24 extra beds that will certainly be enjoyed for many years to come.



## Upcoming Projects

There are many projects on the to-do list for this off season. A few items on the list are remodeling the bathrooms in the metal dorm, installing a backup generator at the dining hall, upgrades to our water system, replacing the video screens in the chapel, and much more. We are also considering a new office building. We currently have \$10,000 set aside out of a needed \$25,000 for this project. We rely so much on volunteers and donations to complete projects. Maybe this year, you can be the one to help us succeed.



Floor Plan for a New Office Building

## Understanding the 2009 Budget

One year after the camp put a budget in place for the very first time, everyone agrees that it was a great success. Changes for this year include a 29% increase in the dean's budget for the middle school and high school camps as well as \$5000 earmarked for audio/visual upgrades in the chapel. We are also anticipating higher expenses in the areas of fuel, insurance premiums,

groceries, and salary for the added position of a facilities manager. EPCC at the time of this writing is 100% debt free. Curious what our actual 2008 expenses and income were? We can send a copy of our full financial report upon request. Aside from the items mentioned above, the budget is based almost entirely on the 2008 figures.

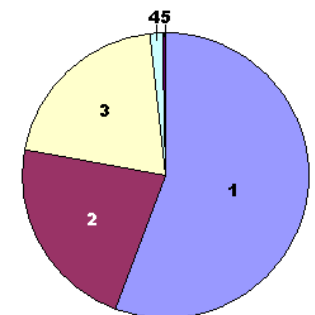
### By the Numbers

#### 2009 Budget \$ 323,514



1. Wages and Benefits  
\$99,529
2. Program Expenses  
\$95,410
3. Facilities & Equipment  
\$68,650
4. Utilities  
\$31,800
5. Supplies  
\$10,875
6. Miscellaneous  
\$17,250

#### Anticipated Income \$ 323,514



1. Camper Tuition  
\$179,551
2. Member Church Support  
\$71,835
3. Rentals  
\$67,000
4. Individual Support  
\$4,000
5. Other  
\$1,275

We're on the Web  
[www.elporvenircc.org](http://www.elporvenircc.org)

You can find the 2009 camp schedule on our website. Registration forms will be available for download soon, or get one from your church this Spring.

*We have a simple motto here:*

***Provide a Place for God to Change Lives***

*We are 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 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, as well as a place for your church to conduct their retreats and camps. EPCC also offers cabins for rent year around to support the Christian individual and family.*



## Manager's Perspective



Katie is now 2 1/2 years old and Zach is now 8 months old. It is amazing how fast time flies! Over 3 years ago we began calling El Porvenir our home. In February we said hello to some new neighbors and laborers in the Lord's work, Chris, Cari, Madison, and Morgan. The Lord has truly blessed us in so many ways. With the economy struggling and churches everywhere feeling the pinch of families cutting back in their budgets, someone asked me if I was worried that the camp would

suffer as well. My answer was, "No, I don't think that it will." As I see it, camp is one thing that will see solid growth in the days ahead. Camp is more important now than it has ever been. It's a place with "good soil" where the Word of God grows deep roots and hearts are renewed. The worries of this life can choke out God's voice. When you come to El Porvenir, this place can be a sanctuary for you, your children, and your family. God has much to say. Have you taken time to listen? *Nate S.*