

*“God, who has called
you into fellowship with
his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord, is faithful.”*

1 Corinthians 1:9

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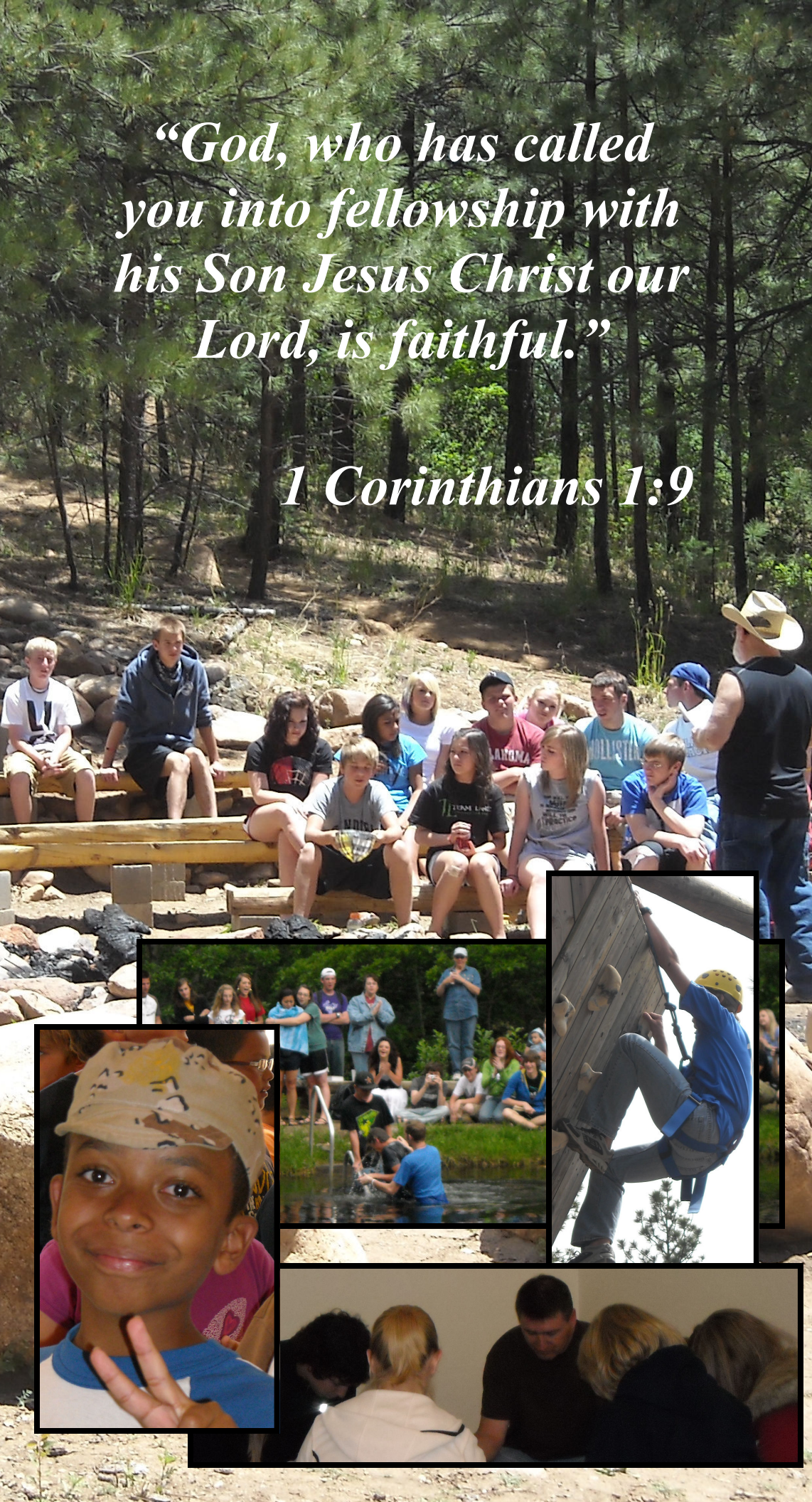
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2009...

**A SUMMER TO
REMEMBER!**



2009 CAMP NUMBERS

Camp	Campers
9th-Grad	120
Hillside 9th-Grad	140
6th-8th	157
Hillside 6th-8th	124
4th-5th	97
Hillside 4th-5th	86
3rd	67
Ladies' Retreat	93
Family Camp 1	66
Family Camp 2	114
Young Adult Retreat	48
Spring Craft Retreat	24
Member Rentals	357
Outside Rentals	613



In A Nut Shell

2009 was certainly a season to remember for many reasons. Campers benefited from the improvements that were made to the facilities over the off season. Chapel worship was enhanced by new video technology, camper comfort in the metal dorm bathrooms stepped up to compete with our other facilities, and a new gazebo sheltered campers near the ball field. We also converted part of the old hotel into an office complex until a new



office can be built. But what excites us most is not the improvements made to facilities, but the improvements made to lives! I am thrilled to report that at least 58 young people accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior at our youth camps this summer. In addition, 114

rededicated their lives to the Lord and 62 committed their lives to full time vocational ministry. This reinforces our belief that getting away from "normal" life to focus on God is an essential part of growing up into Christ...and there is NO BETTER PLACE than El Porvenir to do so!

Remaking A Man

God uses EPCC in a variety of ways.

This year we met William. William was the son of an abusive father and as an adult quickly fell into drug addiction and homelessness. For 17 straight years, crack cocaine dominated his existence as he wandered from underpass to homeless shelter. William was afflicted and alone.

Then we met Alvin. Alvin's wife of 13 years died in 2005 giving birth to their daughter Madison. In 2006, Alvin's parents both passed away and his brother committed suicide in Alvin's house. Then his best friend was killed in an auto accident. Finally, this past year his two little angels, his daughters ages 4 and 7, were killed when his house burned down while he was away at work. Alvin was left alone and angry with God.

On August 21, 2009 at the hot springs near the camp in Montezuma, New Mexico, William, age 48, and Alvin, age 37, were raised up out of the waters of baptism and God gave them a new start in life. These men, just 2 of

14 who spent 7 days at EPCC, are part of a recovery program facilitated by John 3:16 mission from Tulsa, Oklahoma. For the past three years, John 3:16 has brought men from the program to EPCC and challenged them to step out of their comfort zone and allow God to remake them into the men He intended them to be. "Some of these guys have never known love or the fellowship of a Christian community until entering this program," says group leader Sean Moore. The retreat from John 3:16 is just one of many outside groups who come here and are met by God in a dramatic way.



Men from John 3:16 Mission on Hermit's Peak

Upgrade My Cabin!

Once the Bishop cabins were complete, someone commented, “wouldn’t it be great if the bath house looked as good!” After two weekends of sweat and some donated funds, wishing became reality! As a finishing touch, sidewalks now connect the Bishop cabins to the bath house. To those who had the vision and made the sacrifices, “Great work guys!”



Upcoming Projects

This is an exciting time for camp! It has been four years since the completion of the new dining hall and it is time again to extend our vision forward. A long range planning committee has been formed and will begin meeting this fall. Our goal is to evaluate our current facilities, anticipate future needs and programming aspirations, and eventually articulate a master site plan

that can guide our efforts over the next 5, 10, even 20 years. Please pray for God to guide us as we push forward and try to catch God’s vision of what EPCC should be in the years ahead.

In the mean time, there is much to do including road maintenance, adding new sidewalks, revamping our low ropes course, chapel sound upgrades and more!

Wish List!

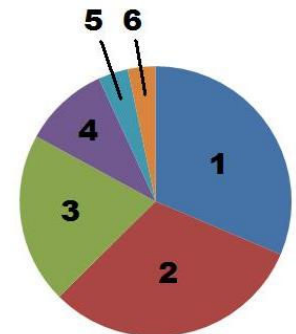
- 4x4 Gator (or similar vehicle)
- Cordless Impact Driver
- SDS Hammer Drill
- Stihl String Trimmer
- Pool Table
- 18 Frisbee Golf Baskets
- Automotive Paint Sprayer

Keeping Our Edge

We are constantly taking on new projects and tweaking old facilities to keep us on the cutting edge of camping ministry, and we love it when you take part! The bridge shown here is our newest of three bridges that span El Porvenir creek. A few guys and gals at the young adult retreat took on this project. All future hikers say, “Thanks!”

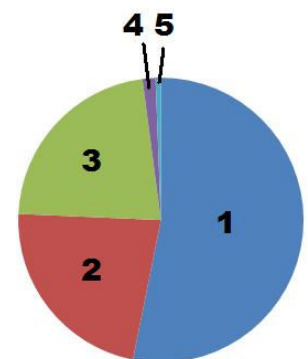


2009-2010 Budget \$ 335,905.00



1. Employee Wages, Benefits, & Development
\$105,465
2. Program Expenses
\$104,710
3. Facilities & Equipment
\$68,480
4. Utilities
\$34,200
5. Supplies
\$12,000
6. Miscellaneous
\$11,050

Anticipated Income \$ 337,480.74



1. Camper Tuition
\$179,440.40
2. Member Church Support
\$76,010.07
3. Rentals
\$75,000
4. Individual Support
\$5,000
5. Other
\$2,030.27

We're on the Web
www.elporvenircc.org

The 2010 camp schedule will be available soon on our website as will registration forms. Currently you can view 2009 pictures, rental information, past newsletters, and more!

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



The grounds are quiet again after another EPCC summer. Summer staff have returned to their normal lives, the bell waits silently for another meal time, and my dogs are standing outside the dining hall with sad eyes and still tails wondering where all the children have gone! On the one hand, I am very glad to welcome winter and a time of rest. On the other, part of me is sad that the wind has calmed and our crazy pace has slowed. Then a camp radio breaks the silence. Chris asks with energy that is uniquely

Chris, "What's on the agenda for today, boss?" My sails spring back into shape and this ship begins to creep forward once more. Before long, the waves are rushing past and my mind is racing with all the things that still need to be done. Life at EPCC is a journey of extremes. Each day may not look like the one before, but looking back I realize just how far we have come. May we remember today how far God has brought us, and tomorrow look ahead to even greater things to come.

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