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**2010... Someday  
You Will Look Back  
and Say \_\_\_\_\_**

***“Yes, and I will  
continue to rejoice!”  
Philippians 1:18***



**2010 CAMP NUMBERS**

<b>Camp</b>	<b>Campers</b>
9th-Grad	106
Hillside 9th-Grad	184
6th-8th	164
Hillside 6th-8th	195
4th-5th	84
Hillside 4th-5th	114
3rd	47
Ladies' Retreat	47
Family Camp 1	72
Family Camp 2	130
Young Adult Retreat	14
Member Rentals	322
Outside Rentals	574



**Here's to a guy who usually has to work behind the scenes... thanks for fixing that broken water pipe Chris!**

**Looking Back**

2010 was a year of excitement! I am happy to report that MOST of it was very welcomed! We welcomed the challenge issued by inspiring chapel speakers . We worshiped until our voices ached with awesome Christian rock bands and acoustic camp fire tunes. We welcomed an onslaught of icy pond baptisms (read *new believers!*) from so many of our camps and rentals! In the midst of God's blessing, our faith was also tested by a menacingly close



forest fire in mid-June. Unusual heat waves during some camps kept fan blades spinning in the day and banned camp fires at night. Then God sent torrents of rain which snuffed out any fire danger and instead added the duties of digging out ditches and mopping up flooded

floors! Despite these distractions, excitement for who God is overpowered everything else. God is Love, God is Justice, God is Mercy, God is Life. To many for the first time, God is Savior! All who were here left this mountain changed ... not just for a day, but for a lifetime.

**Looking Around**

**We have been evaluating things around here!** We've poured over feedback from the past two years and put every facility under the microscope. We have identified three areas that require immediate action.

1. **Size constraints.** Of the ten weeks of camp that we facilitated this past summer, four of those felt size constraints in meeting space, sleeping arrangements, and chapel seating.
2. **Recreation options.** One of the most recurring critiques put forth by adults who attended our camps this summer was the need for more recreation options.
3. **Safety upgrades.** The most pressing issues are extended sidewalks above the chapel, better lighting in parking areas and walkways, and bear proof lids on our trash cans.

**In Response:** We have adopted the following five goals to be completed before the 2011 camping season!

**Looking Forward**

1. **Chapel expansion to accommodate 100 more seats. This will involve adding a 35' x 25' new stage to the west side of the building.**
2. **Install new sidewalks above chapel, lighting in upper parking lot and sidewalks, and install lockable lids on the outside trashcans.**
3. **Build a new gazebo in the upper camp that can provide meeting space for at least 40 students.**
4. **Complete and submit a new wastewater master plan to the state for housing expansion.**
5. **We have designated \$6000 this year to expand and improve our recreational facilities. For 2011, you will see a new disc golf course, the ability to facilitate 200 ft. rappels from Sunrise peak, a paint ball course with all associated equipment, and a new playland playground for kids. This \$6000 is to be a revolving fund which will replenish every Fall for additional improvements!**



## Looking for a Comfortable Night's Stay?

We have two NEW hotel style rooms ready to accommodate guests! With modern amenities and private bathrooms, they are as nice as any hotel around! Each room has a king size bed and a twin bunk bed with linens and towels included. Each is winter capable and great for a family of four! We are also remodeling a third room that will contain a kitchenette, private bathroom, double bed, and three twin beds. It will be an amazing space for a family of five! The El Porvenir Hotel lives again and is better than ever!



## Looking Deep Within

**How do we accomplish all these goals?** In 2010 we saw a significant DECLINE in financial support! Church support slid from \$76,009.67 in 2009 to \$69,277.39 last year. Individual donations dropped from \$28,584.21 in 2009 to only \$7,449.18 last year! So why do we still have such ambitious goals? The reason is two fold:

1. *We were prepared.* We have some reserve funds saved from the "greener" years of 2006-2009 to help fill the hole from this past year.

2. *We believe that God is preparing hearts to help us.* Many have closed their pockets in the wake of the recession, but we believe that God is preparing within the hearts of many the desire to give.

**Our budget is a "net zero" plan, which means that improvements are funded by donated time, labor, and funds.**

**Will you be the answer to our prayers this year?**

## Wish List!

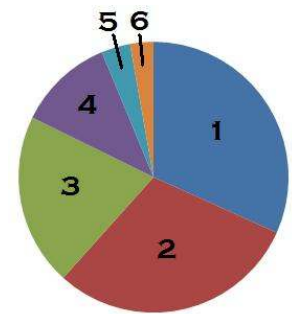
- Gator utility vehicle
- Dewalt Cordless Impact Driver
- Pool Table
- \$6000 for a new commercial mower
- A diesel mechanic to donate labor to "work over" our 1961 Galion motor grader.
- Volunteer concrete crews to come to EPCC this spring!

## Looking Across

When you look across El Porvenir creek at the fourth stream crossing, you will no longer be looking for rocks to hop across to keep your feet dry. Instead a set of stairs will lead you onto our new suspension bridge! This completes a network of four bridges that now carries campers safely to Bear's Cave even during high water! Hurray for dry shoes!

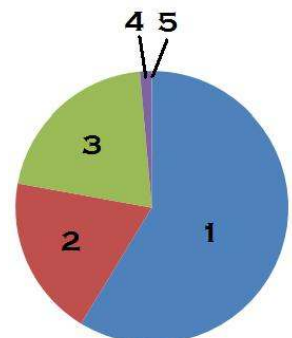


### 2010-2011 Operational Budget \$ 361,185



1. Program Expenses  
\$114,590
2. Employee Wages, Benefits, & Development  
\$107,990
3. Facilities & Equipment  
\$74,605
4. Utilities  
\$41,450
5. Supplies  
\$12,500
6. Miscellaneous  
\$10,050

### Anticipated Income \$ 361,969.69



1. Camper Tuition  
\$212,542.30
2. Member Church Support  
\$69,277.39
3. Rentals  
\$75,000
4. Individual Support  
\$5,000
5. Interest  
\$150

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

The 2011 camp schedule will be available soon on our website as will registration forms. Currently you can view 2010 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 God to use His Word, His people, and His creation to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, to renew lives, and to challenge all to follow Jesus. EPCC offers camps and retreats for all ages, as well as a place for your church to conduct their camps and retreats. EPCC also offers cabins for rent year around to support the Christian individual and family.*



## Manager's Perspective



At El Porvenir, we consider our ministry to be a vital link in the lives of students. We seek to be a catalyst for heart change. A pot for God to stir. An environment rich in challenge, inspiration, and renewal. The EPCC wind whispers of the love of our creator and then shouts His praises to the mountaintops! The sun warms the skin on our back, then lights our soul ablaze before releasing us back into the world. There isn't anything magical about this place. We don't hire self-help gurus or wise

sages to teach our kids. What we do is far more relevant. We point at Christ and say, "There He is!" We lift our eyes up to our God and cry, "See how much He loves you!" We reach deep within the guts of what students are faced with every day and plead the truth. We release the power of God's Word to invade minds, strengthen hands, and pry open closed hearts. EPCC is a place where this happens over and over again! It is God's mountain ... what did you think would happen?

*Nate S.*