

## WHAT WE DO

“At EPCC, we believe that getting away from the distractions of the ‘normal’ world from time to time is essential to balancing our lives in Christ. Moses did it on Mt. Sinai. John the Baptist did it in the desert. Jesus did it in the wilderness. Many have done it at El Porvenir. Every summer we offer Christ centered youth camps from grade three through graduates, family camps for all ages, women’s retreats, men’s retreats, leadership retreats, special needs camps, and more. Our philosophy is clear: focus on Jesus and life becomes more clear. We know that life without Him is lonely, frustrating, and trivial. In a world that would have you believe in anything that might bring you happiness, Jesus instructed us that there is only one way, one truth, one life... found only by following Him.”

## EL PORVENIR POST



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“Whoever believes in the  
Son has eternal life.”

John 3:36 (NIV)



**HOW DO I \_\_\_\_?****Register for Camp**

1. Get a registration form from your youth minister, church office, or download it from [www.elporvenircc.org](http://www.elporvenircc.org).
2. If you are registering for a youth/kids camp, a parent or guardian must fill out the youth/kids registration form. Then give the form along with payment to your youth minister. For early bird rates, turn it in at least three weeks before your camp starts.
3. If you are registering for an adult camp or family camp, send your adult/family camp registration and payment directly to us. For early bird rates, postmark it at least two weeks before your camp starts.

**Volunteer at a Week of Camp**

1. If you want to be kitchen help, you must contact the dean of that week. Deans are responsible for these volunteers.
2. Ask your youth minister if your church needs more sponsors. Each church needs at least one sponsor for every six to seven campers and must have at least one sponsor for each gender of campers that you bring.

**2008 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE**

CAMP*	DEAN	DATE
Camp Work Day		May 3
Family Camp 1	Billy Kersh	May 23-26
Young Adult Retreat	Jon Kohler	May 29–June 1
11th Grade-Graduates Camp	Jonathan Mast	June 2-7
9th-10th Grade Camp	James Sharp	June 9-14
6th Grade Camp	Jeremy Bannister	June 16-20
7th-8th Grade Camp	Chris Condit	June 23-28
Agape Camp	Melinda Gabbard	July 10-13
First Chance (3rd Grade) Camp	Billy Kersh	July 14-17
Women's Retreat	Pamela Caffrey	July 17-20
4th-5th Grade Camp 1	Billy Kersh	July 21-25
4th-5th Grade Camp 2	Billy Kersh	July 28–August 1
Family Camp 2	Julie Long	August 29–September 1

\* Grade entering in fall 2008

**WELCOME DAGUE FAMILY!**

**EPCC has doubled productivity on the mountain!** For years the camp has been working towards hiring a full time facilities manager to live on site and partner with the camp manager in caring for and facilitating the camp. That day came on January 29th, 2008 when Chris and Cari Dague stepped into their new home at El Porvenir. Chris has worked in camping ministry for 13 years and brings with him vital skills, new ideas, and a passionate heart for God and the camping ministry. Cari has partnered with Chris every step of the way and brings a long list of experience and skills herself. Married for nearly 9 years, they have two daughters, Madison who will be three years old in August and Morgan who was born the day after Christmas 2007! They are leaving a six year ministry with the High Hill Christian Camp near St. Louis, Missouri. Chris and Cari are living in what used to be the AB Martinez house and a special thank you is in order for everyone who helped prepare the home for their arrival. We are very excited that God has led this family to EPCC! Please keep them in your prayers and help them feel welcome as they settle into their new surroundings.



THE DAGUE FAMILY



## CAMP PROJECTS

Spring is the season for projects and we have a running list here at EPCC. Even with the addition of a facilities manager, many of these projects will not get off the ground without volunteers and special financial gifts. The timeline for all of these projects is dependant on funding. Here is a sample of our current big projects, their current state of funding, and a rough timeline for completion.

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Build 3 new bungalows for housing expansion:** Construction has begun and this project has already been fully funded through a special one time gift. We could still use some construction/carpentry capable volunteers to help us close the door on this project by mid May 2008.
- 2. New video screens for the chapel:** It is our desire to purchase 2 large LCD screens (52"+) to replace the smaller, aging, tube TV's near the stage. This project still needs \$4500. Our goal is to purchase and complete installation before the summer begins.



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### WHAT'S NEXT!

- 1. Backup Generator for the Dining Hall:** Over \$7,000 has been given towards this project. This is half of what we will need before we can make the purchase. Please consider funding this important component of our food service facility as we would like to complete it by the end of 2008.
- 2. New Office Building:** For years the camp has used a small room in the manager's house as the camp office. It is our desire to build a small office building with four work stations for the manager, facilities manager, summer secretary, and for deans/programming. We have not yet received any special funding for this project. We hope to complete it by the summer 2009.
- 3. Camp Infrastructure Upgrades:** From old shallow water lines and outdated sewer systems to eroding hillsides and road/drainage problems, there are many problems that are a constant threat to basic camp operation. By the summer 2010, we would like to complete the replacement of all the old waterlines, cut the number of propane tanks in half, and bury all major overhead electrical lines under ground. This is in addition to necessary improvements to our road, drainage, and sewer systems as funding becomes available. No special funding has yet been received and the combined cost will be tens of thousands of dollars.

### TOP 5 WAYS TO SUPPORT EPCC FINANCIALLY

#### 1. Be a camper.

Nothing shows more support than taking part first hand in what God is doing at EPCC.

#### 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.

We accept donations on our website and can set up automatic donations at your request.

**4. Rent a cabin.** We have family cabins open for rent year around at very reasonable rates.

#### 5. Donate work or materials.

We often rely on volunteer labor and donated supplies. You might have what we need, like a seldom used tool, leftover building materials, or a free Saturday!

### SHOP WISH LIST!!!

- Tap and die set
- Gas leaf blower
- Extra large channel lock pliers
- Stanley 30' tape measures
- #2 Phillips screwdrivers
- Good metal drill bit set
- New 14.4 volt Dewalt batteries
- Electric heat gun
- Red and green handled tin snips
- Router bit set 1/4" shaft
- 1/2" electric impact gun.

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*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.*

**We're on the Web**  
**www.elporvenircc.org**



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## MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE



A breath of fresh air; that is the best way I can describe the way we feel right now. It is amazing how our EPCC family has grown. We have met so many great people and are growing to know many of you so well. At camp alone our family has been multiplying! Terri and I came in August 2005, just the two of us living on the camp's 480 acres. Now between our family and the Dague family, there are eight of us! Looking back at

all of the long hours and dirty jobs that the past 2 1/2 years have thrown at us, I sit back in amazement at where God has brought us. I can only imagine what God has in store for the next 2 1/2 years! One thing I know, God has never left us alone. He has been helping us and encouraging us from day one and many of you have been His instruments. From our family to yours—thank you and we eagerly await the years ahead!

*Nate S.*