



LORENZ FAMILY MISSIONS
*Serving the Lord at the
LaVerne Griffin Youth Rec
Camp
Wasilla, Alaska*

August 2009 Newsletter

***Our calling and determination:
Hebrews 10: 23*** Let us hold
unswervingly to the hope we

profess, for He who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Summer is swiftly coming to and end here in Alaska; rains have begun in preparation for the short lived fall season, watering the earth before the hard cold sets in. If the past three autumns are any indication, we have six to eight weeks before snow arrives. Full week camps are over for this year, weekend retreats are on the calendar, projects that cannot be done while the camp is full of people are planned, periods of rest for body and soul are a welcome change, but above all is the reflection on how great our God is! Any and all who will deny self, seek His kingdom first, and make the Lord the desire of their heart WILL experience God is ways that defy description.

We were so blessed to watch as God harvested this summer from seeds planted and cultivated by many individuals from many places. The angels rejoiced as 28 souls were welcomed into the Kingdom of God. Many more made decisions to follow Christ more closely and to give Him their all. We do not get the opportunity to be one on one with very many who come to the camp, but as we tell the summer college missionaries, that doesn't matter. Cleaning, feeding, mowing, repairing, and maintaining a place where God's work CAN be done is part of the "fertilizing & cultivating" needed in order for a harvest to occur. As long as God gets the glory, it doesn't matter what or where the area of service is! A smile, an encouraging word, even dishing out a second helping of food, all count as "cold water" to those who are thirsty for a touch from the Master. We give thanks to the Lord for allowing us to be His hands and feet here at LaVerne Griffin Youth Rec Camp.

The summer has been much warmer this year than the previous three so we are not sure of what to expect for the fall. There was an aphid infestation of all the birch trees and lupine flowers that resulted in shortened beauty of the flowers and evidently the bugs sucked a lot of sap out of the trees. The trees were not receiving as much rain as previous years and this infestation seemed to add to the dryness of the leaves. We may have an early dropping of leaves before they can show their golden colors; only time will tell. But there will be other maintenance projects that need to be done besides raking leaves - painting, repairing, and winterizing. The calendar for 2010 is being booked; camps and retreats are filling up the 12 weeks of "camp season". Project



teams are forming to come up and help out at the camp and in the community. It seems that one summer has just ended but the focus is already on the next!

Please continue to pray for the lives that were changed this summer. That churches will disciple these "Babes in Christ", that parents will allow children to attend churches, that families will be changed through the change that took place in the children. Pray for the camp directors as they manage all the

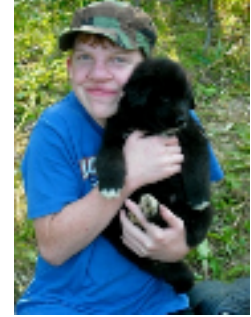
"red tape" on the business end of the camp, along with so much else that they do in the every day operation of the camp. Pray for their rest and renewal. Pray for the upcoming events at the camp. There will be a Christian women's retreat this weekend with 75 women attending, then there are weekend retreats filling a lot of the fall weekends. Two weeks will be blocked out in late fall before the heavy freeze occurs to replace the floor in the kitchen because of major water damage. Pray for funds to come in for much needed replacement of equipment - a plow truck, a new convection oven, grounds maintenance equipment, etc....The Lord has provided in the past and we are confident He will continue to do so.

Please continue to pray for our family also. We know in our hearts that Alaska is where God has placed us to serve Him but we still have longings for our family and friends and our home church in Ocala, FL. Alaska has been very good to Pamela's and James' health as they have been able to be completely off all asthma and allergy medicines -for which we are extremely thankful! We have had the opportunity to have health insurance for the first time in our lives due to George's night time job as one of the maintenance supervisors at the local hospital. (Something we struggled with because of James' care under FL's Children's Medical Services that we'd be giving up when we left FL.) Again, thankful that we've not had to use it!! The desire of our heart, to be able to serve God and his people, has been granted. So many things we are thankful for, but we still miss all of YOU! Thank you for your encouraging emails, letters, phone calls, and extra financial support. God is good all the time. Just when we begin to start feeling down, He sends refreshment through you. Thank you for listening to His leading.

Our children are growing up all too fast but we pray that living a life of serving will continue in their lives. This summer Elizabeth had almost as many duties as the summer college missionaries. She is truly developing into a worker that will honor the Lord. James stepped up this summer to more dish room and cleaning work. Next



summer he gets to do a lot more in the grounds maintenance end of camp life. Hannah was able to help some in the dish room at times, is great at helping clean cabins, and helps clean the bathrooms. Now they and I have earned a little rest before homeschooling studies begin in earnest. Elizabeth will be in 11th grade, turning 17 at Christmas time, and is praying hard for the Lord to show her what HIS plan is for her life so that



she can tailor her studies that way. She desires to play the piano more and more at the church we attend, so we are looking for a piano teacher. The Lord has provided funds for the lessons! She must also take a driver's course to get her driver's license this fall (hopefully before the snows are too heavy). James will be starting high school level studies. He still loves to get outside and play, ride bikes, shoot bb guns, etc....but at least he loves to read almost as much as his two older sisters. We rewarded his work this summer with a PlayStation2, first time for our household to have such a thing, so we hope that it will be a fun distraction during the long winter evenings but not TOO much of a distraction. He and George and Hannah are already racing monster trucks on the games. Pamela has found Trivial Pursuit and Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader games for the Playstation that she wants the family to play together. Hannah is beginning 5th grade but has not developed the love of reading that her siblings have. She loves to be read to, remembers EVERYTHING, loves history and science, but most of all she loves her new puppies (now 4 months old). It'll be a real testament of her love when she gets out in below zero mornings to bring them water and food and then play with them three times a day! Hopefully she'll be able to "convince" her brother or daddy to help at times!

We would love to see you whenever you are in this part of the country, and mission teams are always a welcomed sight! Pray about joining a mission team this coming spring – who knows, the Lord might have you serve Him here with us!

In His service for His glory,

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