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For 20 summers now we have seen incredible life-change and growth in our campers and staff who serve them!



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Rebuilding Broken Lives Through Christ

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SATURDAY, MAY 21

(Rain or Shine)

LOCATION: PINE VALLEY CAMP

504 Chapel Drive, Ellwood City, PA 16117

REGISTRATION 9:00-10:30AM

Donuts, coffee and water provided
Chinese auction, raffle tickets and
T-shirts will be available for purchase

RIDE BEGINS AT 11:00AM

BIG MEAL STARTS AT 3:30PM



Our ride begins at Pine Valley and is approximately 95 miles through some of the most scenic roads of Beaver, Lawrence, Butler and Mercer counties. The ride includes two covered bridges, a 30 minute light lunch break at New Castle Harley Davidson, then on to Grove City and a mid-way 30 minute break at Wendell August Forge. Continue on through Slippery Rock, Moraine State Park and Zelienople, then back to Pine Valley for the Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle and the Big Meal.

Cost: \$30 for driver (includes t-shirt & dinner) / \$15 for passenger (incl. dinner)
Sponsorships begin at \$100 with your company name printed on the ride T-shirt.
Receive one T-shirt for every \$100 donated | Walk-in-Diners: \$10
Make checks payable to: "Pine Valley Camp" with "Benefit Ride" on memo line.
All proceeds benefit Pine Valley Camp.

For more info visit: pinevalleycamp.org or call Dale Conrad @ 724-822-3130

Rebuilding Buildings and Lives

by
Mark Parker



From left to right: George Frishkorn (volunteer), Mark Parker (Project Manager), Jared Frishkorn (volunteer).

During the cold winter months when everyone else slows down with their work, here at Pine Valley we strive to keep things moving. The progress we strive for not only has to do with the continuation of construction projects, but continuing to build relationships as well.

As the project manager here, I have the privilege of building up structures and the people I come in contact with. The construction continues to move forward on our new duplex cabin as block is being laid at an amazing pace thanks to our volunteers.

On a day in February, when I was feeling under the weather, the Pine Valley team stepped up and pulled together to lay block out in the cold and rainy hours of the

day. What a testament to show me how, here at Pine Valley, no matter what type of work it is, we will pull together for the kids we serve and to glorify God.

The weeks to follow allowed for more block laying by me and our awesome volunteers!

Not only do I get to work on the construction projects here, but the relational “projects” as well. Leading the Armory, a youth group consisting of high school staff from the previous summer, with my wife, Kelly, and my coworker, Tim, has really been a blessing. Connecting with these students during the off season has allowed us to develop a deeper relationship with them. Watching them grow into young men and women, and seeing them mature in their walk with Christ, is a continuous blessing to me as one of their leaders.

Even during the cold months of the year, work never stops here at Pine Valley Camp.

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Though I was born an orphan...

by Miss Susan

As I entered the packed waiting room of the courthouse in Pittsburgh, there was an environment of celebration uncommon for that building on any other normal workday. I have heard that this is one of the rare favorite happy days for those who work in the tension-filled environment, dealing often with litigation and criminal activity. On this day, however, families were packed into a waiting room with little children running in

sacrifice. Children are beaming with a sense of belonging that transcends age, race, and circumstances of birth. Friends and extended families are present. Those who have lavished love on children in such a way that no one can distinguish who the “adopted ones” are.

My favorite moment in every adoption ceremony is when, after a series of questions for the parents and case workers, the judge, with

“How great the Father’s love that he lavished on us that we should be called the children of God”! ... and that is what we are!

circles and giggling. The room was filled with anticipation as well as balloon animals, snacks, and a photo booth. It almost felt like camp!

On this day, I had the distinct privilege of attending our grandson’s adoption ceremony. Of our 20 grandchildren, five are adopted, and one more adoption is pending. There are so many things to celebrate on adoption day. Parents who risk loving and losing, are honored for their

tremendous authority and great joy pronounces the child’s full name and proclaims...

“From this day forward Omer Jaiden Origel will be awarded all the rights and privileges of natural born children and furthermore cannot be disinherited”. There is resounding cheering from the families and friends and hearing those words sends a wash of relief and indescribable joy through the room.

Long before the words became “law”, the parents knew this child was theirs and lavished love on them without restraint.

“How great the Father’s love that he lavished on us that we should be called the children of God”! ... and that is what we are!

This experience made me think of what adoption into God’s family means to each of us, and the hope of the promise that we cannot be disinherited.

Naturally, as we countdown to summer, I can’t help but think of the many, many children coming down our lane looking for that sense of belonging and comfort that comes from family, and especially the love of a father.

Pine Valley continues to be a place of celebration and a place that is set apart with the authority of God’s word to proclaim the love our Heavenly Father, who sets the lonely into families. Children desperately need to know the security of being loved. Once they hear the good news of the Gospel, many children stand at their camp fire say-so ceremony to publicly state their trust in Jesus. We can then proclaim with confidence to them...

“From this day forward, you shall be known as a son or daughter of the King, with all the rights and privileges, both here and in eternity, and cannot be disinherited.” His love for them is secure, and as they grow into that identity realizing God’s faithfulness, they become a reflection of that love to others who are awaiting adoption.

... “He claimed me as His own”



The Prayers You Trust to Us

by Miss Lori

We consider it such a blessing that you put your prayers into our hands. What a joy it is to pray for you!

It astounds me that each month we receive hundreds of prayer requests from you. Prayers related to health and well-being, jobs and adoptions, finances, and prayers for salvation. We consider it such a blessing that you put your prayers into our hands. What a joy it is to pray for you!

Prayer is the means of promoting religious joy. Prayer is to be “without ceasing,” implying constancy (Col. 4:2) and perseverance (Rom. 12:12). Although we cannot always be on bended knee, we can be in a spirit of prayer when going about our earthly calling. If our heart is in the presence of God, prayer in the heart is communing with God.

When we receive prayer requests, we get to pray together at our staff meetings on your behalf to our God. What a privilege for us! Every prayer request is different and we see your hearts and your hurts. We see your lives and all the good you are doing for God’s purpose. Some of the prayer requests are for others you know and that prayer chain continues on to us and through us. We truly believe God answers prayers, so we pray with joy and belief that He hears our prayers.

When we ask for prayer we are asking for

the Spirit of God to come to our defense. We are asking for the Lord to intervene in our lives for His glory. Our aim is to be people who lovingly nourish the lives of others. Sometimes we see your prayers and it’s been a long suffering prayer. This may make an ordinary person discouraged, but you who have your roots planted in the Word of God are drawing on His promises for you. It is like a river that flows, which is never ending.

We also receive hundreds of notes that you are praying for us and for those we serve and we are blessed by your love. God has called us to “rebuild broken lives” and we could not do that without you! This is only possibly through your love and support. It does take a village to raise a child and every person that comes in contact with these children has an influence on them. We are thankful for all our prayer warriors who stand with us as we serve here.

An African Proverb says “You can out distance that which is running after you, but you cannot out distance that which is running inside you,” and running inside of us is the prayers of God’s people.

Continue steadfastly in prayer. . .

SUMMER SERVE

Interested in Volunteering?

Flexible Schedule for Evening Summer Serve:

- 5:30 Meet in Gazebo
- 5:45 Kitchen Orientation
- 6:00 Serve Dinner
- 6:30 Clean Up
- 7:00 Eat Dinner with Your Group
- 7:30 Serve Snack
- 7:45 Group Photo in front of Chapel
- 8:00 Reflect & Stay for Part of Chapel



Available Dates for 2016
Monday, Wednesday or Thursday

Contact Laurie Hartman
for more information:
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- Term 1: June 22 & 23
- Term 2: June 27, 29 & 30
- Term 3: July 4, 6 & 7
- Term 4: July 11, 13 & 14
- Term 5: July 25, 27 & 28
- Term 6: August 1, 3 & 4
- Term 7: August 8 & 10



Now Hiring Seasonal (summer) :

- Counselors*
- High School Support Staff
- Lifeguards

**We are especially
in need of guy counselors!*

A Green Building Rebuilding for Life!

by Mr. Matt

I walked through the doors and I could smell life. As far as my eye could see, there were thousands of plants being nurtured tenderly and with great precision in this enormous environment of warmth. They would soon be shipped out to beautify environments all across the nation.

I was visiting a new friend Dan who owns and runs this huge greenhouse in eastern Pennsylvania. We walked through these buildings and marveled at **the miracle of seeds planted**, and how scientific and precise their care is. Dedicated people fertilize, water, and situate (by hand) each individual plant in just the right temperature.

My friend said that basically, all the year round work that is not seen on the surface, is the backdrop for the six-week season which yields 70% of all their business.

I could relate to that in my attempts to describe the magnitude of work that goes into preparing for our busiest season at camp.

We paused at the end of our tour and he showed us a massive roof structural beam that had buckled under the weight of heavy snow. This caused him great concern and needed to be fixed because in a "tension-built" structure, if it topples, it would cause a domino effect and topple other buildings. Exterior pressures are a huge factor!

We run a ministry that nurture's lives. That is our commitment, but the physical needs of this place (buildings) weigh heavy upon me. Buildings are necessary to house our little "plants" (lives, children). We are thrilled to finally be building the cabin on the hill because, as many of you know, we were packed last summer and even packed staff into every corner of our house and Matto and Jen's house. It won't be completed for this summer but we are on our way!!



The big faith journey for us still remains the need for resources to rebuild a dining hall.

So many of you invest in the water and fertilizer, etc., that fuels the growth of the "flowers" in this ministry. Thank you! Please pray as we continue to pursue anyone who might be able to invest in the structures where all this is made possible.

I am on my knees first, and as I wait on the Lord, I am also knocking on doors and asking people to invest. **To build a building so we can rebuild lives!**

As we stood in our friend's cement block office on that cold, rainy day, it was the framed picture of brilliant colored flowers that were grown in that place that inspired them on, even when dirt and seedlings and structures were all they could see right now. And for me, it is the faces of children who have gone out from the green house of camp, to face the elements. We are working here and excited for our intense and colorful summer season and anticipate another bountiful harvest!



EVERY KID SHOULD GO TO CAMP... BECAUSE FUN BUILDS A BRIDGE TO THE HEART OF A KID

Would you **FUND** unforgettable **FUN** for kids this summer?
INVEST in the life change of children through the mission of Pine Valley.

\$52	1 Kid for 1 Day
\$315	1 Kid for 1 Week at Camp
\$3,150	1 Cabin for 1 Week
\$31,500	10 Cabins for 1 Week

**Do you know of anyone who might want to be a part of
building a building which inspires life, growth and beauty?**



Can you be a **King** with resources, money or gifts in kind?



Can you be an **Ambassador** and spread the news of
the need?



Can you be a **Craftsman** with our volunteers through giving
your time and talent?

Ice Cream Anyone?

by Mr. Matt



At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And He called a child to Himself and set him before them...”

As I waited my turn out on the busy sidewalk, where our entire mission team* was in line to get some ice cream, I noticed a 9 year old boy who was quietly sitting on a planter box observing all the commotion. At his feet was a little shoe shine box. He had been out all day with other companions shinning peoples shoes. He told me he did it for his father, but my interpreter told me he was probably doing this for some men who weren't his father and

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he would never see any of the money. Meanwhile, there was another boy who was working the crowd asking for hand-outs and ice cream.

When it was my turn, I asked this little boy and a couple of his co-workers to join me for ice cream. As we walked into the doors of the parlor we were met with an unfriendly face of an angry store

manager who made it very clear that these boys were not welcomed here!!! Through my interpreter I explained that today they were my guests and I was providing ice cream for them. They waited outside, sitting on the planter box, for their ice cream. And as you can see in the picture, they received it with great joy!

After encouraging them to continue to work hard in school and in their jobs,

I started to share with them about the Love of Jesus Christ. “Jesus’ Christo amor usted”, I said in very broken Spanish. As they ate their ice cream with their eyes focused on me, I explain how Jesus’ love was like ice cream. We did nothing

to earn it, but we do have to receive it or it will melt and be wasted. I asked them, “What did you have to do to get this ice cream?” They replied, “Nothing!” “Correct,” I said, “and there’s nothing you have to do to receive Christ’s love except to reach out and take it.” Jesus won’t force it upon us, He offers and we must want His love, too.

I realized that week it matters not where kids are from, they are all asking these same questions: "Do you notice me?" "Can I trust you?" "Can we have fun together?" "Do you really care about me?" "Am I precious to you?" And when we answer those questions, be it here in our churches and families, or at Pine Valley or on the streets of Higüey, or in the sugar cane village of La Higuera, children are open to listen and hear the life changing message of Jesus Christ and His love. Kids feel loved when we toss them in the air, give horseback rides or give them a bowl of ice cream on a hot day. Fun builds a bridge to the

receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all!" Mark 10:14 & 15.

Through serving children, the Mission at Pine Valley connects our hearts to theirs and we form an immediate bond with them. As we embrace children, the Lord reminds us of our need to be embraced like a child by Him. We find that He is trustworthy and a stronger bond is formed.

As I reflect on my time serving in the Dominican and all the new relationships that have been built together in the Lord, and as I look forward to this Summer and all the people that I get to serve this



heart of a child. That is why Jesus said and demonstrated, "permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not

year here, it feels sooooo good to be used by the Lord! I can't stop crying! Thank-you Jesus! I can't wait! How about you?

THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN THE SWEET ICE CREAM OF JESUS' LOVE!



*I had the opportunity in January to do my very 1st International Mission trip with my good friend, Matt Henderson and his organization, Hope for Hispaniola. I saw the Lord working there and He used it to encourage my heart and confirmed our ministry at Pine Valley. I anticipate this Summer with excitement knowing that the principles we apply in this ministry will forever impact all those who get involved, just like it did to us who were in the Dominican Republic.

Pine Valley Volunteers: The Tuesday Guys

By: Tim Grubb

The Tuesday Guys are a group of retired men who volunteer at camp year round on Tuesdays. They come and serve from 8:00 a.m. until about 2 p.m. Each of them worked in a particular trade before they retired and the skills that they bring have been a wonderful blessing to Pine Valley.

Meet one of our Tuesday Guys, Tom.

Tim: Tell us a little about your family life.

Tom: I have been married for 53 years and I have lived in Beaver County my whole life. I have 2 daughters who also currently live in Beaver County, and I have 6 grandkids ranging from ages 2-12 years old. I attended California University and majored in Industrial Arts and then continued my education at New York University earning my Master's in the same field.

Tim: What was your occupation prior to coming to Pine Valley?

Tom: I taught Electronics and Graphics at Rochester High School for 16 years. I then worked as a General Contractor for 20 years. I had a small crew and we renovated and remodeled houses in Beaver County. Electrical work has always been my favorite part of the job. I have also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and was doing that in the latter years of being a General Contractor.

Tim: How did you first hear about Pine Valley?

Tom: I first heard about Pine Valley 15 years ago from Bob Bradshaw. Bob was a volunteer who led the original group of Tuesday Guys. I knew Bob from attending the same church, Concord United Methodist Church. Through that connection and Bob's passion for the min-



istry, I was attracted to volunteer at Pine Valley.

Tim: What draws you to Pine Valley?

Tom: I read recently that "we exist to bring glory to God and to make Him known," and Pine Valley is a place where I can work to further His kingdom. Just because I am retired, does not mean I am done. I want to spend my time using my skills to serve the Lord. I am not one who can give a sermon, but I can give my skills. My skills are my sermon.

Tim: What are your favorite things about volunteering at Pine Valley?

Tom: I enjoy the Christian fellowship and working with the rest of the men that make up the Tuesday Guys Crew. I also enjoy the free lunch during the summertime and also working outside when the weather is pleasant.

At Pine Valley, we are truly blessed and benefit from the help of all of our volunteers. The Tuesday Guys are just one volunteer group that helps Pine Valley doing skilled laborers' work that improves camp for all of the leadership, staff, and campers. We invite you to use your skills to serve the Lord at Pine Valley. We need more people like Tom, who give of themselves to make God known.

GIVE YOUR PASSION A PURPOSE!

Do you love golfing, running, baking, cooking, motorcycle riding? Give your Passions a Purpose at Pine Valley Camp. Did you know other people advance the mission of Pine Valley Camp through a variety of creative fundraising events?



Golf Outing
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Crafting

Thank you to Ken Rogg for recently hosting a golf outing to fund the ministry of Pine Valley Camp.

Thank you to Jim and MiMi Davidson for recently hosting a BBQ to create awareness of and provide support for the mission of Pine Valley Camp.

Would YOU consider putting on a creative fundraiser to advance the gospel at camp?



Thank You

THANK YOU to Mr. Adam for hosting a spaghetti dinner for his Senior Project. It's great to have you on our team!

Did you know? We have many opportunities to help you fulfill your requirements for an Eagle/Boy Scout Badge or your Community or Senior Projects. Let us know how we can help.





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