

# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Spring 2014

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## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

*“For he shall be like a tree firmly planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots...”*

-JEREMIAH 17:8

Dear friends of Mountain View,

As we make final preparations for the very busy summer camp sessions, I find myself considering all the work and projects that still need to be completed in order to help the summer run smoothly. T-shirts need to be ordered, maintenance needs to be finalized, registrations need to be processed, construction on the Bathhouse Pavilion needs to be done, directors, counselors, food service workers, nurses all need to be confirmed,

and the list goes on. With all these tasks piling up, I am thankful that this remains the Lord's work and I am just one of His servants He will use to help meet the needs of campers and staff that will pass through this facility this summer.

Just as we worked hard to be sure the Bathhouse Pavilion had a solid foundation to build upon, we are making plans to assist campers and staff in helping assure that their spiritual roots are firmly planted in well watered and fertile soil. Unlike a foundation which should not move, roots must continue to grow deeper in order to support and stabilize the visible portion of the tree. Over the years, I have seen the damage from storms that have up-rooted both large and small trees. Sometimes it was because the root system had not matured sufficiently. Other times it was because

the soil had eroded away leaving the root system exposed. Still other times, it was because disease had crept in and caused sickness.

I believe that God has a plan for each one and His desire is for each of us to be healthy, thriving trees, planted by waters which are able to withstand every drought and storm of life. In order for that to take place, God himself will strengthen us, prune us, water us, fertilize us and even graft us... His desire is that what is seen on the outside and what is hidden from view are both growing and healthy.

Please pray with us that God will do His wonderful work of saving souls and deepening spiritual root systems of all who will pass through these doors.

*Jonathan Stassel*  
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



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## Prayer & Praise

### PRAYER

- For a Food Service Manager / Assistant to come alongside Jim Schulte
- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session
- For health and safety for the Full Time workers
- For the necessary funds (Estimated \$15,000) needed to complete the Bathhouse / Picnic Pavilion near the pool (Started Oct. 2013)

### PRAISE

- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For contributions sent to help with new construction and maintenance
- For donations of some wish list items
- For those who came to help during two weeks in April and May
- For all who willingly come to serve at camp
- For God's blessing on each camp session
- For thankful hearts for all that the Lord has done
- For health and safety of each camper and worker

# Many Hands Make Light Work

Mountain View Bible Camp recently held two work weeks to focus on new construction and high priority maintenance projects. During the weeks of April 7-11 and May 12-17, 2014, a number of individuals came to help paint the inside of Overlook (one of the camp houses), demolish Evergreen (the old trailer staff quarters) and help build the new Bathhouse Pavilion near the pool.

During the first week, Evergreen was totally demolished. Camp has used this structure to house staff and couples for many years. The four rooms used for sleeping space are already being missed. Overlook will be temporarily used to house staff as needed.

Since many hands make light work, we were blessed by Philip Neves, Alex Vedder and Jared Vedder who joined us for both weeks. All three of them are recent college graduates in search of full time employment. Also helping for both weeks was Mike Starr. Salam Naser was able to serve during week one and Jon Neves and Jolene Stassel helped some during the second week. We are thankful for each of these individuals who shared with us their time and energy.

We are grateful for progress on the Bathhouse Pavilion. Rough electrical and plumbing are nearly complete and concrete is being poured. With the roof finished, work can continue even in rainy conditions.

What is ahead? Camp's busiest time of year is just around the corner. Starting June 14, 2014, MVBC welcomes a two week rental group. This will be immediately followed by Family, Senior, Intermediate and Junior weeks as well as more rental groups. We thank the Lord for His help and look for His blessing as we serve in this ministry.



## Mountain View Bible Camp Upcoming Camps for 2014

June 29 - July 5	Family Week
July 6-12	Senior Week
July 13-19	Intermediate Week
July 20-26	Junior Week
September 6	Board Meeting @ MVBC
September 19-21	Fall Senior Weekend
September 26-28	Ladies Retreat
October 3-5	Jr/Int Weekend
December 26-30	Winter Escape

# “The Plan” for Future Projects

*Yet in Your manifold mercies, You did not forsake them in the wilderness... To lead them on the road... To show them light, and the way they should go... forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; They lacked nothing...*

—NEHEMIAH 9:19-21

Though Mountain View Bible Camp turned 45 this past October, the above verses stand true. God has led this ministry through the wilderness, sustaining us with what has been needed for the moment. At times, our faith has been stretched as we waited on the Lord for His timing, direction and sustenance. We have not wanted to run ahead or lag behind, but simply proceed as He guides. As we preview the 2014 camp season, we would like to share some prayer requests and anticipated needs with you.

**Evergreen’s Roof:** You may have heard that the long hard winter took its toll on Evergreen’s roof (the staff housing trailer). The snow load was too much for the roof structure which had been modified after the 1995 – 1996 hard winter. Though it was over 40 years old and we were considering retiring it at some point in time, it was not in our present plans. God obviously had another plan. In April, we demolished it and are now continuing with the long-term plan camp has in place.

**The Plan:** The plan is to complete the bathhouse pavilion already under construction (\$15,000 needed to finish) near the pool, maintain the Stony Pine Activity Center and Hardwood Lodge dorm which are in need of vinyl siding (\$ 9,000), window replacement (\$6,000) and restroom remodeling (\$8,000). Future construction, as the Lord provides, would include two additional duplex cabins (\$85,000 per duplex). Two years ago we built a new duplex cabin. It contains a sprinkler system which



can be tapped for two additional duplex units. By constructing an additional duplex cabin, we will not only gain the four staff bedrooms lost by retiring Evergreen, but we will also gain two additional camper housing rooms built to the current code.

**Financial Need:** As the Lord supplies the needed funds, we would like to complete the bathhouse pavilion project this summer. Knowing that Missions-In-Focus is scheduled for August 8-14, 2015, it would be very beneficial to have the second duplex cabin completed by next summer. Again, we do not want to run ahead of the Lord, but would kindly ask you to pray with us for wisdom regarding how quickly we can proceed with these projects.

Thank you for your prayers and interest in this area of the Lord’s work.

## Mountain View’s Mission

This ministry will strive to provide well maintained residence facilities and grounds in order to:

- Disseminate the truths of the Bible and glorify God in all areas of camp ministry.
- Stress the necessity of salvation, sound Biblical doctrine and a deeper consistent walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Provide innovative, challenging, nature-based educational camping for people of all ages.

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## MVBC *WishList*

- Tables and chairs for Bathhouse Pavilion
- Movie screen for Bathhouse Pavilion
- Heavy duty pool umbrellas
- Plastic outdoor chairs for front porch and pool area
- Air hockey tables
- Taxidermy animals
- Basketballs, volleyballs, volleyball nets, tetherballs
- Basketball set-up for the pool
- Used Skid-steer

### ITEMS RECEIVED

- Some sports items - including basketballs
- Food service items
- Good, used refrigerator
- Good, used furniture
- Portable video projector
- Baby Grand Piano



This newsletter is published for those interested in Mountain View Bible Camp. Letters, comments and questions are welcome. Please send them to:

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## Full-Time Workers

**Jonathan and Annemieke Stassel**  
*Administrator*

**Mark and Andrea Fuhr**  
*Operations Manager*

**Fritz and Lottie Geiger**  
*Operations / Bookkeeping*

**Jim Schulte**  
*Food Service Manager*

**MVBC is looking for a  
Foodservice Manager / Assistant!**

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