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2011 In Review

"...I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" - Malachi 3:10b (NLT)

This year has been a year of blessing for not only Crescent Lake Bible Camp, but also for the ministries and outreaches that we have partnered with! It has been such an exciting year that we are finally finding time to slow down and "take it in"!

So, as I sit down to write the year in review, it is difficult to even decide where to begin! Well, actually the starting point is fairly easy: let's talk about what God did in people's lives this year!

I have been doing camping ministry full-time for almost 20 years now, and I have never experienced a year like this one! We had over 50 people make first-time decisions for Christ! Of those, we had five adults from Family Camps, and ten youth from our Day Camp outreach. Please be praying for these new believers as they learn more about the awesome God we serve.

At this point, I need to thank our Ambassador Program representatives. Thank you for allowing us to send youth and families back into churches in their own hometowns! This summer, we had two youths and one family that we were able to connect with a local church so that they could continue to grow in their faith long after Summer Camp ended! Thank you for partnering with our ministry.

As we look back, we find that this Summer Camp program was one of our largest in the past decade, with our Day Camp programs growing so large that we actually have to develop new ministries for them in 2012! (This is not a bad problem to have!) We also set a "camp record" for the largest Jr. High Retreat ever when we had 178 campers at our Fall Jr. High Jam! We would like to thank all of the churches who attended - we had five teenagers make first-time decisions for Christ!

In 2011, we added two new large program areas. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to put up the new climbing tower which had well

over 2,000 climbs on it; and we received donations of paintballs, camouflage, and markers which enabled nearly 1,000 campers to play paintball. (In fact, paintball was so popular that for 2012 we are adding a Speedball Arena - thanks to recent donations - which will allow even more people to have access to the game!)

This year we also began our Roof Replacement Fund with the goal of raising \$36,000 to replace those roofs around camp that were in need of repair. Thanks to your generous support, we have not only met our goal, but thanks to volunteers we have many of the roofs replaced already! To all of those who contributed either through donations of money, materials or time, your gift will result in more people experiencing the beauty and spiritual growth that Crescent Lake is all about. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

This Fall, we received donations to help winterize the waterlines to two of our Modern Cabins which allows us to expand our outreach in the winter months. Again, we cannot thank you enough for providing us with additional beds so that we can use them to share the Gospel!

And, as we said, it hasn't just been Crescent Lake that has had God's blessings poured out on them! The Northern Lakes Impact Center has more than doubled their programming, including bringing the first residential Outdoor Education schools to Crescent Lake! Through their outreach, we have had the opportunity to explain the true message behind both Thanksgiving and Christmas to literally hundreds of students, as well as bringing new youth and families back to our Summer Camp programs!

The Trek, an educational program designed to help people to improve their relationships with themselves, with God and with others is gearing up to take their curriculum online to minister to people nationwide! (They will be our speakers for the winter camps with a focus on who we are in Christ!)

This year has been incredible! We would like to thank all of our campers, our donors, our volunteers and our partners! May God bless you!

Did You Know?

We had over 50 men, women, teenagers and children make first-time decisions for Christ (so far) in 2011!

We had 16 teenagers rededicate their life to Christ!

We had two teenagers commit themselves to full-time ministry for Christ! (Both want to become missionaries.)

The total number of campers who reported that they made a spiritual decision while attending camp this year is over 100! Please pray that God will help them to remain faithful to Him and to His will in their lives!



We are in the middle of extensive upgrades to the existing facilities. These include new roofs, new waterlines and soon we will begin to redo the Bathhouse. Thank you to all of our donors who have supported the ministry faithfully! God has been using your gifts to transform lives!

We now have five partner programs operating out of CLBC, each with a special ministry or outreach!

Eagle Cove Update by Michael Jewell

During the last seven years, Crescent Lake Bible Camp has been working to complete a partnership with the Jaros brothers, founders of the Eagle Cove Camp and Conference Center. When the partnership is complete, Crescent Lake Bible Camp will take over operation of the camp on Squash Lake. To make a long story short, the county and township have denied the required permits to build the camp. Essentially we have been told that if you want to practice your faith, you can build either a church or a school but that they do not recognize a Bible Camp as a faith-based organization.

In March of 2010, Eagle Cove, Crescent Lake and the Jaros brothers filed suit in Federal Court under the RLUIPA (Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act) Law which makes it illegal to use zoning to prevent the free exercise of religion. In August, the Judge ruled on a summary judgment in the case and we are awaiting publication of his decision. Your prayers are appreciated as we look forward to the opportunity to see even more people come to faith in Christ and to grow in Him daily!

Introducing Our Newest Staff Members And Interns

My husband and I felt a calling on our lives to be missionaries from the beginning of our born-again walk with the Lord. We prayed and asked God to show us where to start. We began going on short-term overseas mission trips, traveling to Australia, the Philippines and Vietnam and, while we enjoyed serving on these trips, we felt called to do more. After ten years of prayer and patience, God closed the door on my full-time career when the economy took a downward turn. This past summer, God opened the door to full-time missions when I was asked to pray about the Office Manager opening at Crescent Lake. We have already begun our ministry and are still in the process of raising our support. We look forward to meeting everyone!



Anne Erdmann

I first came to Crescent Lake Bible Camp when my aunt and uncle, Dale & Desi Haskins, became full-time staff members here. I fell in love with the camp and the people that work so hard put into motion the will of God. Ever since the first time I stepped foot onto camp property, I knew I'd be back here doing something to help further God's kingdom. I spent an AMAZING summer with men and women of Christ working together to demonstrate the love of God to any person that walked into our lives. After the summer season, I began an internship at the Northern Lakes Impact Center. This past month has opened a number of doors for me to present my skills and knowledge as well as opportunities to learn and grow in the word of God.



Ashley Belan

I was first introduced to Crescent Lake Bible Camp when I was trying to decide where I should work over the summer. A friend of mine found out about my search and told me that I should work at Crescent Lake Bible Camp. I had about two days to be packed and drive to Crescent Lake before training started and I've been in love with camp ever since. Right now I am Interning as a Program Assistant with the Northern Lakes Impact Center. That position ends in December, but God willing I will be at this camp for quite a while. I am confident that there are many things that God can and will teach me during my time here and I am looking forward to each new lesson!



David Steinbarger

International Christmas

Christmas is coming and so are the students! Through our partnership with the Northern Lakes Impact Center, Crescent Lake Bible Camp can share the true message of Christmas with hundreds of youth in schools from all over the Northwoods!

The International Christmas program, hosted by Crescent Lake, allows students to see how Christmas is celebrated around the world, with talks about the origins of Christmas and the traditions of each country!

In our materialistic, commercial world, it is a blessing for us to see children learning the true reason for the season!

The new "All-In-One" 2012 Camp Brochure is now available online!

Please pray for our Missionaries as they serve God through the many ministries and outreaches at Crescent Lake Bible Camp!

New For 2012 by Barry Rudesill

We normally include our "New Programs" in our Spring Chronicle. This year, however, we have added so many new Retreat Weekends to our Winter season that I have to talk about them here or they will be over before our April edition!

We have expanded on our New Year's Blast for youth from Grades K - 6. Join us December 30th - January 1st as we welcome in the New Year Crescent Lake Bible Camp-Style! Of course we still have our Sr. High Ice Blast on January 27 - 29 and our Jr. High Snow Blast on February 24 - 26. Remember, if your Youth Group can't attend, we would still love to have YOU come!

We have had a lot of our graduating High School campers asking when we will be hosting a College-Age Weekend so that they can come back to Camp. After a year of planning, the answer is...January 2 - 5, 2012! We will be featuring dynamic praise, winter fun and the speaker will be provided by *The Trek* with an emphasis on finding out who we are supposed to be in Christ! The cost for the 4 Day / 3 Night program (with an optional 4th night free!) is only \$109.00 per person and we have scholarships available, if needed!

For adults and families, we have our annual Snowmobile Retreat Weekend on January 19 - 22 led by our very own Dale and Desi Haskins! Don't have a sled? You can rent one in Rhinelander! We have our annual Couple's Retreat Weekend on February 10 - 12! Come and join us for a time of growth as both individuals and couples! In March, we are hosting our new Men's Retreat Weekend called, "Wild At Heart". Join us as we stand with other men across the country for ourselves, our families and for Christ! Our special guest speaker is David DelaGardelle of *Mad Dwarf Workshop* and maker of the "Sword of Heimdall" for the movie "Thor". (He will be bringing his forge for demonstration and instruction.)

Be sure to check out our website for more information about all of our upcoming events, including the new Women's Weekend we have scheduled for September 21 - 23 and The Trek Family Weekend on October 26 - 28!

We would like to thank all of the campers, donors, full-time staff, seasonal staff and volunteers for making 2011 an incredible year!

Wish List

We are seeking to expand our programs, especially for youth and adults with disabilities. To that end, we are looking for the following items:

- Accessible Mini Golf Course (\$2,200.00)
- Adaptive Program Gear for the Blind or Visually-Impaired (\$2,290.00)
- Maintenance Truck (Gently-used, please!)
- Telescope with CCD Camera for the Visually-Impaired (\$1,848.00 each)
- Wheel-Chair Accessible Pontoon Boat (\$26,000.00)

More "Wish List" items are listed on our website at www.clbc.net.



Low Cost Estate Planning

We tithe on our regular income, but have you ever considered tithing on your estate? Financial tools are available that will provide a comfortable income for you and your spouse for the rest of your life, leave a tax-free inheritance to your family and still leave a gift to Crescent Lake Bible Camp in the process!

There is no reason to pay an expensive estate planner when you can, instead, have a plan developed at a fraction of the cost and still leave a gift that will transform lives! (We also have wealth advisors available for the asking.)

Contact Michael Jewell at (715) 203 - 0502 or by email at mike@clbc.net and see how your savings and estate can be used to advance the Kingdom work at Crescent Lake Bible Camp!