

Camp Roberts Summer 2016 Report

We want to thank all the staff and volunteers who were involved in this summer's ministry at Camp Roberts. Working at camp can be challenging and exhausting, but also very rewarding. Our director this year was Abby Morgan. This was Abby's first year as director, and third year working at Camp Roberts. We held six weeks of camp with up to 33 children attending each day. Thank you so much for your generous support which made this summer's ministry at Camp Roberts possible! Your giving has a direct impact on the lives of these children.

Below are some stories and thoughts from our camp staff.

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Throughout my weeks at camp, all the children I met definitely have had an impact on me. A story that comes to mind is from a week with the kindergarten through the second grades. This particular week, a boy who was older attended that week to be with his sister. He was very sweet and we grew close through the week. On one of the last days he wanted to ride bikes and tell me a story. As

we were riding, he told me about how the police were outside his neighbor's house all day because of some problem. He also said that as he walked to the store one day, he witnessed someone being abducted at an abandoned house.

At only 11 years old, he has witnessed some terrible things that may be in his mind for a very long time. Many of the children that attend Camp Roberts experience things similar to this all their lives. No child should have to experience these awful things. I believe that is why Camp Roberts is so important, because it creates a happy environment where all these kids can be kids, even if it is just for a week.

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This is my first year at Camp Roberts and I wouldn't trade these experiences for anything. Each week we have a different age group with different personalities, making each week an exciting one. Nothing is more fun than being able to have a good time with the kids and learn about Jesus.

On Monday it seems like all the kids want to do is swim, but

by Wednesday they get more excited about our Bible School time. Besides sharing the love of God with these kids every day, I love to laugh with them. The first week one of the boys wanted to be called gramps and walked with a limp and imaginary cane. He even came up with a song and would sing it all the time.

During our story time with the older kids, I have enjoyed listening to their honest questions about God. It brings me joy knowing that these kids are truly interested in learning about God.

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During the 5th and 6th grade weeks, we broke in to small groups after having heard the story. I had some returning campers in my group and as I was asking questions, we began talking about the crucifixion. When I got to the resurrection, one of the boys asked me if he could preach and tell the rest. It has been fun to be able to see what they have retained throughout each summer and the seeds that are sown through the ministry of Camp Roberts.



Memorials

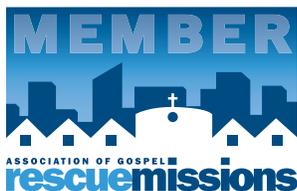
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Have you considered an estate gift to the Lima Rescue Mission that would support the Mission after your personal needs are met? Bequests from individuals have been a blessing to us over the years. These gifts help provide long-term financial stability, and also allow for advancement and expansion of our ministries.

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We hope that you will tell us when you have named Lima Rescue Mission in your will. We would very much like the opportunity to thank you for your generosity. Thank you for considering a gift that will leave a legacy!

News and notes

▪ Our 110th Anniversary Banquet is scheduled for Friday, October 28th. We are excited to be joined by musical group the Ball Brothers! Ticket and table sponsor information will be available soon.

▪ We would like to welcome our newest board members, Don Fultz and Mike Hulse. The Mission is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of dedicated Christian leaders who are committed to furthering ministry to the homeless and less fortunate in our community. The board is responsible for policy setting, fiscal management, spiritual direction and general oversight.

In addition, the board provides valuable guidance. They review reports, financial information and budgets and help determine the direction of programs and services. Their dedicated service allows us to carry on a Christian ministry that addresses important needs in the community.