

Mountain Top Youth Camp

Winter Update 07 / 08

SAURATOWN MOUNTAIN, NC

From the Director's Desk

The Lord's work at MTYC has moved forward this year...

Remember the childhood game *Mother May I!* "Take one baby step" - "Mother may I!", "Take one giant step" - "Mother may I!" Some years the Lord allows the giant step, others the baby steps - we know both are important. Thankfully, this year the Lord has allowed accomplishments in different areas of the ministry and it seems like we have taken giant steps. It is hard to separate one area from another as each is connected to our ultimate goal of bringing glory to the Father by preaching Christ (Eph. 3:21). Stan Mackay would commonly talk about the camp work in three areas - Programming, Projects, & People. Here are some highlights in these areas. (Additional detail is found in other sections of the newsletter.)

Programming: 2007 was an exciting year for programming as we had opportunity to experiment with some new ideas for camp weeks. Another exciting development in this area was the new High Element constructed this year - DK's revenge. It was a big hit! The camp weeks were well attended and we are pleased to know that all campers sat under the sound of the gospel.

Projects: This Labor Day we conducted an open house for the new Camp Residence. This project is a result of answered prayer. Praise the Lord for our brother Herb Thornton who led this project for us. We are happy to report that we were able to do the addition and remodel for the camp home in 10 months.

People: News in this area is that Joey Ashley, from Durham, has been commended to the grace of our Lord and plans to work at MTYC for the upcoming year. He joins Matt Scheffel and the Hyltons as residents on the mountain.

As you can see there is much happening here at MTYC. This is an exciting time in the history of the ministry. Some of the new opportunities that the Lord has allowed are a combined result of ones burdens, time, and prayer. MTYC has been blessed to have controlled growth - we hope to maintain that and operate at a level that would help meet the need of the area assemblies. While this year was a culmination of growth of increased camp weeks, increased staff, and increased facilities, we pause and are a bit dazed - *wow* was all this accomplished in a year? We are excited to see how the Lord will continue with work at MTYC as the stage is set to see great things in 2008. May God receive the glory!

We are a faith ministry trusting the Lord for His provision and His timing. Our board has truly exercised faith with the steps taken this year. We do understand as the Lord allows for these wonderful things to be accomplished that it is of His provision. He will allow our work to continue. Please pray with us as we make plans for 2008. As we begin a new year, would you prayerfully consider how the Lord would use you in one of these three areas?

Andy Hylton

LOOKING BACK

In this year's Fall Program...

Labor Day Event - This year we experimented with inviting ones early in hopes of having a Family Labor Day retreat in the future that would conclude with the traditional Labor Day Picnic. The Lord blessed with about 60 early arrivals to stay over Sunday night. Teaching ministry was by Rex Trogon. We conducted our first annual disc/frisbee golf tournament on the new MTYC course. Amy Scheffel and Rachel Thorpe led a kids program.

Extreme Weekend - This young adult retreat went well and was well attended. Jon Glock taught on the book of Jude. New attractions for the weekend included our new '07 high element DK Revenge - very popular with everyone. Karen Denny & Reidsville Bible Chapel crew provided some wonderful meals. Eric Shelley led the singing.

NEW - Daughters of Destiny - We have been aware of the need to offer something for Homeschoolers in the fall. This program seemed to be a good match for us and the current need. Erica Blessman (Danville Bible Chapel) and Pam Foster (Grace Bible Chapel - Richmond, VA) led this program with the focus of Biblical Womanhood. We had 86 girls in attendance. We hope to offer a boys week in the future as well. With our spring Homeschool programs overflowing, these programs are meeting a need.

Autumn Luncheon - was held in October. Aren't you amazed by the wonderful colors the Lord provided this year even in the midst of drought? Bill Hylton gave a mini concert and Andy Hylton brought a message from God's Word.

Men's Retreat - This event was held in November. Sam Thorpe did a series on Prayer. More great meals and great meetings! Steve Andrews (Reidsville Bible Chapel) directed the event.

Other Retreats - the fall continues to be in large demand for the camp facility. We are thankful for the camp to be used in this way at this time to meet a need of the area assemblies.

PRAISE

Thank you for your faithful prayers. In addition to the New Camp Residence and new High Rope element, here a few other items:

- Cabin 3 & 4 are complete with foundation re-hab, new decks and new awnings - it all looks so good! Special thanks to Herb Thornton & crew.

- Well pump was set in new well - David Langston is helping us to get it running and setting new water lines.
- During this last year we were able to set up a 9 hole Disc Golf Course around the main camp area.
- New retaining wall between basket ball court and pump house has been built to prevent erosion at the main well and pump house.
- Cabin 5 & 6 have two new septic tail lines for future use.

LOOKING AT THE PRESENT

With Joey's commendation, our MTYC full time team includes those living on the mountain - Matt Scheffel, Joey Ashley & the Hyltons. Stan Mackay and Pam Armfield work from Greensboro. Stan as Executive Treasurer offers much counsel, while Pam, as our Registrar and Accounts Payable, offers much help to Stan. Rachel Thorpe helps with administrative project work from Raleigh.

In addition to some on-going maintenance items, current projects include: The new playground under the direction of Alan Jones (Snow Camp, NC), the featured High Element for 2008, and 2008 MTYC brochure.

PRAYERFULLY LOOKING AHEAD

It is hard to believe this, but the 2008 season is rapidly approaching!! Please pray for the board and other committees as we seek the Lord's will in our planning.

Please pray with us as we consider purchasing some additional land. There is an adjoining 5 acres that have recently come up for sale - we would like to purchase this land. God is able!

New Project Ideas on the drawing board:

- New Camper Cabin - this would allow us to regain Cabin 7 for its intended purpose and more room in other cabins.
- New and improved bathrooms for cabins 1, 2, 3, & 4 - this would be a major undertaking.
- Replacing one of the mobile campers (vintage Holiday Rambler) with a permanent log cabin structure - to be used for staff.

Mark your calendars for 2008 and pray...

Camp Weeks	Dates	Directors
Homeschool 1	5/12 to 5/16	Mark Armfield
Homeschool 2	5/26 to 5/30	Steve Andrews
Jr. Teen	6/15 to 6/21	Israel Chavez
Sr. Girls	6/22 to 6/28	Joy Wilson
Jr. Girls	7/06 to 7/12	Kim Hylton
Jr. Boys	7/13 to 7/19	Dan Hylton
Middle Girls	7/20 to 7/26	Tammy Hollingsworth
Sr. Teen	7/27 to 8/02	Mark Shelley
Sr. Boys	8/03 to 8/09	Tim Wilson

**For info on our 2008 fall programs contact us – 2 new weeks planned for October.
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Swim time is always a highlight!!



Flora and Fauna led the girls on the Middle Girls hike!



This year we had several new low elements including Island Hopping, Fall of Faith, Bull Rings, Hydrotube (not pictured), etc. These activities build team unity and allow the campers to depend on each other in creative ways.



Y'all come back now – ya hear!

Donkey Kong's Revenge made its debut this year in the Outdoor Adventure Program as a High Ropes

