

Dining Hall Renovation Project By Tim Huff

I am still amazed how many people over the years have told me how God used a place on top of the Big Horn Mountains called, Camp Bethel, to change or impact their lives for the kingdom of God. These lives have gone on to serve their Lord and Savior in many different areas of the world and in many different ways.

Over the years, many people have come and served at Camp Bethel in different positions, each using the gifts and abilities God gave them for their appointed time. They all have been instrumental in what God has done and still is doing at Camp Bethel no matter how short or long they served here.

In the same way, many changes have taken place over the years as well. We've seen many new buildings built, buildings re-purposed and infrastructure upgraded such as water systems, wells and waste treatment systems. We've seen vehicles and equipment donated to replace equipment that was worn out from years of use.

It's an amazing thing to look back and see how God worked in all these changes. For those who were around when it became time to build a Chapel and Pine Lodge, they didn't know where the

finances would come from and yet God provided. Or when a Dining Hall was needed, where would they get the finances to build it? And yet God provided. Then the need for more cabins, new well, waste treatment and Director's cabins. And yes again, GOD PROVIDED through His people.

Many changes over the years have taken place in order for Camp Bethel to continue to reach more people for Christ, and He has always provided for these changes, and yes, change is about to happen again.

Camp Bethel is serving more people every year and our Dining Hall has become too small and is also in desperate need of repairs. Our seating capacity set by the Fire Marshall is 110. Many times during the year we run around 150 people (including staff). During those times we become creative using the outside deck (when the weather is good) and other times asking staff and others to wait and eat after others have finished. The Dining Hall is also in need of a new roof. We joke that there's more tar than metal on the roof. Additions to the building over the years are falling off, as well as logs have rotted out and are in need of replacing. Time has come that action

must be taken, and yes, I believe God will provide even though I don't know who He will use. I say "who" because He always uses people. I must admit as those in the past, this project seems overwhelming to me. To do the needed repairs and expansion we're looking at \$264,587. Yes, it seems like a lot, but

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Many accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior this summer
- ◆ Busy winter ahead
- ◆ Donations needed for Dining Hall renovation



remember, things up here always cost more due to our location and the climate to which things must be built to withstand.

So, what will happen in this remodeling/renovation of the Dining Hall? Here are some highlights.

- Expansion – approx. 1,200 sq ft
- Nurse's station added
- Large walk-in fridge & freezer (God has already provided and they're in storage waiting)

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- Larger pantry area
- Storage closet for table and chairs
- Two new handicap bathrooms, one with a shower for our speakers
- Completely new and steeper roof line (to shed snow easier). Will remove the complete roof and install a single pitch roof.
- Rotted logs will be replaced
- New front porch, the full length of the Dining Hall (like the restaurant Cracker Barrel) so more people can sit outside
- Stone fireplace in the new addition
- New grading around Dining Hall to keep water away from building

- An area for the Corner Store to operate out of in the winter months

We're asking all member Churches and Camp Bethel friends and families for help. Your donations of course, are tax deductible when given to your church for the project or when given directly to Camp Bethel.

Due to one of our Board members talking to our electrical company, Big Horn Rural Electrical, we already have been given \$10,000 towards this project and an additional \$15,000 matching gift from them as well. Yes, God is at work! Who do you know? What company can you talk to? As this Board member did, you can also make a difference by reaching out to companies and people you know.

I am excited what God has done

in the past through His people, and excited what He's going to do again with the Dining Hall through His people. We hope to start the project this coming August and finish no later than September, Lord willing. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your Camp Bethel Church representative (if your church is a member church) or myself.

With the renovation of the Dining Hall, it will be ready to serve the needs of camp for years to come.

From all the past and present staff who have had the honor of working here over the years, we would like to thank each one of you for your past, present and future support of Camp Bethel. Without each one of you, Camp Bethel would not be here today. Thank you from the bottom of all our hearts.

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THANKS TO THE
LORD; FOR HE IS
GOOD; FOR HIS MERCY
ENDURES FOR EVER

Where's Your Name? By Mary Allen

We are each known to others by our names. Sarah, Zane, Mason, Emma, Anna, Braden, Julie ... Registrations? Check. Everyone in a cabin with a counselor? Check. All names accounted for with corner-store money? Does everyone have a lunch sack with their preferred sandwich? Is the parent / approved pick-up list complete? Does everyone that has corner-store money to be returned have an envelope? My summer weeks are filled with names and making sure everyone is accounted for in various places. I try hard to match those names with faces as they make

their many trips through corner-store in order to know each camper by name each week. By Jr. Boys camp though, they all started looking similar and my mind was at capacity for remembering everyone's name.

As I was reflecting on names and the need to match everyone throughout the week, I am reminded of how big God is. He not only knows our names, He knew us before we were born (Psalm 139:13), He knows every hair on our head (Matt. 10:30), and His desire is that ultimately every name (2 Peter 3:9) is written in the Lamb's Book of Life

(Rev. 21:27). So as I entered names in various spreadsheets throughout the weeks, that became my prayer, that not only would their name be assigned to a cabin and they would have a corner-store account, but that their heart would be soft, that their ears would hear, and they would accept the generous gift of salvation so that ALL of their names would be found in the Lamb's book of life. Please join me in that prayer with our campers coming up for Winterama and also as we look ahead to next summer.

Grateful By Jon Allen

As we see another Summer Camp season come and go we are grateful to the Lord for the work he did here at Camp Bethel this summer. We saw many lives changed and growth blossom week to week. And we give all the glory to Him!

In addition to lives being changed, we saw many changes to camp itself all year. If you haven't had a chance to see all the improvements, we encourage you to stop in and take a look around. God has blessed through His people with funds to repair and improve the facilities throughout the year.

We have been able to replace the floor in the chapel as well as build an all new stage and back-drop. We were also able to build a sound booth. We pray all of these improvements will en-

hance the worship of our Lord and King.

So remember how when you would stay in a small cabin you had to start a fire and then every couple hours stoke it with wood, even in the middle of the night? We replaced all the woodstoves with a much more convenient and comfortable propane heat. Now just walk in and set the thermostat to cozy and you're good to go for the weekend.

There are many other improvements made and to be made but you'll just have to stop by and get what Paul Harvey used to call "the rest of the story."

We continue to be thankful for all the Lord is doing in our presence and the opportunity to serve in this amazing ministry we all hold dear. Thank you all for your prayers and support

throughout the year. Without all of you, all of us could not do what we do. What an awesome team God's people are as we come together in His service at Camp Bethel.

God bless, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!



Kitchen Helpers By Charmaine Huff

In the kitchen at Camp Bethel, sweet fellowship mingles with lots of busy work. The gracious help of many who willingly come and join in where needed, allows us to keep the food flowing on the tables meal after meal, all year long. Some come to help all summer long as part of our summer staff. Rebekah Hutchison, Miriam Blakely and Keegan McLain were quick to catch on to the daily routine this past summer and to jump in to do anything needed with a joyful attitude and servant's heart. Coby Allen is a consistent and dependable staff member, helping out with getting tables set for each meal and keeping up on the

dishes. Others come to help out for a day, week or weekend. Some of those who came this past year included Marcyes Schmaus, Dana Hill, Marsha Christian, Amy Hutson, Doug and Karen Achterhof, Judi Fahsholtz, Staci, John and Ruthie Tollakson, Charles and Kim Heinenreich, Nathan and Lois Lind, Karen Walters, Lorraine Head, Sarah Watt, Kimberly Reid, Tara Legler, Jacquie Nissen, Aaron and Rikki Mills, my wonderful in-laws, Clyde and Joan Huff and our son, Micaiah. Of course, there are those weekends when we are serving a group with just the five of us who live here year around. I

appreciate my husband, Tim and co-workers and friends, Jon, Mary and Coby Allen. It is a blessing and privilege getting to serve with each individual person. Thank you!



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THE MOUNTAIN TOP
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Founded in 1944, Camp Bethel is located on U.S. Highway 14, 25 miles west of Dayton, Wyoming, and 5 miles east of Burgess Junction, Wyoming. Sibley Lake is located 1 1/2 miles east of Camp Bethel. Camp Bethel is surrounded by thousands of acres of National Forest. The Camp is situated on 10 acres of developed land at an elevation of about 8,000 ft, Camp Bethel's rustic log cabins are nestled beneath majestic pine, spruce -and fir atop Wyoming's beautiful Big Horn Mountains.

Mission Statement

Camp Bethel seeks, through its camps and programs, to meet the spiritual, social, physical, mental, educational and recreational needs of its campers by providing Biblical instruction, social interaction, recreational activities, good food, rest and mental stimulation to the end that campers will have a personal relationship through Jesus Christ and experience growth in their Christian life.

Camp Bethel can be rented

If your church, school or community group is looking to host a retreat, we might be able to help. Check out our rental tab on our website for more information.

