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“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.” Psalm 95: 1-3 (NIV)



A Wonderful End to 2009! As you all may know, when 2009 came to an end, we had two major concerns on our minds. The first concern came in October when Wayne Brownson, our director, suffered a nasty fall when a ladder he was standing on broke from beneath him. The accident left him with a broken back. Although a full recovery was expected, who knew how things would turn out? After three long months of wearing a back brace and limited mobility, he no longer has to wear a back brace and is back to plowing snow on his ATV and doing many other things that we take for granted! Thank you for all your prayers! The Lord definitely had His hands over Wayne during this time.

The second concern pertained to our financial situation. Like many of you, 2009 was a difficult year financially. We, too, felt the effects of the poor economy as numbers in our youth and family camps were down from previous years. As we looked to the end of the year, it seemed that we would be cutting it close, if not finishing in the “red.” Obviously our goal is not to be in debt, so we made our needs aware to you, our supporters. The response was overwhelming. The Lord graciously and miraculously answered our prayers. Through many gifts by our Clydehurst family, we ended 2009 in the “black” and on solid footing. Praise the Lord! As registrations continue to come in for 2010, the new year is looking promising. We thank the Lord for his faithfulness to Clydehurst and for the wonderful family of supporters that He has brought to Clydehurst.



Where are we Going Now? Now that 2010 is here and with our solid financial footing in place, we believe that exciting times are ahead of us. On February 19th, we will be meeting with our Board of Directors for a day of “brainstorming” to try to put into place a “strategic plan” for the next five years. Please join us in prayer that God will give us clarity and resolve to “think ahead” as we plan for the future.



In the immediate, we realize that many of our buildings need major TLC. Roofs need to be reshingled, especially the Lodge. Cabins like #10/11 are wearing out and the need for new cabins seems even more necessary. We have the opportunity to build (up to three) new cabins for approximately \$15,000 each (these initial estimates are about half the normal price)! This would cover the costs from start to finish and we could have these cabins ready by this summer. We also feel the need to install air conditioning in the Dining Hall and Office area. How nice would it be if our main recreational building, where we eat and fellowship with others, was cooler and even cleaner for us to enjoy?



High School camp packs out the chapel!

Our plan also includes beginning a fundraising effort to build a new Chapel/Conference Center. The plans have been drawn up, but as the old Chapel seems to get smaller and smaller each summer, we feel that it is time to move forward with this new project. This may seem like a lot to handle all at once, but it appears that everything is connected. Our chapel is already small and if we build more cabins to allow more campers, the chapel is going to be even smaller. If we build a bigger chapel, we want to fill the seats to allow more campers to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. This means we need more cabin space. We are not in the business of having the most people come to our camp, but we are in the business of trying to reach as many people for Christ as we can.

This five year plan also includes the possibility of hiring another staff member to work alongside of us. The camp is a 24/7 year round operation and as we try to expand, the work load is getting more than we can handle. Ultimately, our desire would be to add a staff member as soon as the finances are available.



Again, we ask you to join us in prayer over these needs. We would also ask you to let us know what you think about these possible next steps. We are living in exciting times and we need the Lord's guidance and direction. Please pray for how you can get involved and help Clydehurst grow. Unfortunately, all of these improvements require money and we depend on you, as our supporters, for your help. Maybe you would like to go in together with other families to purchase a cabin or maybe even help with providing the materials to roof a building or install air conditioning in the Dining Hall. Or perhaps you would like to commit to the building of a new Chapel/Conference Center. The options are many. As you know, we do not borrow money, so we will only start these projects when the funds are available. We hope you will pray about how you can stay involved with Clydehurst and help the ministry grow so that we can serve even more campers than we have in the past.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithfulness to the Clydehurst ministry. You are truly our extended family and we look forward to witnessing God's leading and provision in 2010!

God Bless,
Clydehurst Staff & Board of Directors

www.clydehurst.com Our 2010 summer brochure is now available online! We still have openings for Family Camp and Youth Camp. Interested? Download a registration and send it in before it's too late!