



The Bennetts to Barakel

Jim, Rachel, Grace, Mary Emma, and Lydia



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Dear Family and Friends,

The Lord has been doing some exciting things in our lives. We have recently been approved as Resident Missionary Staff Appointees for Camp Barakel in Fairview, Michigan. This comes after several years of gradually being led to serve in this ministry that reaches many thousands of people every year, from children to adults. This life change will require Jim to step down in his role with his current employer, our family to move to northern Michigan, and to serve full-time as resident staff at Camp Barakel.



Camp Barakel was founded by a pastor who wanted to reach the teens in his church in ways that went beyond what he was able to do on a regular Sunday. Even then, back in the 1940's, he felt the challenges of the world in distracting the attention of people away from things of the Lord. And he found that taking them camping, in the quiet and serenity of God's creation, they were more open to the gospel and to God's working in their lives. These early years eventually grew into a year-round camping ministry. This ministry has been influential in the life of our family for years. Jim grew up going there every summer, and both of us served as counselors. Over the years we have participated regularly in the ministries at Barakel both as campers and volunteer staff.



We first felt a leading to pursue full time ministry at Camp Barakel almost two decades ago. We took those first steps of obedience in following the Lord's call, but nothing moved forward, as it was not the Lord's timing. What felt like a closed door was, we believe, a seed planted for a future time. As the years passed we continued to be involved at Barakel as a growing family. About three years ago we felt a return of the leading to serve at Camp Barakel full time. At first it was without a specific direction as to the capacity in which we would serve or what need of theirs we might fill. But a need in technology arose that Jim had been well prepared to help with over his almost two decades of work in technology and analytics. He began to volunteer in this area and over time that strongly confirmed our desire to work full time in this ministry.

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www.campbarakel.org

This leading has also been confirmed over the last few years in other ways as we have been involved in ministries of our local church. We have been active members of Tri-Lakes Baptist Church in Brighton, Michigan, and have come to think of them as our church home and family. Although we are sad to leave the fellowship we have with our church family, we are excited about the vocational ministry the Lord is leading us into. We are grateful that they are supporting us in this change and have agreed to be our sending church.



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Be a part of our ministry

We feel that the Lord is leading us to serve in this ministry and we trust that He has a team in mind that He would raise up to support us in that work. In His time. In His way. For His glory. Are you a part of that team?

If you would like to be one of our regular financial supporters or if you would like to receive regular prayer updates, please contact us at our address or email us at: bennetts@barakel.camp

To God be the glory,

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