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The Bennetts to Barakel

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Dear Family and Friends,

Last week 85 college aged young adults finished their second week of summer staff workshop at Camp Barakel. They have already had one week of training, followed by a week of camp serving a group of adult campers with disabilities. They have already had days of joy and frustration, they've already experienced fatigue and feelings of insufficiency. And they've already felt the need to rely on the Lord and His plan for their summer of ministry. This group of 85 young adults have many more days ahead full of these experiences as they host around 250 campers each week through mid-August. Our oldest daughter, Grace, is among this group. She will be playing piano at meal times and in Chapel each day, taking photos and videos throughout the week, and helping to compile the weekly video capturing each week of camp. (Check out that video each week at www.campbarakel.org)

Meanwhile, the rest of our family is enjoying summer at home, Jim still working, the rest of us taking a break from school, as we all continue our process of raising financial support. As I write this, we are at 25% of our needed monthly support and are praising God for our progress so far. We have not yet presented at any churches but we do have several that we are talking to. As we have begun this process, we have received the same several questions from multiple people about how the giving actually works. Hopefully we can clarify some of that here for those who are interested.

At this time, we are only looking for commitments, or as some would call them, pledges. Our current 25% is made up of those who have committed to donate a specific monthly amount to our required support. It is an ongoing commitment for as long as the Lord keeps us serving at Barakel and as long as the supporters are able to continue giving. No money needs to be sent until we have our full amount committed to. At that time, we will contact all of our supporters and let them know it is time to start.

As for how to send the support, there are two choices. First, you can send a check each month to Camp Barakel. Second, you can set up an automatic bank withdrawal. In either case, contact us now to let us know of your interest and the amount you would like to contribute, and we will make sure you have the address or form and the details that you need.

Where does this letter find you? Perhaps you have already committed to support us and you are a part of that 25%. Thank you! Perhaps you are interested but haven't had time to really think about it. We understand. Life is busy! There are certainly also those who would help if they could, but it's just not possible. Please pray for us; we value you as well for your prayers. Then I suppose there may be those who don't have much connection to what we are doing or even those who think it all sounds a bit crazy. Wherever this finds you, we hope it serves as a testimony of what the Lord can do as He works in the lives of those who trust in Him. He has brought us to this place, that may look crazy to some, where we are willing to make this life change and go serve Him in the ministry at Camp Barakel. And we trust that He will bring us to the place where He has provided all of our needed monthly support so we can go where we believe He has called us to serve.

So as the summer staff prepare for the buses to pull in for that first week of camp, will you join us in praying for the ministry at Barakel as well as for our journey to get there?

- Pray for those 85 college aged volunteers who are giving their summer to work in the ministry at Barakel. Pray for stamina, diligence, compassion, and a deep devotion to their Savior.
- Pray for the 250 or so campers who will arrive each Tuesday of the summer anticipating a fun week of camp. Pray that it is not only fun and safe, but a week of solid spiritual growth as well.
- Pray for the 22 Resident Missionary Staff already living on the property, for their health and stamina through the busy summer. But also, for them to look to Christ as their strength.
- Pray for us as we continue to seek financial support, that we would be trusting God's timing in all of it. And also, for each of us individually as we prepare to make the big transition ahead.

To God be the glory,

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