

Dear friends and family,

As some of you may know, this summer I returned to Camp Daniel for a second Summer Internship. It was a wonderful experience to participate in this program and be blessed by it yet again. Similar to my first internship, I was pushed and challenged to learn tough lessons, grow in my maturity, and expand my relationship with God. Additionally, I had a blast being a part of the summer leadership team at Camp Daniel, helping run five weeks of summer camps for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. One of the things that make this place great is the opportunities for young people to get involved and make an impact on the lives of the people who come to camp. In addition to the Summer Internship, Camp Daniel also offers a year-long Missionary Internship program. At the start of the summer, it was my desire to become a year-long intern and I am ecstatic to announce that I will be participating in this program along with my good friend and fellow intern, M.J. Hunter.



Camp Daniel focuses on relationships and community; it is a place where everyone can feel loved and accepted. People with and without disabilities live and work together like a big family. To me, this way of living is a good example of what church should look like. Church is not just a place or a building, but a community of ALL Christians who come together to love God and love each other. I have been grown up coming to camp watching my dad be a speaker and worship leader. It's been a blessing to have camp in all my stages of growth. When I was fifteen, I spent my first week there as a counselor. Since then, I've been on the Intern team twice and was a worship leader one year. I love everything about Camp Daniel, and it has been my "second home" all my life.



Being a Summer Intern, I was given the opportunity to be a part of the Summer Leadership Team at Camp Daniel. Two weeks before camp started, I arrived with eight other interns to begin our training and help prepare for the camping season. We worked together on special projects, learning how to work as a team to improve different areas of camp; one of these projects was a talent show performance to be performed by the intern team every week of camp. We hung a tarp to resemble water and choreographed a "land-synchronized-swimming" act. Doing something like this was a bit out of my comfort zone and it was easy to complain about. I slowly realized that although jumping onto the ground in a crowded space can be painful and embarrassing, it became fun and drew us closer as a team. What started as a group of random people, ended as family. One of the biggest things I took away from the summer is how small things such as land-synchronized-swimming can bring a group together. All of this (and more) has given me a small taste of what I will be taking on as a Year-Long Intern.

I moved to Camp Daniel at the end of August and will live there until August 2018. As a Year-Long Missionary Intern, I will be living and working with four residents with intellectual disabilities on the Camp Daniel grounds. I will truly see what it means to be a part of the lives of people with disabilities by living life with them; hanging out, helping with chores, working on construction projects, taking them shopping, etc. Camp Daniel is currently starting a large capital campaign to finish camp and will be undergoing large construction projects, such as the new dining hall, which I will be heavily involved in. In addition to life on the camp grounds, we will also be youth leaders at the local youth group on Wednesdays, will be in Green Bay on Tuesdays to coach Special Olympics, and on Fridays to help at the Able Church, a church for and by people with disabilities. I am very excited for the opportunities ahead that I have been blessed to be a part of and the people I will be living with for the next year.

The missionary aspect of being a year-long intern will be a large part of my experience and growth this year. All the staff at Camp Daniel are full-time missionaries to people with disabilities, and like most missionaries, I will need to raise financial support to pay rent, food, transportation, and other living expenses. My monthly expenses are \$150 for rent, \$150 for food, \$100 for transportation, and \$100 for other living expenses. I ask for your financial support, whether it be \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 a

