

Caleb's Winter Newsletter

“God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have healed His people and continue to help them.” (Hebrews 6:10) This verse has been a big motivation for me as I begin the second half of my year-long journey here at Camp Daniel.

Lately, its been slow around camp since we have been in the down season for the past few months. On top of that, its also been flu season and I've been struggling with being sick multiple times which has put me on the bench for days at a time. It's been times like these that have made it easy to forget why I am here and begin to loose sight of purpose. This has been something I've wrestled with for the past two months, but I am beginning to win the battle. To keep my mind off the hard parts of the slow times, there have been a few smaller projects, such as drywalling in the projector room of the camp theater, to fill in the time between all of the shoveling. There is nothing but snow around here. Sometimes we get a joyous day of up to thirty-three degrees and begin to think we will have a break. These days are comically followed up by six-inch snowfall. The physical, emotional, and spiritual journey of battling sickness and working through the slow times has begun to settle on my heart, I have begun to take my internship even more seriously.



Aside from the day-to-day of living at camp, I have taken on more responsibility at The Hub Student Ministry. I have found much joy in being there twice a week for Young Adults on Tuesdays and Youth Group on Wednesdays. During Young Adults group I get to be in fellowship with other people my age and be challenged by group discussions. I became involved on Wednesday Youth Group in a leadership role as a part of my internship to grow my abilities as a leader. These responsibilities entailed designing The Hub T-shirt, preparing and teaching lessons, coming earlier and staying later, and building a more meaningful relationship with the students. I have been blessed to share these responsibilities equally with my friend Zech (another youth leader), and have learned so much during the times we prepare and deliver the lessons. The Hub Youth Group also takes a lot of small missions trips to places around our area to serve. Of course we mix in some fun events like downhill skiing, camping, movie nights and such. It has truly been a blessing to be apart of this and to have made life-long friends along the way.

One of the primary experiences of participating in the Camp Daniel Year-Long Internship is living with and sharing everyday life with the residents who live there (a.k.a. “The Guys”). “The Guys” are actually three guys, Jake, Nick, and Brian, and one girl, Chalsee. Although it can be a challenge living together, overall it has been a blessing. It's been really cool to be submerged in the the disability culture and them allowing me to share in their life experience. Special Olympics has been a way for me to build relationships with the guys as I've had the privilege of coaching and playing alongside the guys in bowling and basketball. This is really what camp is about, a place where people with and without disabilities live and work together making life to be how God intended.



Although there is a lot of work to be done here at camp, its been good to have some time to myself. So I thought to show you my full experience, I should also share with you what I do in my free time. My favorite pastime is being with my wonderful girlfriend, Gracie. The rest of my pastime is spent working on/ riding a couple of old dirt bikes with Zech, writing/ playing music when my little brother, Dillon, comes to visit, working out at the local gym, and some Netflix.

Now that I have lived at Camp Daniel for a little over a year, I've started to notice the changes in me. It has been easier as I am now entirely used to living here, and more difficult as new challenges arise. I want to personally thank you for your continued support, because without you I would not be able to afford doing what I do. I also want to thank you for your prayers and encouragement as I am continuing to grow through all the challenges God places in front of me. If you have any questions about how I'm doing, I welcome you to contact me!

With love and gratitude,

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Dirt-biking experiment in snow



Thawing water-lines



Won bowling tournament in Unified



Writing music with my brother



Milwaukee homeless shelter mission trip with The Hub



The Hub Christmas party

P.S.

Camp Daniel has a really cool new website and I have my own page that has all my old letters and a quick and easy way to donate online!

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 month.

Thank you for your consideration,

Caleb

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