

Caleb's Fall Newsletter

It is about time I gave you an update on my year-long adventure here at Camp Daniel and the fantastic journey it has been so far! Like any good adventure, it has been filled with fears, struggles, excitement, victory, friendships, and many lessons learned. I'm truly grateful for this opportunity, and am as excited as I was on day one!

The year-long Missionary Internship at Camp Daniel is full of different responsibilities and events every day. A typical day consists of construction projects, daily chores, and bonding with the residents I live with. The majority of the work I do is construction, although much of what I do I would never get to experience anywhere else. One of the coolest projects that I helped with was when we rebuilt an old tow truck for in front of the gas station. Of course its not a real gas station, it is actually a game room designed to look like an old Mobile gas station. I actually also helped with building the overhang and exterior for the gas station as well. These are just a few examples of the many different building projects around camp that I spend most of my weekdays working on in addition to doing regular grounds keeping. After a hard days work, I usually have an event to go to in the evenings such as a bible study, young adults group, youth group, Special Olympics practice, and Able Church. A dull moment is very scarce around here, granted I do look forward to the days that I get to relax.



Two of the groups that I devote most of my time are The Hub and Special Olympics. I love to go and serve at The Hub for my young adults and youth groups. Being part of these groups have been a great opportunities to make new friends and grow my community of people. I have been challenged through the discussions as well as even leading a few lessons as well. Helping out with Special Olympics has also been a blast. I get to be on the "ground-zero" team of the new Camp Daniel Special Olympics basketball and bowling teams! This is a very special treat for me since sports were my life back in high school. Not only do I get to coach, but I get to play alongside my friends with disabilities in a few Unified tournaments. Although constantly being this busy can be difficult, I have gladly accepted the challenge and enjoy the camaraderie of it all.



Being so exceedingly busy all the time does lead to quite a bit of edification. Usually the chaos is caused through masses of people which I do not always do too well with. This has given me the opportunity to grow myself through what can be described as awkward situations or confrontation. These two things, I often find, go hand in hand with becoming a leader. This is an area I have been trying to grow in and I find myself in situations where I need to step up as a leader. While I find it challenging and difficult, I welcome the growth that has come from it. That leads to another of the biggest lessons I have learned since coming to Camp Daniel. That would be to face things. Often when I was living a "normal life" back in

Madison, I would find it ever-so-much easier to just look the other way or to ignore personal problems. Unfortunately, the things that are easier are rarely the best things or the ones that help us to grow.

I'm am so blessed to have this year of my life here at camp. I will forever be affected by the lessons and the skills I encounter everyday. 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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(Fun with the guys)



(Construction projects I've worked on)

P.S.

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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