



Changing Lives. . . One Heart at a Time

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for us and for being so thoughtful in supporting us financially. We appreciate you more than you know. In this letter, I want to share an update on our mission trip to Honduras, as well as, some more information about our upcoming transfer to Children's Bible Ministries of East TN at Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go.

Honduran Teen Camp 2023 was such a blessing! With an important mission like this, we knew we would have a few issues, but the Lord was victorious in all of them! I want to share just 3 with you so you can see how God showed His sovereignty and His loving care. 1. We got to the CBM National Headquarters for 2 days of preparation and I instantly developed a severe sore throat. I did everything I could think of to try to get well fast and knew that the Covid test required for international travel, would have to confirm whether the Lord meant for me to go with the team or not. I was so relieved to have a negative test and was grateful that the symptoms became manageable. 2. Angie, one of our team leaders (the state-side missionary to Honduras) was taken from a plane in the states by ambulance for an emergency appendectomy. Imagine everyone's joy when she and her dad joined us a few days later! 3. Lacey Ruth has a severe gluten allergy and unknowingly ingested gluten early in the trip. The allergic reaction lasted all week, but she was able to eat safe food after we figured out where the gluten was hidden. She had a great week and her health held out until the day we took the campers home. She was very sick for a day but God gave her a well-day for traveling home. He is so good!

Here's the best part. . . We had 32 teen campers and 8 translators! Each experienced a great week of Bible camp, each were given a Spanish Study Bible and taught how to use it. They were challenged to look for truth, the purpose for their lives, and for instructions from God on how to live. One camper was so excited that she plans to read the whole Bible this year since she has never had the opportunity to do so before. The translators (all followers of Jesus Christ) were such a blessing to us and we can see great potential in them as spiritual leaders much like the young adults on our team who served as cabin leaders. The cabin leaders and translators really bonded and are living illustrations of our camp theme verse: "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

We are so blessed to be "home missionaries" with opportunities to be involved in international missions, too. We are so grateful for CBM Honduras and Forgotten Children Ministries whose teens lead the music of our worship services. We are praying for the growth of these Honduran teens and are eager to return to challenge and encourage them.

I can see that this is getting long. . . but please keep reading for more information. (Thank you!)



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### 3 Special Prayer Requests:

- I covet your prayers for wisdom, physical and emotional stamina, and good health. We are in the last few weeks before our move to TN. Moving is a lot of work! We are feeling sad about leaving the people that we love so much here; but are eager to get settled in TN to begin the work God has for us there. We have been sorting and purging and are now actually packing boxes. It looks like our moving day will be between March 10 and March 17. We should have a date soon.
- Before our move to Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go, we have a VERY special family event to attend in SC. I'll tell you about it AND show pictures in the next receipt note. Please pray for our drive on **February 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will spend a couple of days with Hayley and Dustin's families and then head to Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go to paint the inside of the house we will be moving into. We will return with less than 2 weeks to finish packing and transferring responsibilities.
- Pray for Rainey Rowell, the young lady I have begun training. Her skills as a potential camp registrar are growing. There is so much to learn and camp registration begins on **March 1<sup>st</sup>**! A fun fact about Rainey is that she is from Robeson County, where we lived while serving at Camp Grace. She is finishing her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of internship with CBM and is raising support to serve at Camp Gilead full-time hopefully by the summer.

**In March, we will start receiving support in TN.** If you have a recurring donation set up for us here at Camp Gilead, it will be canceled after the February donation.

To help with switching your support to TN, here are some options:

1. To send a check, make it payable to: **Children's Bible Ministries**  
Mail it to: Camp Tapawingo at 111 CBM Camp Rd. Watauga, TN 37694  
This is also our new mailing address!
2. To give online, go to [www.Cbmcamp.com](http://www.Cbmcamp.com) and click on the Donate tab at the top
3. If you set up donations through your online banking, you should be able to find Children's Bible Ministries of East TN.

If for some reason support meant for us is sent to Camp Gilead in March, it will be forwarded to us in TN. We are all working together to make this a smooth transition. Please feel free to contact me (910-785-1785) if you need any help with this. Your continued support is a great encouragement to me!

Gratefully yours,

*Karen Williams*

