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2024

# Watson's Out West

Mark 6:31a—And He said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place;

## Praise & Prayer

- Praise: God's provision of a new blender!
- Praise: Many decisions being made for Christ
- Praise: New Supporting Church in OR
- Praise: New teachers at ICA
- Pray: Additional support in the face of inflation
- Pray: Home & Work Balance

Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

## Camp Commentary

Howdy Y'all,

The Psalms are full of praise to the Lord and reminding us to praise. While reading Psalm 111:4 a word really stuck out to me. The word *remembered*. Without remembering, our praise is only what we see in the moment. As I write this, I am going to take a few moments to just remember some of the things God has done in the last couple of months.

Summer finished out strong. In our sponsored camps alone, we saw over 40 salva-

tions, 32 assurance of salvations, 91 decisions for consistent devotions and prayer, and many others. Well over 300 decisions were made this summer. Those numbers do not even include the other half of the summer which consisted of custom camps. The Lord was at work there too!

As fall began, we have trained our new ministry crew for the season, and it was fun to have some of them over to the house and to hear what God has been teaching them.

I also want to share a specific story from one of our science camps. We were running this science camp for a school here in California. The group brought more parents than usual, and sometimes it is easy for us to think of the kids being the only ones that are learning. During that week I had some great conversations with the parents about the things we were teaching in the classes and services. I knew the Lord was working in one dad's heart especially as we talked on multiple occasions.

## Home Front Happenings

It is crazy to think Shelby is a freshman, she is doing very well with school and has taken on more responsibility at camp. She is helping in the stores, cleaning at the school and becoming a valuable helper, pet sitter and babysitter for many of our staff families.

Avery has joined the youth group staying busy with her schooling and has been developing her love of baking. We're feeling that price increase on eggs and butter! I think she has made backed good for someone every week since the end of summer.

Sadie is our social butterfly. She'd rather be socializing than doing school work but she's learning. She also loves to help me at camp whenever she can.

Alison is adjusting to new responsibilities at school. She's now the official events coordinator for the school. The first big event – the school play – is in three short weeks. Pray that it all comes together. It's fun that both Shelby and Avery will have a role. She enjoys being able to teach both the girls.



Shelby & Mom got to visit MBU in WI

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## Camp Commentary (cont'd)

After they went home, he sent me a text sharing that he had a hard time bringing his son out to camp. The thought of being in the Mojave Desert reminded him of a very sour childhood and flooded his mind with pain. As we started into our schedule, God was already working on him and things God wanted him to let God take control of. As the week went on, he said "God smacked him." When he got home, he immediately put into practice the decisions he made at camp, slowing down the pace of life, dealing with residual anger and setting the right example for his children. God is good!

As we look at remembering, we are working on starting a website in order to post shorter but more frequent updates. We hope to have it up and running in the next week or so. We look forward to being able to make it easier to stay connected with you all.



Life is never dull with our crazy crew!