

This past winter, I had the opportunity to coach the basketball team at the local high school. I signed up for this role expecting to spend most of my time planning practices, scheming the system, and teaching basketball skills to win games. However, it became apparent rather quickly that my primary focus would be much different. The culture that the young men on my team had been soaked in was teaching them apathy, a lack of effort in anything that didn't directly benefit the individual, and a distinct lack of discipline. The cultural expectations placed on young men are very low, and it sometimes feels like it is a competition to see how short of this already low expectation they can be.

Transitioning from that role to Torch Trail this summer, the contrast couldn't be more obvious. If you were to look at our young male staff team this year, you would not assume they would be any different than those who were on my basketball team. They wouldn't appear to be smarter, older, have more energy or even natural skills for the roles they were placed in. They would simply appear to be your typical high-school/college aged young man.







Yet despite this fact, this year one of the strengths that I was reminded of time after time by many different individuals was the strength of our male cabin

leaders. Parents would encourage me with stories of the cabin leaders impacting their kids. Support staff would tell me about ways the cabin leaders were going above and beyond to meet needs they saw around them. When sitting in on devotions I would see young men clearly communicating the gospel with a heart to see it transform the lives of their campers.

1 Corinthians 1:26 says:

hear the gospel.

"For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth."

Thinking of our staff team this year, I would say we fall into these same categories. And

yet, it is abundantly clear that the Holy Spirit has been working in the lives of our staff, transforming their lives, allowing them to live out and to share the gospel. Why? As the chapter continues "so that the one who boasts may boast in the Lord."

After this summer, I would boast that the Lord has done an amazing work in the lives of our staff, transforming them into new creation, equipped for the good works that He has in place for them. I also take comfort in the fact that the same Spirit, who has evidently changed the hearts of our staff, is also the one who can and will bring to life those who are dead in their trespasses and sins, and who can transform the hearts of the campers in our care who have the least opportunity to

After this summer, it is a temptation to boast about our great staff team, and the ways they were able to effectively communicate the gospel through their words and their actions. However, it is ultimately the redemptive work of Christ that gives us this good news we can share, it is by His Spirit the

lives of our staff were transformed, and it is by His will that campers are being saved and transformed. There is much to boast about from this year at Torch Trail, and all of it is the work of Christ. Therefore, this summer, we boast in the Lord.

- Cameron Kroeker (Assistant Director)



Camp 2025

CAMPERS ATTENDED SUMMER PROGRAMING

346

MISSIONARIES IN TRAINING

6

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

20

COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

55

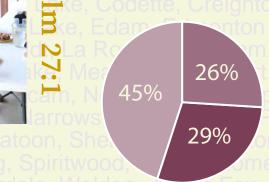
SUMMER MISSIONARIES

25

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS 44

LEAST OPPORTUNITY
TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

55%



Have regular community or family Gospel influence

Have no involvement in community Gospel influence

Have **NO** access to community or family Gospel influence





Up-Coming Events:

Work Bee - Nov 1st 9am - 4pm, Come help clean up trees and winterize the camp, lunch Provided

B.Y.O.U - Nov 2nd

3:00pm

Bring Your Own Ukulele! Come play & sing to your favorite camp songs and hear about the work God did at TTBC this summer

55+ Christmas Banquet - Nov 26th

5:00pm

Please reserve your seat by calling **306-428-2989** or by emailing **torchtrailbiblecamp@gmail.com**

















Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Devin and the board members as they plan and give direction for the Kitchen Project
- Pray for Cameron and Sadie as they raise their support, that the funds will come in
- Pray for all the campers that made decisions to follow Christ this summer. That they will continue to grow
- Pray for the Lord's direction as we start planing for next summer

Director's Wish list:

- Skid steer
- Flat Deck Trailer/ or Dump Trailer
- Treated Lumber (2x6)
- Well Broke Children's Horses



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