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# Merry Christmas

From Executive Director Andy Gross



## Summer 2017 Snapshot

Here at camp we are all about providing campers an opportunity to grow another step closer to our great God. Here's a snapshot of how God moved in the lives of campers this past summer:

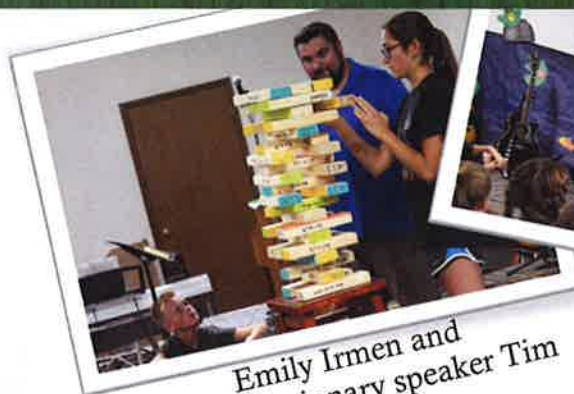
**9** campers made first time decisions to cross the faith line and follow Christ

**32** indicated they would pursue baptism

**12** campers made rededications

**69** made decisions to pursue something further in global missions

**150** indicated "other" significant spiritual growth



Emily Irmen and missionary speaker Tim Carmical



Emily and the giant jenga game

## Meet Emily Irmen

I love hearing and sharing testimonies from campers! Back in March, I traveled to a local church to give a mission spotlight during a Sunday morning service. After the service, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl went out of her way to come up to me and said, "I just wanted you to know that I came to camp last summer and it was the best week of my life!" We chatted very briefly and then she was gone. I did ask for her name and I immediately wrote it down. Later, I contacted her dad and asked if Emily could give me a little written testimony as to why her experience had been so great! Here's what she wrote:

"Two summers ago was the first time I had ever been at EIBC. I was invited by my step-sister Makena Roseberry who had been coming throughout the years. I loved EIBC because they taught me how to listen to God and know that He is always with you. It was the first time I had ever been on a 'spiritual high' and it was the best feeling in the world. EIBC was also the first camp I had ever been to, but the people there welcomed me. I loved the worship that we had every night. There were always amazing messages and our preacher was fantastic and he always made it fun. Every cabin leader there was also a teacher that I learned from. **Everything about EIBC helped me come closer to God, making it the best week of my life.**"

Emily had an awesome experience and a story to tell because of it. This is what it's all about!

Drew, Samantha, Killian, Irelynn, Deklan, and Brogan



Jason, Amber, Logan, and Grayson



## New Full-Time Staff

I am super excited to introduce two new full-time staff and their families. Jason Folkmann is our new associate director and will be the main man with all things summer programming and beyond. Drew Kelly is coming on as new construction project manager and will play a key role in taking our facilities to the next level. Both of these guys have been involved at EIBC since they were kids and have a passion to see the camp move forward for generations to come.

Both Jason and Drew are in the process of raising their own salary as full-time staff do. If you would like to join their support team you can do so at [loveeibc.org/donate](http://loveeibc.org/donate)

Building Concepts from Center Point, IA, donated the frame labor



## New Staff Residence

I love sharing about significant projects that are already in motion. We broke ground on a new staff residence in August and a lot of progress can be seen. We would like to see this home complete on or before May 1, 2018, so that our new associate director and his family can move in before summer camp starts. Total project cost for this home is \$160,000 and we have already raised or have pledged \$126,000. We need to raise an additional \$34,000 to finish.

This is what the home currently looks like



I hope you have a wonderful Christmas celebration and a great beginning to 2018! We eagerly anticipate the beginning of our 74th year reaching campers with the saving message of Jesus Christ! As we anticipate 2018, would you please consider making a financial contribution to EIBC as we finish out 2017?

# Yes! I would like to make a year-end donation to EIBC!

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