

It's been way too long since we wrote to you and we certainly have a lot to share. Last month we completed our 5th year and 5th summer at East Iowa Bible Camp. I'm going to dedicate the front of this letter to family updates and pictures and the back will be focused on what's going on/been going on in our ministry at camp.

Since moving back to Iowa in August of 2012, we have added 2 more to our family. We are now a family of 6 adding Lucy Virginia Gross to the mix on March 27th. Lucy is nearly 6 months old now as I write this note.



This picture was taken on Easter Sunday. Andy, Ginny, AJ (7), Henry (6), Elaina (3), and Lucy (6 months)

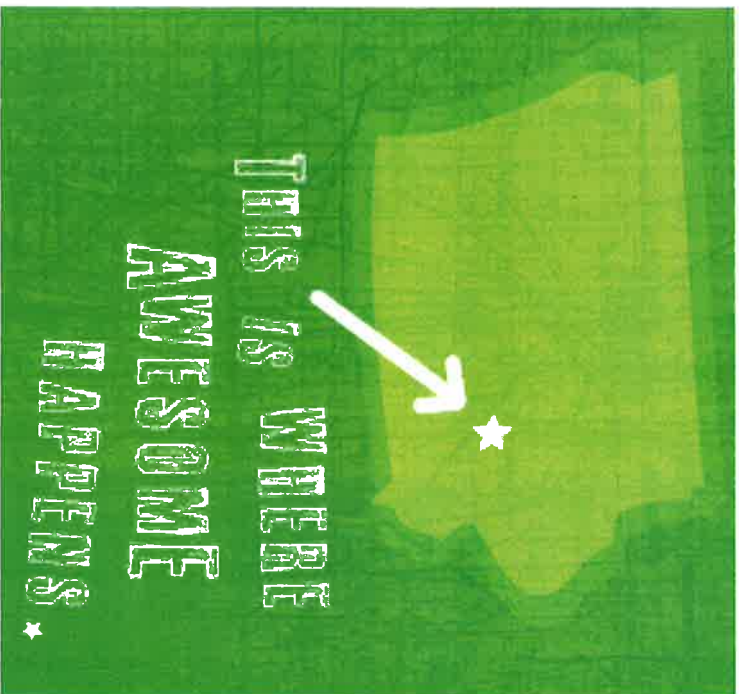
Lucy did give us a little bit of drama in the last few months of Ginny's pregnancy finishing off with coming 4 weeks early because it was discovered amniotic fluid was almost at zero. She spent 5 days in the NICU because she was a little wimpy on breathing. After about a week in the hospital everyone got to go home.



We love being a family of 6! It's definitely a busy group. AJ is a second grader now and still has it strongly fixed in his mind he will be a farmer one day. Henry is not too far off from the farming theme, but does enjoy trains and airplanes as well. Elaina is about as girly as they come, but does enjoy picking up worms off the driveway and bringing them into the house. At this point Lucy only needs to worry about keeping her helmet on to protect her from the others.

We very much enjoy our family life at camp and plan to keep it that way. We cannot imagine a better life for our family and very much enjoy being a part of camp life together.

We also wanted to take a chance to give you a few highlights of what's been going on in the



ministry at EIBC. A designer created this graphic to the left for the camp awhile back and it truly does describe what goes on around here. We have had so many opportunities to see God at work through all the campers that have come and gone from this place. I often tell people "this is the most fruitful thing I have ever been a part of!" I mean it. God is using this place and has created this environment where many have the opportunity to have a powerful encounter with Christ. This summer we had 656 campers participate in our summer program and here's just a little bit of the result:

9 made first time decisions to follow Christ, 32 wanted to pursue baptism after returning home, 69 made decisions to pursue something more in the area of overseas missions, 12 re-dedicated their

lives to Christ, and there were 150 other decisions of significance. It's not just summer camp where this happens. We hear stories and testimonies often telling of what God has done in almost every group that steps foot on to our campus. It's a great privilege to be a part of it.

A few quick highlights on some other important things going on at camp:

- We have nearly completed a 3840 sq. ft. new addition to our main chapel building.
- We broke ground in August on a new staff residence
- We hired a new Associate Director in early September
- We hired a new Construction Project Manager in early September



3840 sq. ft. chapel addition that is nearly 100% completed



We broke ground on a new full-time staff residence in August



When riding the zip line at summer camp you can sometimes give a high five to someone on the water trampoline below



High School group hearing from one of our excellent missionary speakers

Thank you for being a part of our prayer and financial support team!

We are very grateful for the opportunity to share in this ministry with you. We do hope you have a great fall season and of course you are always welcome to stop by and visit or drop us a line. We would love to hear from you!!!

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