

Summer Mission Teams:

Serving and Blessing the Camp and Community

Summer at Camp Bellevue lasts from the end of May through August. This year, we kicked things off with a three-week team from Harding University's Global Outreach program. The group of 7 students plus chaperones did a lot of work around the camp property, cutting down trees and cleaning up limbs. They also planned a 4-day VBS, which they did twice (at the camp and at a school in Quito), went on home visits, and helped with our medical clinics, end-of-the-year Parent Night, and field trip for the After School Program.

At the end of June, we had three groups who overlapped with each other over a ten-day time period. The first was a group of five people from the Hillsboro Church of Christ, who hosted a Ladies Tea for the women of the Tabacundo Church of Christ and helped the church put on a "Friend Day," attended by several new families. They also painted, sewed blankets and sheets, and catalogued all the books in Rusty's fairly extensive library! The second group came from the Livonia Church of Christ. They were only with us for three days because they always divide their time between the camp and the Marcum family. In their short time with us, they sanded picnic tables to prep them for refinishing, went on a home visit, and joined the other two groups in a big campfire devo followed by s'mores. The third group was made up of teens from the Hillsboro Youth Group (HYG). They organized 3

days of sports clinics for kids in the community and hosted two summer kickoff parties, one for children and one for teens. They also went on home visits and did some work around the camp property.

We are thankful for all our summer mission teams and the myriad ways they bless the camp, the community, and our family during their time with us.



Hillsboro, Livonia, and HYG — 3 groups together at the camp for 2 days!

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Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

Psalm 66:16



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- PRAISE for all the good work done by our U.S. summer mission teams in June (see p. 1).
- **PRAISE** for Rusty's successful trip to Canada in April.
- PRAY for health and safety for our family as we travel around the U.S. this fall.
- PRAY for Alex and his transition to college life at Harding University, and for our family as we adjust to daily life without him.
- PRAY for the children, youth, and families the camp will be serving in the After School Program this year.
- PRAY for Ecuador's government and leaders and for the country's peace and stability.
- PRAY for the camp's financial situation and that God will continue to provide funding for our needs.
- PRAY for our co-laborers in this ministry: Guillermo, Syndi, Seyber, and Kendall.
- PRAY for our employees and their families.
- PRAY for the Tabacundo Church of Christ, for growth and the raising up of leaders.

Follow The Campbell Family in Ecuador on Facebook for monthly prayer requests and updates.

Home Ministry Assignment, 2025: Reporting and Fundraising in the U.S. This Fall

Hard as it is (for me especially) to believe, it has been three years since our last extended time in the U.S. as a family. We have been working on plans for this year's Home Ministry Assignment (aka "furlough") since March. Our situation is always complicated, with many churches to report to that are spread across several states and even in Canada, plus other fundraising to do as we are able. This year, with some special family obligations, including settling our first child into college, it is even more complicated than usual. We decided to plan to be in the U.S. from mid-August through the end of No-



Campbell Family, June 2025

vember, with a brief "pre-trip" for about two weeks in July. We look forward to reconnecting with many of you over the next three months during our time stateside. If you are curious about when we will be in your general area, feel free to get in touch with us via email, Facebook Messenger, or WhatsApp. While we can't see everyone, we do want to make time for as many of you as possible!

To help alleviate some of the travel burden on our family, Rusty also made a solo trip to Canada from the end of April through the first week in May. His uncle, Kenneth Starnes, had passed away in February and Rusty wanted to attend the memorial service and spend time with his relatives there; but he also took the opportunity to visit and report to the two churches in that area that support our family and ministry.

We appreciate your prayers for us, our children, and the ministry at Camp Bellevue and beyond. See the sidebar at left for specific ways to pray for us. We thank God for each of you and for your prayers and support that sustain and encourage us on this journey!

CONGRATULATIONS, ALEX!

At the end of May, I joined up with a few of the other moms in our homeschool group to organize a graduation ceremony for our seniors. It was such a special time of celebrating their accomplishments and praying over their next steps. Rusty and I also planned a more informal graduation party for Alex and a couple of his friends out at the camp. We are so proud of him for reaching this important milestone and continue to ask God's blessing over his life as he begins college at Harding and launches out into the world.

Contributions to our family or ministry may be sent to: *Bellevue Church of Christ, 1212 104th Ave. SE, Bellevue WA 98004*. Make checks payable to the church and earmark "Camp Bellevue" (for the camp general fund) or "Campbell Family" (for our personal support).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



