

My FBC Missionaries

Jake & Leah Andersen are another family of missionaries we support that work at Forest Springs Camp & Conference Center (formerly Camp Forest Springs). Jake is the media specialist. Leah is a stay at home mom and CEO of their home!

- Lindy Vazquez



Jake & Leah Andersen
Luke, Will & Ava

Forest Springs
Camp & Conference Center
Westboro, Wisconsin

Mission Statement/Goal:

Forest Springs' mission is to provide programs and facilities in a camping environment with a trained service-oriented staff that use the Word of God to help initiate faith and cultivate maturity in Jesus Christ.

How long have you been with this organization?

Since 2012

Your connection (if any) to First Baptist Church, how we came to support you:

Leah grew up in Whitehall, and her parents - Dawn and Larry Bender - still live there and attend First Baptist. Leah and I lived in Whitehall for about 3 years, where Leah was the music teacher in the elementary school, and Jake worked for a company in Eau Claire. We attended FBC and came to know and love the people. When God brought us to Forest Springs, FBC was right there to support and encourage us.

How long has First Baptist Church been a supporter of your mission?

We've been partners with FBC since the beginning, for almost four years now. Thanks for your faithfulness!

Do you currently need more financial support? If yes, what amount?

God has been faithful to provide what we need. We've had lots of faithful support partners over the years, and are grateful for all the generosity directed to us. We have lost a few partners along the way, as God has changed their financial situations. We are hoping to raise a bit more support in the coming years, as God provides.

What is your Life Verse and/or favorite Bible Verse?

I've always found comfort in the first several verses of Ephesians 2, specifically verses 1 through 10. So much "good news" there. God's mercy to raise us to life, even though we were dead, is astonishing, and makes me realize how small and sinful I am.

Any current prayer requests?

We're about to kick off a really busy summer ministry season. Pray for the campers - that they would come to understand God's love for them. Pray for our family - that we would care for one another during the busyness. And pray for our summer staff. Leah and I were both really impacted by our time on summer staff and the intentionality that the full-time staff took to mentor and disciple us. Pray that we would encourage, challenge, and disciple the summer staff that we work with this summer.