

SEPTEMBER 2022

LA MONTAÑA CHRISTIAN CAMPS



Adventures That Impact Lives

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” — Ephesians 3:20 – 21

we are open!

a note from Joe

After a seemingly never-ending season of closure, we are OPEN! Praisalujah! Our campus at La Montaña Christian Camps is once again teeming with campers. So far this year, we have hosted over 5000 kids and seen the transformation process at camp shift into high gear. Hundreds have given their lives over to Christ and many have made significant life commitments and decisions during their time with us! I have said in previous letters that we have been praying for a revival amongst the youth of Costa Rica and Latin America and it is happening! Thank you for believing in us and helping us through the toughest season in ministry that we have ever had. Pray with me for the ministry of camp as we aggressively take the fight to the enemy in order to reach countless more for the Kingdom! Kids need Jesus more than ever and there is nothing quite like Camp ministry as a powerful tool for reaching the masses! We are open, and God has used each of you to make that so! THANK YOU! — Joe Pent, Executive Director

testimonies

I decided to forgive and restore several relationships I had lost. I received Jesus into my heart and now I have faith and strength in Him. — Melani, 17

I decided to leave the world to one side and focus on the things of God. I am committing myself to Him today and will lean on Him so that He can help me through life's challenges. — Valeria, 15

This has been the most amazing experience of my life and I feel closer to God more than I ever had. — Gerald, 18

I rededicated my life to Him and now have a much deeper faith and connection to Him. — Alejandro, 13

I decided to stop carrying the burden of my past and released it to God so that He could transform me. — Rebeca, 17

I accepted Christ tonight because he made me see my life in a whole new light. — Jefferson, 15



summer 2022

Serving stretches our faith in Christ while at the same time loving others with the good news of Jesus Christ. That is exactly what our just completed summer for many students accomplished. What an awesome summer at La Montaña as we welcomed seven college students as Interns from throughout the U.S. These Interns served alongside our staff and helped with serving campers throughout the camp in recreation, program, kitchen and our hospitality area. Many camps were served with some 1050 campers attending in the 5 weeks that our interns were present. In addition, three high schoolers from Orange County, CA and their leader were integrated alongside our Interns for ten days. If that was not enough, a high school team of ten from the San Antonio, TX area also served at La Montaña for a week in early July.

If you or know someone who will graduate from high school this coming year, or a college student — go to our website under Interns, (lama4youth.org) and find the application page, where you can start process of becoming an Intern. If you know of any 10th grade or higher high school student, they can apply by sending an email to our Awareness Director, Ray Schwartz, ray@lama4youth.org and mention Intern - and can learn about our 10 day HS Ministry experience. Any groups who would like to come for a work-serve trip, or a family serve trip, or a youth ministry, please contact Ray and he will get you and your group moving toward serving in Costa Rica at La Montaña. — Ray Schwartz, Awareness Director



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container project update

- We have sealed and shipped another shipping container filled with items for the different camp departments. Items include a new sound system for the chapel, new kitchen and dining equipment, many items for our recreation department and a new Kubota 4X4 all-terrain vehicle.
- THANK YOU to all who were a part of this amazing project by praying for and generously giving the over \$70,000 that went into this project.
- A very special thanks to:
 - Fernando Basua — our main contact at the Hueneme Port and responsible for all of the logistics for shipping the container and for all of the volunteer help and services he arranged for our shipment!
 - Del Monte Corporation — for shipping our container at NO COST!
 - Tom Wilson — who received and stored all items for shipment and with Mitch Diehl, packaged all of the items and got them to the port!



2023 building projects

- Expansion of Mana and Ana's home (Estimated Cost: \$35,000)
 - We are adding a master bedroom, living room & carport to their home at the Hospitality Center
 - Their roles and responsibilities are growing as well as their family!
- Finish Rancho Mirador (Estimated Cost: \$25,000)
 - This 80-person adventure campus just needs some finishing touches
 - It is already being used but needs some beautification, furnishings and a few other details
- Expansion of Sports Complex (Estimated Cost: \$125,000)
 - We are adding a new playing field complex across from our Arenal Lodge
 - We are adding a soda fountain and dining area across from the main pond
 - We are roofing the upper volleyball court area and making it a multipurpose open concept gym
 - We are adding a Victory Circle and fire pit



165,000 KIDS REACHED SINCE 2001

Sponsor a camper by making a monthly donation or a one time sponsorship of \$100/per kid.

We have offered thousands of scholarships to kids who otherwise wouldn't be able to go. Sending a kid to camp has eternal impact.

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