

Dear Friends,

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“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.” Job 1:21

God is so good. I pray that you know this... really know this. His ways are so far beyond ours and there may be moments where we doubt and wonder. But He is good, always! Our prayer for you is that you would know and experience His goodness this month and throughout this year!

As many of you already know, La Montaña was broken into last month. After locking the guards into the entryway bathroom, they went into our storage facilities and made off with thousands of dollars in camp equipment. After my initial anger and frustration, I was driven to give thanks to the One who both gives AND takes away. We love it when God gives but are often hurt and confused when He takes away. Instead of bitterness and finger pointing, we decided instead to trust Him. It is His camp anyway, isn't it? People began to pray and the outpouring of generosity followed. We posted the news on our social media pages and people responded and reposted it as well. Before a day or two had passed, hundreds of people were lifting up the camp in prayer all over the globe! How could we not be thankful and lift our praises to the Lord?

I am happy to say that the replacement fund that we set up has already surpassed the amount of equipment that was stolen. We have been able to purchase most of the stolen items and have used some of the funds to install new security lighting around the campus and a video surveillance system as an added measure to prevent future breaches of our property. Camp has never been this secure! The amazing thing is that we had quoted the security system and lighting with a company a few months ago and simply didn't have the funds to pay for it. **It took a robbery at camp for God to provide us with what we didn't have!** To top it all off, our grounds and maintenance crews now have all new equipment!

As monies continue to come in, we are investing in other items that the camp has needed for some time. This is nothing short of supernatural and our prayer is that this wave of blessing would translate into thousands and thousands more won for the sake of the Gospel! What the enemy wanted to use to defeat and even destroy us, (John 10:10) God has used to bless us and to remind people of the important ministry that La Montaña Christian Camps has. He snatched us out of defeat and gave us the victory! We are more committed than ever to reaching the youth of Costa Rica and Latin America! We are hitting the enemy where it hurts and there is nothing he can do to stop us! Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)!

Thank you. For those who gave to replace our stolen equipment, for those who consistently give to God's ministry and especially for those who pray for this exciting work, thank you! We are so empowered and blessed by your generosity and partnership. Our prayer is that God would return 100-fold to all of you what you so faithfully give to His work!

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