

Dear Friends,

March 2018

Recently a team of volunteers from So. California, led by Larry & Lindy Matheny (LAMA Board President), travelled to Costa Rica for a week of sanding, re-painting metal surfaces along with installing replacement speakers in our Chapel. Our hearts are truly filled with thanksgiving for what each team of people traveling to camp in Costa Rica can accomplish and this team was no exception. These teams save our camp valuable time and energy. Whether young or old, every team that comes to camp plays a vital role. These teams fall under the ministry of "Awareness."

Our Awareness Ministry is much different from that of other staff and missionaries connected with La Montaña Christian Camps. It is the Awareness Ministry's goal to *involve* others in North America in this task: by encouraging churches, youth groups and individuals to partner with us by providing needed resources and their own time to come to camp. Our Awareness Director, Ray Schwartz, is responsible for this ministry. To do this he travels across the country to meet with others, spends time phoning and emailing pastors, and helps set up "awareness" desserts. He works with youth ministries to bring their students and adults to help in construction projects or work alongside our camp staff, and he visits student led missions conferences and is invited into classrooms at places like Taylor University, Multnomah University, Biola University and APU.

This is a full time commitment on Ray's part help us move resources and people to serve at camp as well as expose them to missions - specifically youth camping in Latin America. Before a team arrives in Costa Rica, they have spent much time interfacing with Ray who helps to provide them with the needed training and materials/information before landing in Costa Rica. Ray is also our Intern Ministry recruiter. If you would like to come to Costa Rica or bring a team of people to support this life-transforming ministry, contact Ray at [ray@lama4youth.org](mailto:ray@lama4youth.org). Your life and that of your team will never be the same again!

Be in prayer for Ray as he travels. The best relationships with churches, leaders and students happen face to face. He not only has to raise support for he and his wife Marjie, but also for Awareness materials: brochures, software not to mention the costs for travel and conferences that he attends nationwide. Because of his contacts we have been able to host teams at camp from Washington, Indiana, Kentucky, Texas, Colorado, Georgia, Mississippi and even Canada. He also assists Joe Pent Jr., the Executive Director with our summer Intern ministry. We want to invite you to pray for our Awareness Ministry and the teams that come to serve at La Montaña each year. They fill a critical piece to the La Montaña Ministry! Why not help us right now by making an additional donation toward our Awareness Ministry that will enable us to expose even more teams to this exciting ministry opportunity! You can find the Awareness account and many other ministries connect to La Montaña Christian Camps, through our donate page on the [lama4youth.org](http://lama4youth.org) website.

Your partnership with us for all our ministries is so appreciated and vital in reaching young lives for Christ. Your prayers and investments last for eternity. Thank you for your generosity and support. Let us know how we can better pray for you as well.

*For The Youth Of Latin America!*

Ray Schwartz  
Awareness Director

Joseph Pent  
Executive Director