

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

“...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. **2 Timothy 2:2**

Dearest Friends!

July 2023

Greetings from sunny Costa Rica! As our prayers for you are filled with thankfulness, we want to let you know of all that God is doing on behalf of your prayers for us and your generosity. Together, we are a team that is helping to reach literally thousands of youth throughout Costa Rica in the ministry of La Montaña Christian Camps. Let me get you up to speed on how this summer is also enabling US youth who come to serve, in their faith for Christ.

Each summer we select some of the finest Christian college students to come to camp and serve as Interns. This summer we have five students (including one student who heard about us from Paris, France!). Our five weeks here each summer gives our camp staff a needed boost during a very busy time here at camp. In addition to this they spend time in prayer, bible study and conversations regarding leadership, team building and their own spiritual life development. It is costly for them to give up these summer weeks where they could be home working toward their own college expenses – they each to raise for their time here at camp, around \$1,600, plus their airfare. You find out more about the Intern ministry here: <http://lama4youth.org/intern-ministry> (HS grad through age 25)

These young men and women leave a deep impact on staff and campers alike. They literally serve in every aspect of the camp from our High Ropes course to lake activities, kitchen serving & cleaning, and helping to maintain cabins between camps. Some have left camp so deeply impacted, they change their personal direction toward preparing for fulltime ministry. Discipleship has the goal of being reproductive – passing on what you learn to others so they can do the same. We believe that is happening every summer. As the Awareness Director, I meet capable young people who would love to come – but economic realities force them to stay home and work. We believe the time has come to establish a place on our giving page where you can help a student enter this program. Would you like to help? On our giving page, (lama4youth.org/donate) look for the fund “**Intern Ministry Fund**” and you can contribute throughout the year to help offset the expenses that need to be raised. International airfare alone has risen greatly in the past year.

Grounding this young generation of believers is so vital! Many between 18-28 leave not only the local church, but their faith as well. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts to this ministry to help those who want to deepen their faith through service.

Your prayers and your generosity to the entire ministry keep us encouraged and supplies us with the resources that we need to continue to take the fight to the enemy. He is already defeated, and with God’s help, we will continue to populate heaven with countless young lives through the ministries of La Montaña Christian Camps!

From all of us, THANK YOU!

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