"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." **Hebrews 12:1-2**

Dearest Friends, January 2024

Happy New Year! I pray that this letter finds you well and in the center of God's goodness and blessing. With Him, there is always hope. As the author of Hebrews states, I pray you would throw off anything that would stand in the way of running the race that God has put before you. You are not alone, and together with those that have gone before us, we know God will continue to faithfully strengthen and protect us as we live for Him!

At La Montaña we are fixing our eyes on Him who has led us through so much these past years. It has left us in awe and more committed than ever to continue to reach the lost for Christ. God preserved and protected us so that we could continue to boldly proclaim His name. God has gifted us with a strong group of servant leaders in our various departments to ensure that we offer the best camping experience to every kid we host. Please pray for our staff coordinators and they lead the different departments as well as our volunteer and seasonal staff.

- Manases General Director, La Montaña
- Ana Administration Director
- Ronald Program Director
- Kendry Operations Director
- Carlos Special Services

We are excited for this year and have set a lofty goal of reaching 12,000 kids. In January alone, we are expecting 1500 campers - This will be our biggest summer month since 2015! In February and March, we will be hosting 4 work teams who will bless our campus with hundreds of man hours of much needed maintenance and upkeep. We are currently in full swing taking applications for our summer intern program. If you know of any young person from the ages of 18-25 looking to serve in an exciting overseas program, please contact Ray at ray@lama4youth.org. Lastly, we are focusing any additional funding this year to expanding our sports complex with more playing fields and other additions to our recreation department, adding a new maintenance center and building 4 new cabins on our Bosque Real campus to bring capacity to 400 campers.

From all of us at LAMA and La Montaña Christian Camps, thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support. We experience so much love and encouragement from you and it fills our hearts with hope that "He who began a good work in us will carry it to completion in Christ Jesus! (Phil. 1:6) God bless and prosper you all!!

Praising God for each of you,

Joseph and Lori Pent Ray and Marjie Schwartz Manases Padilla and Ana Viera

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