

## Missions in Action Love Your Neighbor Day

On July 15, we held a Love Your Neighbor Day at Pine Valley Camp hosting about 135 folks from the Somali Bantu refugee community that now live in Pittsburgh. About 200 NCCers embarked on this mini-mission trip with the goal of loving this refugee community by making them feel welcome and learning about their plight. While it was incredibly hot, muggy, and buggy (like a typical mission trip), the message of our gesture of love and friendship was not lost on the Somali Bantu community. As a direct result of the day, six Somali Bantu kids attended Pine Valley Camp for the first time, bringing the total to attend camp this year to 34! As the parents were exposed to the camp, it allayed some of their misconceptions and fears, and they were asking if their kids could go there for a week! The text message shown here is a message we received the evening of the event from our liaison to their community. In addition, we have about a dozen folks from our church who have inquired about getting involved with helping this refugee community. If YOUR heart was stirred during this event and/or would like to get more information about how you can plug in to help using your talents, please email Betsy Sicher at [betsysicher@zoominternet.net](mailto:betsysicher@zoominternet.net). There are many ways to become involved!

I just received a call from the Somali Bantu Leadership, saying that they are being overwhelmed with positive feedback from the community... They said that this may be the best event that they have ever been to... They already have families asking if their kids can still register for camp this year! They also want to know when they can do it again 😊



Text Message