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Dear Friends and Family,

Happy June to you. I love living at camp in the summer! The happy sounds of kids screaming and running free is rejuvenating to my soul. I know I have written many times about “the power of camp,” but it is something I truly believe in. I worked at a camp on the East Coast throughout my college years and discovered the amazing ways the Lord can work when we get kids away from the distractions and troubles that many of them live with on a day to day basis. This summer I am helping our First Aid team with all the nicks and bruises and upset stomachs that come with the joy of camp. How fun and powerful to have that one on one time with kids as you help them with a band aid or tell them to drink more water if they don't want a headache! Thanks for your prayers throughout the rest of the summer as we receive a new group of kids and age group each Sunday afternoon.

By way of an update, I wanted to let you know that I am so grateful for the prayers and encouragement and support and offers to discern and process together regarding the Regional Vice President (RVP) position. After much deliberation, I have decided to decline the role. Two clear things helped me to make up my mind. One, the role requires a lot of upfront fundraising--not a source of joy or competence of mine! Two, I have really enjoyed my direct leadership relationship to the camp and the school as the Regional Director of Operations. If I were to become RVP, I would not have that anymore. I have great peace and am praying for our new RVP, whoever it may be!

Finally, I am actually heading off on a sabbatical after eighteen years of ministry! I may have indicated in an earlier letter that I was going to take one last Spring, but that changed when the budget timeline changed. So for September through November I will be on sabbatical. I have just started thinking about how to spend my time and will be meeting with an advisor soon to help me plan. If you are led to contribute financially to my sabbatical, please feel free to connect with me directly at [mmilburn@worldimpact.org](mailto:mmilburn@worldimpact.org) or 540-454-3628.

Peace to you!

Michelle