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NEWSLETTER

## TOGO, ALASKA, CHINA—PLUS AN UNEXPECTED TRIP TO GERMANY: THAT ABOUT SUMMARIZES THE SUMMER FOR CAMPSABROAD. HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM EACH OF THESE TRIPS:

### TOGO

Dan Brooks was flying solo as he went to spend two weeks with missionary JJ Alderman. JJ grew up in Togo and is back now to work with a ministry called Togo Palms ([www.togopalms.org](http://www.togopalms.org)). They have already purchased a beautiful piece of property and are seeking to develop a camp ministry that will reach across



the entire nation of Togo. For now, he has been seeking to establish a new church and has been experimenting with mobile camping—holding evangelistic day camps in surrounding villages.

Although fewer young people attended than they had hoped, several young people sought out their counselors on their own and trusted Christ as Savior. These young people have continued to be involved in that local church and are learning and growing. Please pray for them as they continue to invade Satan's domain—literally: the church is in the heart of black magic territory.



### CHINA

For the sake of security, we won't share details about this trip, but we are excited about the potential for camps geared around teaching English in this vast country.

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## GERMANY

Dr. Ken Hay was presented with an unexpected opportunity to visit missionary Kevin Matthia in Germany this summer. For almost 10 years, the Mattias' have rented facilities to run camps. Now the Lord has miraculously provided property for them in the form of a former Nazi youth camp used to indoctrinate children during the war years. They have already adopted a strong, biblical philosophy of ministry and have gathered a wealth of camping resources and experiences. Dr. Hay spent time with them discussing their master plan for the property development and talking about long-term vision for that ministry. They have wasted no time in beginning renovations and hope to hold camp by the summer of 2011. This is truly an incredible opportunity for service!



## ALASKA

It had been several years since my wife, Kelly, had been able to travel with me on a CampsAbroad trip and it was a joy for us to minister



together once again in that way. Brian Graham is in charge of a small camp near Fairbanks that is a ministry of Hamilton Acres Baptist Church. The folks up there have basically carved the campsite out of the wilderness and love the ministry of camping. With a smaller group of campers, we were able to spend a lot of time getting to know the campers and counselors. In spite of some pretty strong negative peer pressure, the Lord worked in hearts, and we saw good growth in the lives of many of the young people. The church leaders would love to use the camp to reach out more effectively to native Alaskan young people in the future.

*It has been a good summer of ministry, and we praise the Lord for the lives that have been touched by the preaching of His Word in a wide variety of settings. Problems and issues may have different faces, but the solution remains the same! —Matt Collier, Director, CampsAbroad*