



CAMPSABROAD

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Dear Friends,

Over the last several years, we have developed a practice that I fully intend to continue. Whenever possible, our trip representatives try to send e-mails back from the field. These “on-site updates” often provide fresh insight into the challenges and blessings of the trip, as well as help us know how to pray. If you would like to be added to that update list, please email us at campsabroad@wilds.org with the heading “On site mailing list.” Below I’ve included a few highlights from our three most recent trips – from various team members.

HONDURAS

Cherie Meals: One of the missionary couples had a real burden for one of their teens. We prayed for her all week to be convicted about her relationship with her mother. We were just getting ready for final scoring and to dismiss camp when the young lady called her sponsor out and asked to be saved! It was wonderful. Even though we had fewer campers than planned, the Lord worked and several made decisions to increase their commitment to living for Christ. Two of the counselors were really impacted by the principles they had been taught in staff training. The local pastors and missionaries who attended camp were very appreciative for the Bible teaching and fun camp games.



PERU

Dan Brooks: The camp at Peru was a breath of fresh air as far as camp spirit and camp organization. Tim Chapman understands camping philosophy and implements it exceedingly well. He filled a counseling staff with young adults who have a heart for young people. I have never seen more counseling during Freetime than I did this week. The counselors were mature young adults with great energy. Tim does a great job with the Peruvians. They love him. He is funny and keeps their attention any time he speaks. According to the decision slips, the Lord is using Tim’s preaching in a

mighty way. There were 12 professions of faith and over 20 surrendered to be willing to go into the ministry.

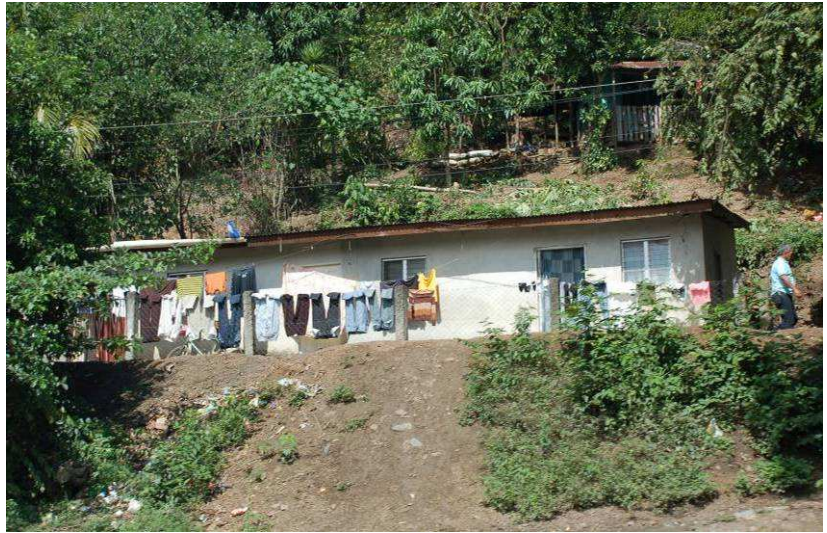
PHILIPPINES

Matt Herbster: We are running two tracks of training. We are doing one track of training that is for the E-camps (evangelistic camps). Anybody who is new or has only attended one E-camp is attending this side of the training.

Everyone else is attending a new track of training for something they are calling D-camp (discipleship camps). Both the E-camps and D-camps are weekend camps that are geared towards directly helping the churches in the region the camp is held. Andrew Stoner and the Filipino camp team have mostly been handling all

the training for the E-camps while Matt Collier and I have been handling the training for the D-camp side. We

ended the main part of the training around 5:00 pm yesterday. Matt Collier and I quickly ran back to the hotel to change because we were involved in the Wednesday night prayer service. I sang "Beneath the Cross," and Matt



preached a great message on trusting the power of the Gospel (II Corinthians 4). That service finished around 7:00 pm. We quickly ran downstairs, grabbed a bite to eat, and started choir practice. I was pleasantly surprised with how well they did. I'm teaching them "All I Ever Want to Be" and "How Sweet the Sound" which is an arrangement of "Amazing Grace." After finishing choir rehearsal around 8:20 p.m., we had one final preaching time. I was able to speak on II Corinthians 12:15—"Spending and Being Spent". The day finished up around 9:30 p.m., and we headed back to the hotel.

Please especially pray for the camp leaders in Peru and the Philippines as both are seeking to purchase and develop property to use as a base of operations for those areas. This summer, we are looking forward to hosting a number of camp directors from around the world during THE WILDS Staff Training Week. Scheduled travel for this summer includes Togo, Alaska, and China. Thank you for taking interest in CampsAbroad!

For His Glory,

Matt Collier
Director, CampsAbroad