

June 19, 2006

Dear Friends,

This is what CampsAbroad is all about! Trevor Gearhart, program director at Northland Baptist Camp, and I just returned from the third CampsAbroad visit to Zambia. It will also be the last one for quite a while. Why? Because they don't need us—which is very exciting! It means that the local believers now have everything they need to continue running a quality Bible-centered camp for their local churches. In some ways they can do it better than we can because they know the language and culture so well. Even



God & I Time

this year we enjoyed staying in the back-ground with Missionary Nathan Washer while Pastor Makuka, Pastor Ken, Moses, Jonas, and others ran the show. We even took a short vacation one morning – intentionally staying in town until lunch so they would not be tempted to ask us for advice.

The Lord blessed the diligent efforts of the Washers and the camp staff, filling it to capacity mostly from surrounding villages. Sixteen young people trusted Christ that week. The next step for this camp is to acquire a permanent campsite that could be used to meet the ever expanding needs of the churches in the area. Please pray that the Lord would provide land and buildings for this incredible opportunity.

At the same time, 3,625 miles to the east in Trivandrum, India, Steve Stodola, assistant to the director at THE WILDS, and Todd Sasek, director of Southland Christian Camp, were ministering with another group of national men. Sheen Russell had attended the first camp we assisted in Cochin and returned to his home with the burden to establish a camp for his people. Steve and Todd built strong relationships with the national leaders and were able to lay a good foundation for future camps.

By all accounts, the young people had an incredible time and many good decisions were made for Christ, including 46 young people who trusted Christ during the week. We are attaching a report from Sheen.

Prayer requests: Fifteen guests registered to attend our staff training week at THE WILDS this summer. Please pray that this training will be profitable for

them in the future. Please continue to pray that the Lord will connect us with missionaries that are ready for assistance from CampsAbroad. Also, please remember the four trips that are scheduled for this summer.



Team Scoring

Thank you so much for showing interest in young people around the world.

In Christ,

Matt Collier

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Christian Youth Camp '06

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Christian Youth Camp that was held at the YMCA Campsite Utharamcode really went well, as we prayed and expected. This was the first time a five day camp was conducted by BBM with the help and guidance from the CampsAbroad ministry of THE WILDS. We thank God for providing the sports materials, study materials, preparation materials, and two great servants of our loving Lord to conduct this camp in the best systematic way. Brother Steve Stodola and Todd Sasek represented genuine Christian service and leadership as well as the vision of the CampsAbroad ministry of THE WILDS. They really modeled themselves in their philosophy and exemplified their faith in Christ by their willingness to do any work for the camp and adjust with the people in any situation.

We take it as a privileged opportunity to work in association with THE WILDS for the camping ministry, as well as express our special gratitude for Brother Matt Collier and family for all their kind effort to make this vision come true.

At this camp we had 138 campers including 27 day campers, 18 counselors, 2 program guys, 6 operational staff, and many other pastors and volunteers laboring to make it a real success. From all these campers, 46 people received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and four boys and one girl committed their lives for fulltime ministry. Most of the remaining campers made various decisions to be more fruitful for Christ and to get rid of their sinful habits. The classes by Brother Steve and Todd were so productive by the passion they showed and the tools they used. God used these classes and Staff Training Week to work in the hearts of the camp director, counselors, and staff.

Wednesday night was a special one in all our lives. The Holy Spirit moved in the hearts of many. We were amazed to see more than 36 boys and girls open their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for every good work He has done and for counting us His partners. We also express our heartiest thanks to THE WILDS for every special effort made to help us in this ministry. We trust and believe that with prayer the good Lord may help all of us to do more and more for His glory and honor. Please continue to pray for these newly born Christians as well.

With the above detailed prayer requests in mind, we would like to request you to continually pray for a permanent campsite and camping facility as soon as possible.

Thank You in Christ Jesus,

Brother Sheen Russell, Sr.
For BBM