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CampsAbroad – A Year in Review:

Where in the world did 2009 go? That's the question that I keep asking myself. As we look back with gratitude on the past year, we are also looking ahead with anticipation to what the Lord is going to accomplish through CampsAbroad in 2010. Sometimes it is beneficial to pause and consider the blessings of the year gone by—so here are a few highlights:

- CampsAbroad hosted 14 guests from 5 different countries this past summer during Staff Training Week at THE WILDS.
- The Brooks' and the Colliers visited 12 supporting churches in 2009. We praise the Lord for the faithful giving of so many who sustain the ministry of CampsAbroad! They truly keep us going.
- CampsAbroad held a training day for 18 full-time WILDS staff members this fall. The training was designed to better equip us to participate in future international ventures.
- Overall in 2009, CampsAbroad sent out 11 different groups consisting of 22 team members. Those numbers represent a lot of quality ministry!
- The blessing of helping launch two new camping programs in South America.
- The blessing of phasing out one camping program that will continue without us by God's grace.
- The blessing of investing in several "non-American" camp directors who are completely overseeing their respective camps.
- The privilege of helping to launch a "camping movement" on the island of Panay in the Philippines.



For me personally, watching the Lord work in the Philippines has been a huge blessing. Not only have many people been saved through the "e-camps" (as they have dubbed the evangelistically oriented weekend outreaches), but many churches are also experiencing revival as a result of this outreach. Watching the zeal and enthusiasm of these church leaders has been a great challenge and encouragement all at the same time. I wish we had room to insert some of the testimonies of area pastors in this newsletter. Suffice it to say that hundreds of young people have trusted Christ as a result of these efforts and are now starting to "grow in grace." Their leadership team continues to be swamped with requests to bring e-camping to different regions of the country. We are praying that God will open up many more opportunities in that region of the world.

As we look back over the past year of ministry, we can only echo Isaiah: *Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.* (Isaiah 42:12). That is our heart's desire for 2010 as well.

For the praise of His glory,

Matt Collier
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