



What a Summer!

During summer camp we have an opening rally to kick things off on Monday morning, 2 chapel services each day, and then a closing rally to wrap up the week on the last day. As the Chapel Coordinator part of my job is to help start each service.



One weekend in June, Evan and I were asked to help lead music at a worship night being hosted at our Haines camp. The night was filled with laughter, good food, and a beautiful evening spent by the water, across from a glacier, singing praises to our amazing Lord.



Countless times over the last 6 months I have said that I have the coolest job in the world. I get to spend my time helping lead others in worshipping our amazing God. What made my job even better this summer was that I got to do it alongside these amazing people. This was my worship team for the summer. It was comprised of counselors, wranglers, maintenance guys, kitchen ladies, full-time staff, and staff

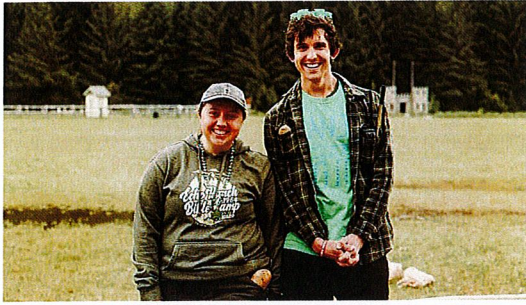
kids. Going into the summer, we realized pretty early on that our summer-staff was a very musical group. This not only was an answer to my ongoing prayer for at least a couple musicians to help this summer, but it also presented the opportunity to show so many different ways that we can worship the Lord. This summer, on our team, we had 15 singers, 6 pianists, 8 guitarists, 7 cajon players/drummers, 2 bassists, 2 violinists, 2 violists, a flutist, a trumpeter, a saxophonist, and an ASL interpreter. What a crew!! It was truly amazing, and such a blessing, getting to be a part of such a talented team that was able to show our campers, and our staff, that anything done for the glory of our Lord can be, and is, worship.

During our Passage Theology Camp we spent the week talking about worship and what that looks like. We also have an emphasis on service and the importance of helping others. One afternoon we were able to go help a small community by cutting firewood and cleaning off their new to them fire trucks so that they would be nice and shiny for the upcoming parade. It was such a blessing getting to work alongside these teens as they learned the joy of being the hands and feet of Christ.



During our Sr High camps, we have a massive paint war and then a slip and slide. Afterwards we are able to use the paint as an analogy for the sin in our lives and the slide representing how Christ washes us clean and makes us like new.

Our summer camps are split into 2 themes. This summer our June camps were all focused on the arts going with our theme Masterpiece, based off of 2 Corinthians 3:18, and our July camps were all focused on holidays going with our theme Rejoice, based off of Psalm 118:22-24. These are a few of the holidays we celebrated in July: St Patrick's Day, Boxing Day, Christmas, and Easter.



### Prayer Requests

- Prayers for our campers as they have returned home and started back at school and work, that they never forget that God is always with them.
- Prayers as our summer staff have also returned to school and work, that they will remember the life changing summer that they just had, and that they will be able to take that knowledge with them back into their everyday life.
- Prayers for our full-time staff as we are resting and recharging from a busy 6 months of ministry and that we will enter into our winter ministries excited and ready to continue sharing the good news of the Gospel with all that we meet.
- Prayers for me as I continue support raising to be able to move to Alaska and live there full-time so that I can begin doing ministry there year-round.

### Praises

- It was an amazing spring/summer/fall at camp. We had 1,004 campers this summer and 988 retreaters during our spring and fall retreat seasons.
- We gave out over 80 Bibles this summer to campers who didn't have one but desired to take one home.
- We had an amazing team this summer comprised of our full-time staff, summer staff, support staff, and in-town couples.

### **Join My Team!**

In the Great Commission God has called everyone to "go therefore and make disciples". For some this calling is for them to go to other places and physically be a part of different ministries. But, for others, this calling is to help them go. I am asking you to join my team in helping me go. Right now, I go back and forth between Kentucky and Alaska, every 6 months, to work at camp. But the end goal is to be in Alaska year-round. This, however, cannot happen until I am 100% financially supported.

#### **I am currently at 25% of my financial goal.**

Would you prayerfully consider joining my ministry team as a monthly financial partner? Together we can follow God's call to go into the world and help make disciples.

If you have any questions or want to discuss things further, please feel free to contact me any time via email at [anna.boyles@avmi.org](mailto:anna.boyles@avmi.org) or call/text at (502)598-7380.

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