

BODLIEN HEADLINES

Summer 2025 Recap

We have just wrapped up our 2025 summer camp season in New York. At the Ranch (elementary campers) and the Ridge (middle school campers) we had a theme of "Wanted: Dead and Alive" teaching campers that God wants a living relationship with them even when they were dead in their sins. Romans 5:10 our theme verse states: *"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."*

We had an amazing team this summer and learned and grew together as the summer progressed. Summer camp season always presents many challenges, but God is faithful to bring us through each trial and shower us with many blessings at the same time. This was our third year back at camp in the USA and we have never seen such a huge response to the Gospel ever before! God is working powerfully through the Ranch and Ridge to reach children and middle schoolers for Christ! We have been sure to attribute all of the glory and thanks to God who strengthened and enabled us each step of the way. As it says in Psalm 115:1 *"Not to us, Oh Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all of the glory."*



Ranch & Ridge- 1,976 Campers * 1,147 Dedications *
553 Responded to the Gospel

Fall Plans

Throughout the fall, Mark will be traveling, speaking and promoting summer and winter camp for 2026. We will be in the mid-west as well as the northeast connecting with leaders and inviting them to be a part of a Word of Life Camp experience. In our own local area, we will participate at regional events and festivals and Christian schools with students from the Word of Life Bible Institute to get the word out in our own area about our summer camp options. Please pray for safety as we travel.



Word of Life Camp: Now in California!



After much prayer, Word of Life is thrilled to share that we have acquired Jenness Park Christian Camp, a 160-acre retreat in Cold Springs, CA! This acquisition strengthens our mission to evangelize and disciple youth, expanding our reach to millions on the West Coast. This is the same facility that we have been renting for a few years in the winter for Intersect camp. Jenness Park's facilities—cabins, ponds, lodges, and so much more—will become our newest hub for Youth Ministries, summer & winter camps and retreats. Please pray

for this new endeavor as some staff are relocating there and a new team is formed to launch this exciting new initiative! God has been good to provide this camp property to Word of Life so we can expand our reach into a part of the country that desperately needs the message of the Gospel.

Family Updates and Prayer

- Mark and Joanna- Pray that we make a good transition to a new year of homeschooling and lead our kids well and motivate them to do their best in all areas of life. Pray for us as we have a high school senior in the home now and transition from parenting a child to coaching a young adult.
- Bekah and Nicole- just finished another summer serving the Lord and serving campers in Camp Crew. Pray for them this fall as they balance home school, jobs and a thriving social life:)
- Abi and Ellie- Were very active this summer at camp helping everywhere they can with the horses as well as in Arts and Crafts. Normal life during the school year probably seems a lot less exciting to them than summer camp season.
- We desire to own a home in the Schroon Lake area, please pray that the Lord makes a way when there seems to be no way.
- Summer Camp, while full of blessings, takes it's toll on us physically, emotionally and mentally. We will spend the last weeks of August in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan visiting friends and family. Pray that this is an enjoyable and restful time!

