



Fall 2015

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Recapping Another Great Summer

By Carla Besco
Program Director

Here I sit once again at the end of a fast and furious summer! Seems like you plan and pray for months on end and in the blink of an eye, 9 weeks of Summer Camp has flown by!

Each year we try to keep our eyes focused on what the goal is! We try not to be distracted by all the small details and just live in the moment... that moment that God has planned for each and every person who comes through our gates.

The second Monday in June is such an exciting time. We are pumped and ready to hit the ground running. You can feel the excitement in the air! Registration is to begin at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon but by 11:30 we have busses full of campers coming through the gates. The smiles, laughter, running, jumping, and overall excitement is hard to put into words. We are always amazed at what is about to happen! Now at the end of summer we stand amazed at what God has actually done.

This year I would like to just give you some bullet shots of memories from this summer:

God at Work in 2015

Salvation	626	Questions	37
Rededication	198	Call to Mission	22
GRAND TOTAL 883 DECISIONS			

- 5 different balloon sculptures over seven feet high were delivered to build a "Bridge" on the stage.
- 1 giant (6ft) chicken came to live at Camp Copass.
- 6 carnivals have come and gone
- 800+ crazy hair dos have been done
- 1000+ faces have been painted
- 3000+ snow cones have been made
- 500 Frito Pies were consumed
- 900 campers bungee jumped
- 3000 games of GAGA ball were played
- 500 balloons were popped by a camp Pastor
- 5 weeks of Camp Copass Scavenger Hunts
- 5 nights of Bubble Soccer were played (hilarious)
- a few thousand cupid shuffles were danced to
- a few creatures really wanted to join in the fun of overnight campers
- 5 Guatemala presentations were made

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Making Room for 144 More - Kid Warehouse

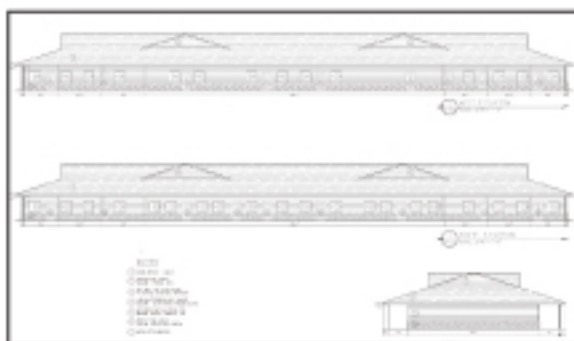
By Brad Springer
Camp Manager

This much needed dorm will sleep 144 people and includes 2 meeting areas and a kitchen. What a great asset to Camp Copass this will be as it will allow more kids to come to camp...which means more kids will hear about Jesus and be saved! That is the reason why we are building this dorm and why we would like to build it soon!



This building will cost \$780,000 and we have already raised \$82,000 of that amount. We would like to break ground and get started once we have raised half of the cost of the building.

I ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to this project. You can donate online at www.campcopass.com or you can mail a check to: Camp Copass 8200 E. McKinney St., Denton, TX 76208 with "Building 144" in the memo area of your check. 100% of your donation will go toward the new facility!



Summer Staff Makes it Happen!



By Matt Keller
Summer Staff Director

Every summer presents a unique set of challenges at Camp Copass, and God always provides a summer staff to match those challenges. Summer Staff Orientation began this year while the camp was briefly closed due to high lake levels.

We began training the staff in faith that we would be able to open the following week, and God provided as the rain stopped and we were allowed to open. The thirty-one college students were trained in customer

service, ministry skills, and first aid.

They also endured a crash course in packing sandbags and cleaning up debris from the flood, skills that proved valuable throughout the summer. They worked hard and served God's people faithfully, all the while having fun and forming friendships that will last a lifetime.

These exceptional young people were diverse in abilities and background, but the Holy Spirit forged them into a team that had an eternal impact on His people. Thank You, 2015 Summer Staff, for allowing God to use you in such a mighty way.



God Thrived During the Flood of 2015

By Danny Martin
Maintenance Director

What a great summer we had this year, even with all of the fiery darts that were thrown at us. We finished the remodeling of the Love Dorm....we heard everyone loved Love (pun intended!)

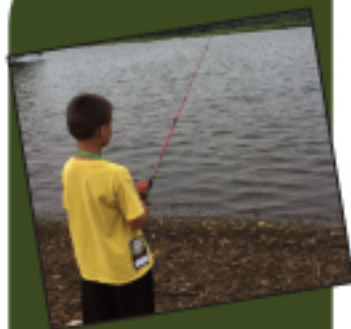
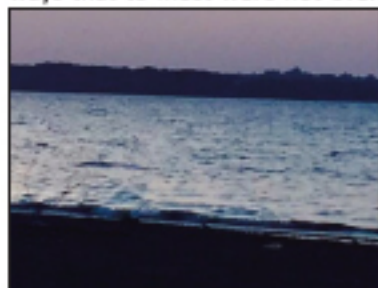
Then the flood waters came and took over! The waters claimed our new 9 hole Frisbee golf course, but the bright side is that it will be new next year too! It claimed our Ropes course for nine weeks. It was completely unuseable except for

the climbing wall. See, God took care of us there also! It claimed a lot of our fishing holes....a lot of water might look like good fishing but it also means a lot of trees! It affected our Dining Hall in many ways that to most were not even

seen....but using paper plates and plastic silverware for three meals a day for camps of 800 was a daily challenge.

With all that having been said, God was so gracious to us and I feel we had one of the most spiritual summers ever. Our situation could have discouraged campers and counselors, but God proved himself Strong once again as we witnessed the Holy Spirit at work all summer.

Thank each and every one of you that prayed for us during the flood of water and the flood of campers. God indeed is able!!



Making a Difference in Guatemala

**By Denise Springer
Office Manager**

The Body of Christ was very real to each of us on our first Guatemalan mission trip this past December. For the trip to come together, it took each one of us fulfilling the role given to us by the Lord. For me, that mostly consisted of pre-trip preparation, organization, and planning. By the time we arrived in Honduras, went through two check points, and arrived in Rio Dulce (along with the luggage, bibles, crafts, shirts, etc.) I could finally take a deep breath, relax and look forward to seeing the Lord work in the lives and hearts of the Guatemalan children!

So, once again the pre-trip preparation has begun for Mission Guatemala 2016! We are planning to go back to the Rio Dulce area and continue the work the Lord has given us to do.

This summer we were able to show each of our campers the video from Guatemala, as well as take offerings for the mission trip. Our campers and churches blessed us this summer with \$8,971.03 that will go toward the trip! Just like last year, we plan to give a Bible, a backpack, and a t-shirt to every child who comes to camp. It was such a blessing to see how the children treasured their new bibles, wore their t-shirts with excitement, and kept all their camp crafts safe inside their new backpacks!

The Summer Staffers who are going with us are writing letters trying to raise the funds for the trip. We are asking each staffer to raise \$1,800.00. There are a lot of expenses in a trip like this. We transport everything by boat (water, food, supplies, and even the cooks!) We hire boat drivers to pick up children from 6 different villages and take them to the camp location. If you feel led to give to this trip, you can go online at www.campcopass.com and follow the link to donate to Mission Guatemala. Or you can send a check to: Camp Copass 8200 E. McKinney St., Denton, TX 76208 (be sure to put Guatemala on the memo line).



Here is our team for Mission Guatemala 2016 – Please pray for our team and for the Lord to direct us!



Senior Adult Day 2015

**Tuesday October 6th
10:00am - 3:30pm**

- 10:00 - 10:30 Registration in the Auditorium
- 10:30 - 11:50 Welcome and Program
- 11:50 - 12:00 Break
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 - 3:30 Special Program, Door Prizes and Closing Thoughts



**RSVP to 940-565-0050
www.campcopass.com**

There is no fee for this event. • A love offering will be taken.

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Summer 2015



Camp Copass Partners with Mission Denton

By Lisa Robertson
Mission Denton Director

Camp Copass Youth Camp has been partnering with Mission Denton for the last three years. We offer our youth campers a missions opportunity right here in their own backyards. The campers have the opportunity to lead backyard Bible clubs at 3 mobile home communities in Denton.

Around 35 students and some adult workers brought Bible Stories, music, games, snacks and the love of Christ to the children and adults in these neighborhoods. One afternoon a couple of students did face painting and balloon animals for the children to



enjoy. A fun time was had by all.

How blessed our community was by the youth who were willing to give

up other fun activities to be the hands and feet of Christ to those who need to know him!!

Another One in the Books

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- a few cricket-eating contests were held with the Camp Pastor
- 1000's of new friendships were made
- 40 worship services were held
- 3000 hands were raised in worship
- 500+ decisions were made to follow Christ during our worship services
- countless other seeds were planted in the hearts of the campers

The last few bullets on this list tend to bring us full circle every summer. 500+ hearts were open to receive salvation ... to become part of the family of God! This is a clear reminder of the very important part that we can play in the hearts of everyone who enters these gates. May we always be on target to lead the campers to the "Bridge" made by Christ's death and resurrection.

That's another one in the books! Sure am glad that I get to be a part of it!



A Shout out to the Kitchen Crew

By Jeremy Holland
King of the Giant Chicken

The Dining Hall is the hub of Camp Copass for groups and staff, it is where they come to fellowship while they eat, have devotions, or just to get a snack. Behind the scenes it takes a lot of work to feed so many people and keep things organized. Pictured are the ladies that make these things possible. They constantly are working tirelessly as a part of our ministry provided here. Brad's favorite saying is "if the cooks ain't happy ain't nobody happy!"

From all of us here at Camp Copass we wanted to put them front and center! Thank you so much ladies for your never ending dedication to Camp Copass! We love you and Thank you!!!



Save the Date

Check us out at
www.campcopass.com
for more information

2016 Dates

May 2-4
June 13-17
July 4-8
July 11-15
July 15-16
July 18-22
July 25-29

Keenage Kamp
GA/RA Camp
Youth Camp
TREK I
Mini Camp
TREK II
TREK III



To plan a weekend retreat for your ministry group in 2016, contact toni@campcopass.com.
We are praying about adding another week of Preteen or Youth camp in the month of June. Please pray with us; we value your opinion!
For more information, contact carla@campcopass.com.



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Brad's Corner



This has been the year of Survival!

The floods came down and the waters reached higher levels than I ever thought possible. Yes, we were flooded! The sewer system was out of order and we had to close the camp for 2 weeks while we pumped out and repaired the sewer lines.

I tell the staff each year to get ready because the enemy will be shooting fiery darts at us because he hates what we do here at Camp Copass. This year he rolled a boulder at us, but he still can't win.

We survived with a great staff and Board of Directors. Thanks for all of your prayers as God uses Camp Copass for His Glory!

~ Brad

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