



The Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

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Dear Pastors and Church Leaders

Lake Springfield Baptist Camp is experiencing a renaissance of growth, blessing and excitement! As the new camp board president, please allow me to share some of the Camp's good news with you.

First, our camp managers of the past two years, Doug and Jennifer Brady, are a huge part of our success. They are doing a spectacular job of running the Springfield camp. The number of campers is at its highest level in recent history and many young people are experiencing new life in Jesus Christ. With the arrival of the Brady's, God has blessed us with excellent on-site leadership.

Doug and Jennifer moved into the tiny manager's house in early 2009 with their three little boys. They took this sacrificial move because they felt called by God to serve the churches of the Great Rivers Region. This summer they were blessed with a baby girl, making a total of six people living in a home designed for two. In July, water flooded their home and mold began to grow. At that point your new camp board took decisive action.

We announced the need to build a new house to a limited circle of friends and churches. Now, in October, we have enough funding to begin construction and it is scheduled to start any day. Praise the Lord!

God is so good. We give him all of the praise and glory for the positive developments at our beautiful Springfield camp. In upcoming months we face a new challenge - refurbishing our dilapidated 60-year-old swimming pool. In the next few weeks, we will begin telling you more about the challenges and needs to return our pool to operation.

For now, thank you for your prayers and your participation in our camping programs. Lake Springfield Baptist Camp is your camp and my camp and together we can look forward to great years ahead as we reach young people for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

Pastor Jim Harper
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