

From the Desk
of Betty Hoover. . .
July - August 2009



Dear Friends, Family, and Prayer Partners,

“We want to come back here next year because you have **the cross of Christ as your focus,**” requested the youth pastor from a church in Virginia. The church had brought a bus load of both workers and campers to CEF’s Camp Good News in Livermore Falls, ME. Another large group from RI and CT also had come to serve for a week. A special group of young people and their leaders from Salem Baptist, my home church in Winston-Salem, NC, also visited Camp Good News that weekend before heading further north to work at Camp Jireh, Central Maine’s day camp. Their participation in the morning service at Camp Good News and in the evening service at Hemon Baptist was a special blessing to me.

River of Life Bible Camp, where I had already taught Bible classes for one week, was having day camp as well. Thus I spend some of the week at Hermon and taught the first Bible lesson. David Ashburn, our youth pastor, taught the rest of the week while our young people did the missionary story, memory verse, review game, etc. They were also counselors for the four teams of campers and led them in various games and activities. Praise God for their **good week of ministry with CEF of Central Maine.**

Today is another rainy Friday as both camps complete their weeks of ministry. Our Salem team will head out late today for CT and then arrive home on Saturday. I am using time for catch-up today here in my camper at River of Life and am not aware of any leaks. Hurrah! Next week I’ll teach Bible in our last week at River of Life Bible Camp, a small camp run by CEF of Maine.

I’ll have a week before picking up Crystal Wilson at Camp Good News and making our way southward. Pain from my back down my leg makes it very difficult to sit for very long and especially to drive. I am grateful for an appointment with a Christian chiropractor, to whom a number of our CEF staff go. **I’m trusting for some relief before time to travel.**

We rejoice in God’s safety and blessings - the salvation decisions of the summer ministries and the impact on lives of the campers **as the cross of Christ shines forth in lives and message to impact** children for eternity. I praise my Lord for His provisions, financially, physically, and spiritually and look forward to a fruitful completion of the season. Thanks so much for your interest and prayers.

For my Prayer Partners:

Pray:

- Genuine **decisions for Christ** next week at River of Life Bible Camp as I teach and also at our other camps as well
- **Relief from pain** from my back down my leg before my trip south; wisdom for Dr. Anderson in helping me
- Continuing **good health, safety, and strength**
- God’s hand upon **Crystal Wilson** in her last weeks of serving as senior counselor at Camp Good News through August 8th
- **God’s work in the lives of all the young people** who have worked with us, encouraging them to continue for the Lord



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