



# CAMP CONQUEST

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Dear Camp Friends,

As we approach November, it is time to evaluate the budget in preparation for 2009. I am excited to share with you some of the things I found out as we take time to evaluate the ministry season of 2008 from a financial perspective.

- In 2007 our summer camp (10 week) occupancy was 50%. In 2008 in that same time frame it was 75%.
- Our 2007 Grace Brethren church camps were 76% and in 2008 they went up to 85%.
- From Sept 1, 2006 to Aug 31, 2007 our rental fee income was \$50,000. From Sept 1, 2007 to Aug 31, 2008 our rental fee income jumped to \$99,000.
- Horse program cost about \$21K and brought in about \$15K in fees and donations. Actual hit to the operation budget was 6K out of the 10K we allocated.
- Food Cost: 2008 - \$31.31 p/camper, 2007 - \$32.69 – an amazing fact as raw food prices have increased our actual costs came down \$1.38 per camper.
- In 2007 we awarded \$1,970 in need based campership funds. In 2008 we awarded \$2,780.
- So far in 2008 God provided \$278,633 in contribution income. Most of that was designated to pay off Sprecher Lodge, the Directors Residence and to start the building of Lutz Lodge.
- The 2008 Operations Budget was \$262,000.

Wow, what a mighty God we serve. And what a mighty support team we have. Thank you for your part in this ministry of evangelism and discipleship in the camp setting. And thank you for your gift to Camp Conquest this month.

Serving with you at camp,

Michael R. Gehlert  
Executive Director

“for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.”  
Ephesians 4:12