

Stony Glen News

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2,000

rental guests have come to the Camp this year alone, from

39

different churches, schools, and ministry groups,

12

of which are new to the camp this year

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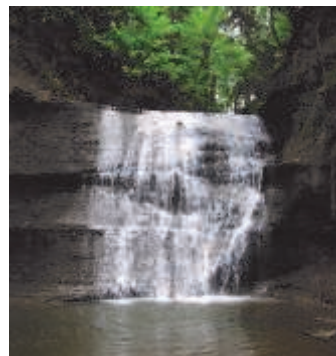
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From Jim's Desk

Well, it's an exciting time to be alive and involved in Christian camping ministry! It has been neat to see God move in the hearts and lives of the campers who have spent time here over the past year. We have been so blessed by the churches, schools, Bible studies, and Sunday School classes that bring groups out to disciple one another, share the gospel, and pursue everything that God has for them.

In fact, this year we have seen record numbers of campers and user groups coming out to Stony Glen! Number-wise, it has been

our biggest year since before the recession began in 2007 and 2008. We are thrilled that in a typical weekend, we have a full camp with multiple groups booked. Some campers come from as close as our own town



of Madison, others come from the Greater Cleveland and Akron area, and still others from around the world, including a recent conference that brought people from Uganda, Thailand, New Zealand, Maryland, and Florida to learn about the Father's heart of love for them. We continue to see God change people's lives as they meet with Him—surrounded by His beautiful creation—and in the quietness, hear His voice. Thanks for being a part of the ministry of Stony Glen Camp!

For His glory, Jim

Dining Hall: Ultimate Makeover Edition

Early in 2008, we undertook the first phase of an extensive Dining Hall Renovation project to upkeep and update the Dining Hall—the most heavily used and visible building on the property. To date, we have completed both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project successfully.

In Phase 1, we demolished existing windows, removed cracked vinyl floor tiles and tore out the old interior low-structural ceiling. Next, we installed a wood vaulted

ceiling, lighting and ceiling fans, a concrete floor with stain concrete finish, commercial windows, exterior wood siding, and a large, exterior, wheelchair-accessible, wood deck.

During Phase 2 of the project, we tore out our old, outdated restroom and storage facilities and replaced them with a 522 sq. ft. addition that includes fully-accessible restrooms and expanded storage.

We are still waiting for Health De-

partment and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval to complete the third and final stage of our Dining Hall renovation project (please see the article on page 5 to learn how you can pray for this more specifically). However, during Phase 3, we plan to update our kitchen facilities and bring the entire kitchen area up to recently revised Health Department and Building Department codes. *(continued on page 3)*

Welcome Center Update Once we finish with the Dining Hall, we still intend to replace the Rec Hall with a new Welcome Center. While the timeline has been extended, we look forward to how the renovated Dining Hall, new Philippians Building (see page 7), and Welcome Center will prepare main camp for many more years of ministry.

Phipps Family Update

“Camp is a place to get away from the world and stresses of life...it’s like being able to take a deep breath and feel the stress melt away.”

~ Summer Camper

Our God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow and yet we are ever changing, growing, and being challenged in our physical and spiritual lives.

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4)

It seems the years are flying right by and the kids are growing up too fast! This is the first year that they are all in school and they are all doing great!

Our oldest, Coleton, is 9 and is in 4th grade this year. He loves playing soccer year round, and he just started taking guitar lessons.

Hallie is 8 years old and is in 3rd grade. She is our little country girl, and she loves taking swim and piano lessons.

Brenna, our youngest daughter, is 6



years old and is in Kindergarten. She is the girly-girl of the family and really enjoys taking ballet and swim lessons.

We both continue to keep busy with camp life and the kids’ busy schedules. We are always so thankful to our Lord for each of you and your support through prayer and finances. We are truly blessed beyond measure.

~ David and Tiffany

The Patrick



In 2009, we built a cabin in memory of Bob Patrick, a man who loved God and served at Stony Glen Camp for over 30 years. He was in charge of the summer camp craft program for Christian Service Brigade for many years, spending at least three weeks at the camp each summer, along with his wife, Connie. Connie ran the camp store and spent countless hours working in the

camp kitchen. Bob also worked in the Christian Service Brigade Program at Goss Memorial Church in Akron for over 30 years. Bob passed away on New Year’s Eve in 2006 and after much prayer and discussion, the Patrick family and the Stony Glen Camp Board of Trustees decided to begin building “The Patrick Memorial Cabin,” fondly referred to as, “The Patrick.”

The Patrick has helped our ministry out in a couple key ways. It has helped our summer camp programs retain their vital leadership team and support staff by providing a comfortable place to spend several weeks of the summer. It has also served as a catalyst for bringing in small women’s retreats to use our facilities. This year-round, first-class building has also attracted pastoral/church staff, elder boards, and full-time ministry leaders and their families to come away from their busy schedules and refocus, pray, seek the Lord, plan for the future, and spend quality family time together. We are so thankful for the long-time service of Bob and Connie Patrick, as well as the legacy that they are leaving through The Patrick. We are so excited to offer this cabin free of charge for weekday retreats for full-time ministry leaders, teams, and their families. We often have several retreats scheduled in The Patrick every month, and we are excited to see how God will use the time that our leaders spend there to further His Kingdom work!

Dining Hall: Ultimate Makeover Edition (continued)

Specifically, we will replace the oven hood to meet code requirements, replace the current floors with new concrete flooring and floor drains, replace the ceiling to meet code requirements and increase ventilation, replace the counters with counters that meet code requirements, and replace the windows to provide better ventilation and increase natural lighting. We have already relocated the dishwashing area to reduce distractions during eating and teaching session times, and to make room for a drink and salad station

Throughout the years, we have always seen that ministry time at camp does not happen simply during teaching sessions and formal Bible study periods. In fact, many of the most powerful ministry times happen around tables in the Dining Hall as people connect, talk, and build relationships. Additionally, the Dining Hall is often the place where Stony Glen staff members make the most contact with our user groups - a critical piece in ensuring that their needs are met and that their ministry goals are being supported.



Volunteer Profile: Alan Syczewski

We call Alan one of our “Tuesday guys” because has been volunteering at Stony Glen nearly every Tuesday for the last two years. When Alan retired from his work at ADT Security, he was excited that he could finally spend more time at the camp, volunteering in many capacities in any given week. His favorite things are repairing and building things (and his least favorite is painting—which he still

does wholeheartedly).

Before Alan started volunteering here every week, he helped out on many service projects at Stony Glen over the years. His long-term commitment to the camp illustrates his love for the ministry and for the Lord. He is convinced that God gave him gifts and skills for a reason, and he is determined not to let them go to waste! He encourages

people who are interested in volunteering to use the spiritual gifts that God has given them and do something that fits! Cleaning windows is just as important as digging ditches and preaching sermons. Every part of the Body of Christ is vital! In fact, there’s some painting I’m sure he’d like some help with!

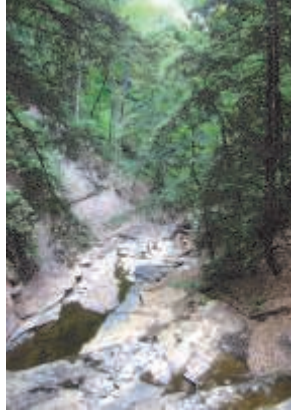
Alan is married to his lovely wife, Mary Anne, and has four children (Aaron, Josh, Rose, and Nate). He currently attends Lifehouse Church in Leroy. Thanks, Alan, for all you do!



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Cathedral Falls



Down in the Glen



The fire ring above the Glen



Campers making a joyful noise in the chapel



More falls



The new fire ring outside the Dining Hall



What a change! The chapel in 2003, then in 2009, and now in 2013



Can you spot the new waterslide at the lake?



Our new Kubota tractor



Some newly finished A-frame renovations: outdoor painting, the main sleeping area, and the entryway bench



Some of our many faithful volunteers

Lapish Family Update

325 campers and 56

staff members came to Stony Glen for summer camp with Cedarbrook Camp of Ohio

along with

366 campers and staff

members came to Stony Glen for summer camp with Christian Service Brigade.

Together, over

50 made decisions for Christ,

and over 15 met him for the first time!



Our family has experienced a lot of transitions over the past several years, especially with several of our older children moving out of the house to start families and lives of their own.

Our oldest, Brittany (25), married Charles Wilhelm five years ago and they now have two beautiful children – Elia (4) and Zeke (20 months). They currently live in Painesville, help with a recent church plant in Madison, and are still pursuing their calling to be overseas missionaries. Charles just began paramedic training and plans to start nursing school next year, so they both covet your prayers as they dedicate themselves to serving the Lord and raising children who know and love God too. In 2011, Alyse (24), our second daughter, married her husband, Ryan Nevil, who serves as a pastor at another local church leading the youth, young adult, and outreach ministries. They just had a baby – Giovanni (8 months) – and are excited to see what God has planned for him and his brother Elijah (7) as their family grows and continues in full-time ministry. Our third daughter, Olivia (23), and her husband, Steve McCormick, are both still in the area as well. Olivia works

as a nurse's aide in the ICU of a nearby hospital and Steve graduated from Ohio Technical College as a high performance race mechanic and holds a job in that field.

Our boys, Sam (20), Phil (19), and Caleb (18), have now all completed high school and are each pursuing their different dreams. Sam is working on a degree in Early Childhood Education from Lakeland Community College and Kent State University. He has done a great job balancing school, work, and ministry activities – leading worship services at the psychiatric ward at a local hospital and at many different events throughout Northeast Ohio for the past couple years. Phil graduated from Auburn Career Center's welding program. He has been using his God-given abilities to work with his hands as a welder by day and as a farmhand by night. Phil's diligence, dedication to hard work, and servant's heart are an inspiration to many around him. Caleb graduated from high school and completed an apprenticeship at a lutherie (guitar-making) shop this year. He now works as a craftsman

luthier at this shop in Akron and is using his musical and artistic talents to create instruments and play music at local churches and ministry events.

Our four youngest children, Elisabeth (16), Caroline (15), Angelee (13), and Gianna (11) are growing up fast too! Elisabeth just started her junior year of high school and is enrolled in Auburn Career Center's Interactive Multimedia Technology program. Her dream is to become an interpreter for the deaf and hearing impaired. Caroline is sophomore in high school and is a blooming photographer with a gift to see and capture beauty. She wants to live in Europe and be a photographer when she gets older. Angelee is in the eighth grade and has the voice of an angel. She would like to pursue a career in the medical field when she graduates. Gianna is 11 going on 30 – our youngest with a flair for the dramatic. She loves children and would like to be a nanny when she grows up.

We have been really enjoying this season of life of being both parents and grandparents. Our house is still a hub of activity with people coming and going all the time. We are so blessed to live in a beautiful place, surrounded by people that we care about, serving the God we love. We are also very grateful for our church family and pastors at Painesville Assembly of God, who have been wonderfully supportive of our family and the camp since we started attending a couple years ago.

Thank you so much for your love, support, and prayers for our family! ~ Jim and Marisa

Coming Soon!

The Philippians Building

In loving memory of a dedicated pastor, husband, father, and past board member, this building next to the current camp store will feature a needed space for teaching, prayer, and worship. It will also contain the new camp store.



Don't Just Take Our Word For It!

"Stony Glen has always had a special place in my heart. From my salvation as a young girl, to a rededication years later, God has always met me there in a life-changing way. I'm looking forward to many more years of camping at the Glen!" ~ *Labor Day Family Weekend Camper*

"I love being in nature and strengthening my walk to prepare to go back to school."
~ *Summer Camper*

"Camp is something I look forward to as soon as I leave it. It is a safe atmosphere where I can be myself and grow closer to God. The friends I have made there have become closer than family and a huge peace comes when I pass under the Stony Glen sign on the way in. The work being done in everyone's lives there is amazing"
~ *Summer Camp Counselor*

"I plan on bringing Jimmy, Brice Ryan, and....next year!" ~ *Summer Camper*

2014 Summer Camp Dates

Christian Service Brigade at Stony Glen:

Grades 3-6
Week 1: June 22-28
Half week: June 29-July 1

Grades 7-12
Jr. Counselor training: June 8-14
Week 1: June 8-14
Week 2: June 15-21

Father-Son Camps
Grades 1-2: June 29-July 1
Grades 3-6: June 29-July 1
Grades 7-12: June 15-21
Weekend Getaway: June 27-29

Father-Daughter Camps
July 6-8

Cedarbrook Camp of Ohio at Stony Glen:

Girls' Camp:
Week 1: July 13-19
Week 2: July 20-26
Week 3: July 27-August 2

Boys' Camp:
Week 4: August 3-9

Special Prayer Request

One pressing issue facing the Camp right now has to do with our waste treatment systems. We were recently informed by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that we will need to update our septic management systems to bring everything up to current code. We have to either install two

new complete septic packaging plants (one for the main camp septic needs and the other for the A-frame side of camp) or two new soil-release systems which could be more cost-effective over the long run.

The cost of these modifications will

be quite extensive. Please pray with us that God will provide for whatever the EPA requires us to do. We know that God is always faithful to answer our prayers—many times before we even ask. If you would like to make a contribution to help us cover this upcoming expense, we would greatly appreciate it!

Get Involved!

Pray:

We believe in the power of prayer! Please pray for more salvations, re-dedications, and discipleship to occur among our campers. Pray for the camp staff and Board of Directors as we continue to operate this camping ministry. Pray for the safety and enjoyment of the new and returning groups who stay at our facility. Pray for blessings and safety for our volunteers and service project groups. Pray for God to be glorified in all that is done here at Stony Glen!

Give:

Stony Glen Camp is a nonprofit organization, and we would love to add you as a financial supporter. Your donation could provide a scholarship

for a camper in need, to build and repair things around the camp, to purchase equipment, and to cover staffing costs. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Volunteer:

Come out and get in on the action! We always have projects to work on—from cleaning buildings to serving food, digging ditches, painting buildings, repairing equipment, and **everything in between**. If you're interested in some hands-on service time, we would love to get you plugged in here. Come by yourself, with a friend, or as part of a group!

Bring a group:

If you lead or are a part of a Christian group that would benefit from some time with God at the Glen, we would love to schedule you in sometime. We have spring, fall, and winter spots open for both weekdays and weekends throughout the year. Come



Father and son Gary and Seth Allen

away from the busy chaos of life and make time for some meaningful time with the Lord.

Bring a leadership team:

We want to be a blessing to pastors, elders, leaders, and your families! We know how hard it can be for people in full-time ministry to get away sometimes, but we also know that it is important to have visioning time, bonding time, and family time. If that sounds like something you need, please come out and enjoy some time at the Camp, free of charge for those in full-time ministry!



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