

# Stony Glen News

## A glimpse of camp's future

Projects include Welcome Center, restrooms for Don's Place and a Shower House expansion

If you've seen Jim Lapish lately, he may have shown you drawings of a new building to serve as the camp's central hub. Plans for the Welcome Center -- coupled with some generous offers of materials and labor -- have come together in recent months to start making this dream a reality.

It will have two stories and be built where the camp store is now, and feature a large conference room for groups to use. We had hoped to put new restrooms and showers there, too, though health officials say that part will have to wait because of capacity issues with the septic system. We can, however, add restrooms and showers to Don's Place and to the existing Shower



House. The heaviest load is currently on the A-frame side of camp, so Jim hopes we can start by adding them to Don's Place beginning in late summer or early fall. Soon after that we hope to follow up with adding space to the just-freshened Shower House.

And there's more news: Just as we were finishing this newsletter, we received word of a new cabin to be built in memory of Bob Patrick, who passed into glory on New Year's Eve. It will have separate rooms to house summer camp staff, and staff from groups that

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### 2007

#### SUMMER CAMP DATES

**Christian Service Brigade:**  
June 10 to July 10

**Ohio Camp Cherith:**  
July 15 to Aug. 11

**Liberty Bible Deaf Camp:**  
August 12-17

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## Praises, for changed lives

Last summer, we had more than 30 campers make first-time professions of faith, counting kids at Christian Service Brigade, Ohio Camp Cherith and our late-summer Liberty Bible Deaf Camp for the hearing impaired and the deaf. Even more children and teens rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Occasionally, church groups and others share feedback after they get home. We thought we'd share this letter:



*I just wanted to let you know we had a great time at camp. ... We were excited to see two girls give their lives to Jesus at the Sunday morning service. The Saturday night chapel service was also awesome. In a popcorn prayer time, girls really prayed from their hearts. Many of them prayed for friends to come to know Jesus. One of the girls prayed, "Thank you God, because tomorrow is my first spiritual birthday. I pray that you would bless this camp. I love this camp, because a year ago I found you here. Now I pray for my friends that they would also come to love you." The prayers of these girls brought some of our leaders to tears.*



Please pray that these young people continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

# A look at what's new

In the past couple of years, we've seen completion of several important projects at camp:

1. The **Carl Smith Chapel** is a newly enclosed, year-round facility, with windows on the sides to take advantage of summer breezes, and a gas log fireplace and gas radiant heat in the floor to make it comfortable in the winter.

2. An interior overhaul of the existing **shower house** is nearly complete, with new ceramic tile, counters, high-quality toilets and a commercial-grade exhaust vent. We're excited about plans to add additional space -- most likely to the back -- to help handle the needs on our busiest days!

3. An addition to **horse barn** -- as soon as it was done, it immediately provided shelter for campers during a rainstorm -- and an addition to the camp garage. Fun fact: We cut our bill for \$4,000 worth of lumber to \$700 by using the wood from our own tulip trees!

4. We've just completed our second year using the new **Nurse's Dispensary**, which has been a big blessing.



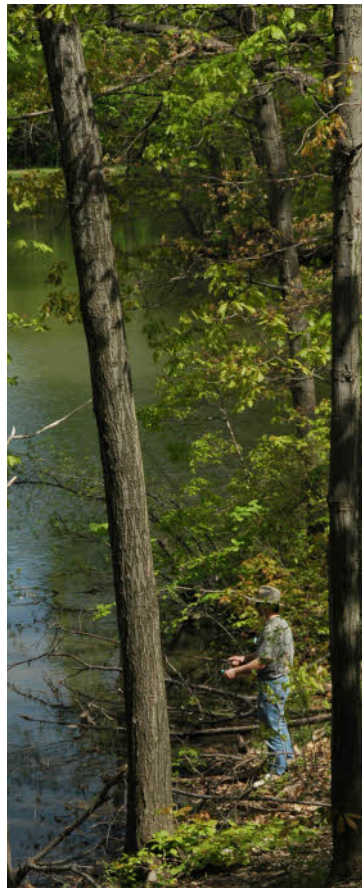
5. Spring of 2006 saw final completion of a project that Carl Smith long ago dreamed of: **steps to the Glen**. Within weeks after Brigade boys and men from The Chapel finished the bottom step, a July storm blew over a big tree on the stairs. It took out part of the railing and damaged the observation deck, but we look forward to repairs being completed.

## Our Mission Statement:

Stony Glen Camp exists to support local ministries in fulfilling the Great Commission by providing a God-glorifying camp setting for bringing people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and making disciples of men, women and children.

### **The purpose of Stony Glen Camp is to provide a place set apart...**

- Where God's invisible qualities --- his eternal power and divine nature --- can be clearly understood from what has been made so that men are without excuse and glorify Him. **(Romans 1:20-21)**
- Where creation itself would teach that God is Creator and holds the life and breath of every creature and all mankind, that the Lord Himself would be sought after for wisdom, power, counsel and understanding. **(Job 12:7-13)**
- Where the name of Jesus can be preached freely and salvation can be found in Him. **(Acts 4:12; John 14:6; John 3:16)**
- Where people can rest and pray, following Jesus' example. **(Mark 6:31,46 Matthew 11:28-30;14:23)**
- Where discipleship can occur, teaching the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit that all will go forth as witnesses, multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world. **(Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)**



## It's busy here year-round

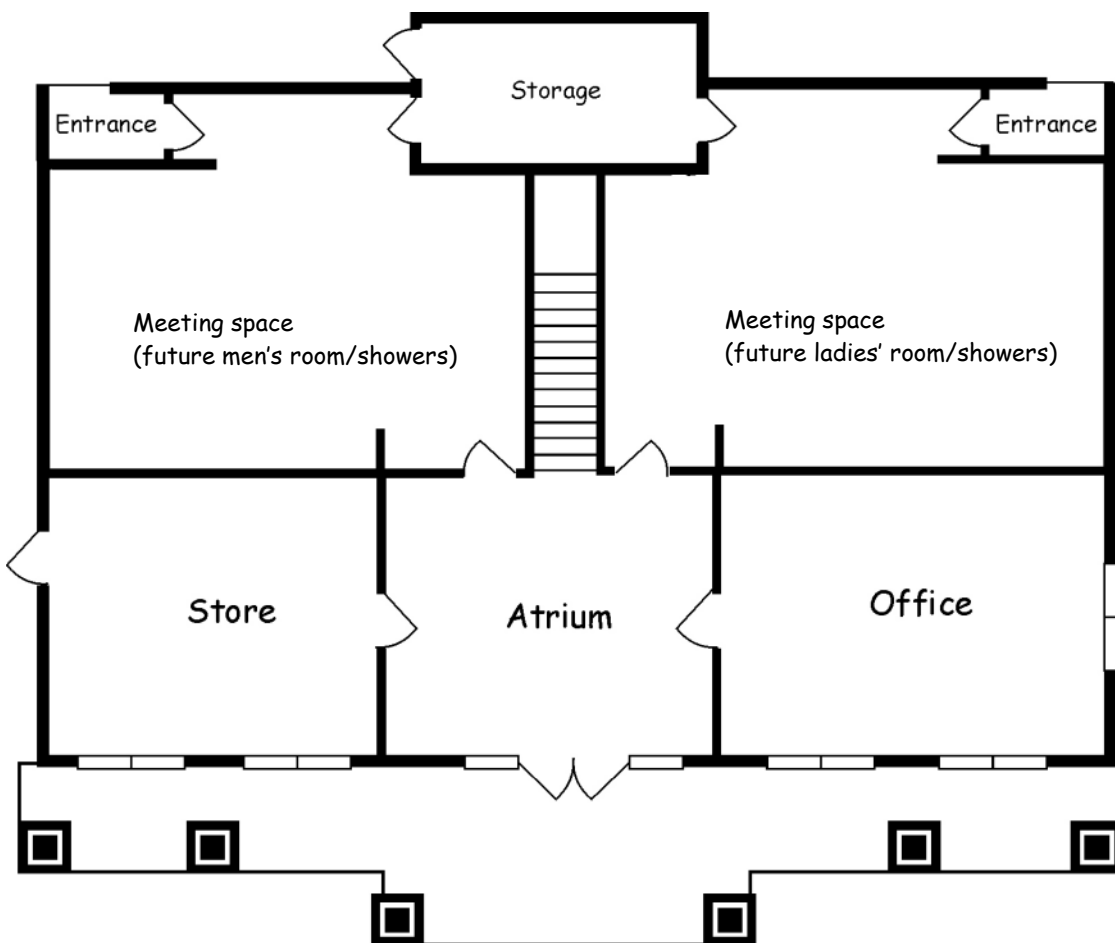
We'll have 90-100 groups use the camp this year, including multiple groups from some churches, and some 4,500 to 5,000 people visiting the camp this year.

Worth noting: A few groups are changing their weekends for the upcoming year, which is normal, and that may open up an opportunity for your church group. Call Jim about availability.

## Note on the mailing list

You can help us save postage -- and can view color versions of these photos -- by getting our updates by e-mail.

Just send an e-mail to [info@stonyglencamp.org](mailto:info@stonyglencamp.org) and we'll take it from there! If you need to update your mailing address or other information, drop us a line through regular mail or e-mail.



Here is one of the early designs for the first floor interior of the Welcome Center in main camp. The space set aside for shower/restrooms will be used for much-needed conference/breakout rooms. Then in the future, if we added the needed "treatment plant" we could add full restroom facilities to the Welcome Center.

**A GLIMPSE OF STONY GLEN'S FUTURE**  
(From front page)

use the camp. Bob and Connie served as summer staff for many, many years from Goss Memorial Church in Akron. The cabin is planned for a waterfront location near the current site of Hemlock cabin. We are hoping to have it up by this fall. If you would like to help build this memorial cabin you can send a gift labeled "Bob Patrick Memorial Cabin."

All of the planned additions will help with chronic needs the camp has had. Jim Lors, head of the camp's Board of Trustees, notes the Welcome Center's location will be ideal because it will give a focal point for parents with kids and other visitors arriving to camp. It will house the camp store, only this time

it would be year-round. (Visitors often ask where to find T-shirts or other souvenirs.)

This would also provide meeting space for church boards or similar groups needing a place to meet off-site.

It probably would have basement storage, as well.

Mostly, though, this will give flexibility in the ways the camp is used – including as an alternative to the Dining Hall for meetings in the colder months, and an additional bad-weather place to take campers in the summer.

As Jim Lapish likes to say: "It isn't really a want. It's a need."

We have a good start lining up the materials. Friends of the camp have promised to provide the excavating, all the building blocks we'll need and roofing materials.

Plus, we already have \$72,000 earmarked for this project, from initial donations and savings.

Now it's your chance to get involved.

We expect the rest of the costs to total around \$150,000. Jim notes this is the largest building project in the camp's history.

We have always operated debt-free by the faithful giving of friends of the camp. These efforts will require us to stretch compared to other projects we've done. We're hopeful you'll be able to partner with us to add facilities that we believe will make the camp viable for decades to come.

An envelope is enclosed with this newsletter. Please consider prayerfully how you might take part in the building of the Welcome Center and these other improvements at camp!

# Letter from the Stony Glen board

Dear friends,

As you can see throughout this newsletter, God is doing wonderful things at Stony Glen! It's exciting to see improvements to the camp, but so much more a blessing to hear about hearts that are changed there.

So many people connected with camp can point to the place at camp where they made that first decision for Christ, or rededicated their life, or got serious about serving Him. We praise God for the impact on lives He's had, and the role camp has played in that.

We're grateful for the people who make camp happen – staff and volunteers who make the ministry of Stony Glen Camp possible. Here are some updates about our staff:

For six years, **Gareth Schuld** fulfilled a lifelong desire to work here at camp. Since his move back to the Ashtabula area last summer, he's been learning about the remodeling trade and growing his tree service business. We'll miss having him and Rebecca around – many will remember their marriage last year in the beautiful chapel – and wish them the best.

**Tom Rabe** retired as of Dec. 31, and he and Robin are moving to Arkansas. We're especially grateful for his hard work maintaining the grounds over the past five years. (See Tom's note below).

As sad as we are to have friends leave, we're pleased to welcome **Tice Huffman** to camp. Tice has given a one-year commitment to work on the staff. See more from Tice below.

Then in May 2007, we were

pleased to bring on **David Phipps**, an experienced carpenter and friend of camp who has volunteered with several projects over the years, most recently helping to enclose the Carl Smith Chapel. See Dave's testimony on Page 6.

Amid the changes, we would be remiss if we didn't take time to salute the hard work that **Jim and Marisa** and the Lapish kids continue to provide at camp. The legacy of those who have served at Stony Glen over the past 59 years is evident in so much of what you see around camp.

Looking to the future, the camp board is excited about the plans for the Welcome Center and other improvements, and invite you to partner with us in seeing those plans accomplished.

**May the Lord's blessings continue at Stony Glen!**

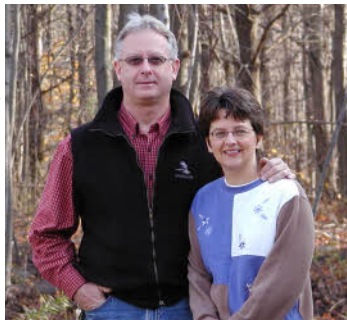
## A note from Tom

Recently I was talking with Rich Mason, the leader from a group using the A-frame. He commented that he had had the father of one of the boys in his group here as a boy.

Rich has been coming to Stony Glen for 27 years. I like to think of Stony Glen as a place accessible yet apart, a place to withdraw to as Jesus did with his disciples. For 27 years Rich has been doing just that, spending two nights wringing out every benefit to be had here. They seem to scour every corner of the 320 acres here as you see them tramping first this way across center camp headed for the woods, and later, off that way headed for the woods. Boys in the presence of men in a kind of Deut.6:6,7 kind of way. They say more is caught than taught, you know!

I think that is why we staff are here -- to maintain a place where legacies such as this can happen. A constancy in an ever changing world. The prayers, skills and financial contributions of our family of volunteers and supporters enable the work of keeping the facilities up to date with the times. Like the recent completion of the Chapel which allows youth groups using everything from a single guitar to a band with sound systems to come and benefit from that time away.

I am thankful for the time I've been able to spend here, and for those of you who have supported my labor here.



## A note from Tice

I've been working now at Stony Glen since August of 2005. I started out volunteering here part time, helping out with various projects around the camp when I wasn't working on running my tree service business.

People often ask me what I do at camp and it's always hard to answer. I have had experience in a number of different construction related trades over the years as well as steel fabrication and forestry work. I'm thankful to the Lord that I have been able to use many of these skills in the work here at camp. Something is always being improved or rebuilt or repaired here. A day's work can be anything from welding together a bed for the camp's flatbed truck to serving hamburgers on the weekend. The work is rarely the same from one day to the next.

I have been blessed by the time I've spent working here at camp, and I'm thankful that I've had this opportunity to use my time and skills to serve the Lord in a practical way.





# Letter from the Lapishes

Dear Stony Glen Family,

This April we hit the 23-year mark since Jim followed the Lord's call to serve Him full-time at Stony Glen Camp. During our 21 years of marriage we feel blessed beyond measure to have had the opportunity to grow in the Lord and raise our family in this beautiful place.

At a recent missions conference, Jim shared how he can see very clearly how God prepared him uniquely for this work and wired him to find joy in doing it. We've often heard him say to others that every day he loves doing the work that God has given him to do here.

As for the rest of the family...here are the cliff notes!

Marisa still spends most of her time homeschooling and helping with the English as a Second Language classes at our church. **Gian-na** is enjoying doing her preschool activities and playing with our older children's teenage friends. **Angelee** enjoys swinging and roller skating and singing with her deep contralto voice. **Caroline** is our family actress who also is an avid football player. Right now she is recovering from a broken right pinky she sustained in a family football game. **Elisabeth** likes to climb trees, hike around camp, and cook Mexican food. **Caleb** can often be seen on his skateboard, listening to music, and socializing with everyone. **Philip** can be found listening to music, playing basketball, and growing rapidly. **Samuel** enjoyed snowboarding this winter with his friends and competing at the annual Klondike at camp in January. **Olivia** is volunteering at a local hospital ER and is looking into being an EMT and doing some short term medical missions work. We all are partial to her homemade Italian stromboli and delicious apple pie. **Alyse** graduated last spring and is in her element at CSU studying, making lots of new friends, and enjoying the many cultures in the big city. Our oldest daughter **Brittany** headed off for 16 months of missions work and school in Phnom Penh, Cambodia right after Christmas. It was wonderful having her home for the few months before she left.

Please pray for our family as we have many crossroads and transitions ahead of us. More than ever we have seen our need of continual brokenness before the Lord and utter dependence on his grace to do what He has asked us to do. "...On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." (2 Corinthians 1:8)

We are thankful to be alive in Christ, and not only to have life, but to have abundant life. Ministering at Stony Glen Camp is part of the abundance we have received from the Master's hand and we thank you for your part in allowing us to serve here with such joy for so many years. His grace is abundant and overflowing...and we want to stay under the waterfall...where the living water we need flows from the ROCK!

With joy,  
The Lapish Family

Snapshots  
from  
Labor Day  
Weekend '06



## New friends, faces at Stony Glen!

As you'll see throughout this newsletter, there's a lot going on at camp, including new buildings and new friends on site to help the Lapishes.

When **David Phipps** first expressed his interest in an opening at camp, he noted that "Stony Glen Camp has played a big role in who I am today. I came to know Jesus as my personal Savior there at a summer camp in 1989 and was baptized there in 1995. I have enjoyed volunteering my time and skills at Stony Glen over the years, from splitting wood, to building the stairs and landings by the A-frame, and most recently helping enclose the Carl Smith Chapel."

As you read this just before the start of summer camp, Dave and his family are getting moved in to their new home at camp. Be sure to say hello to them this summer!

We're pleased to share Dave's testimony at the right.

## *A campfire message... without the campfire*

Hello, my name is David Phipps and the Lord has blessed me with a wonderful family. My wife Tiffany, my son Coleton, my daughter Hallie, and another precious baby on the way, in August 2007.

In 1987 my family moved to Leroy. Although at the time my parents did not attend church, they wanted me to attend. I would ride with my Aunt and Uncle or my parents would drop me off and then pick me up after Sunday School. I also became involved with Stockade.

In 1989 Leroy Community Chapel decided to send two boys from Stockade to summer camp at Stony Glen. I was one of them. One night all of us campers were sitting by a bonfire and a counselor stood up and shared with us the plan of salvation and then asked if anyone wanted to accept Christ into their life. I stepped forward. The next morning I met with the counselor in his cabin and we talked and then I prayed and asked Jesus into my heart. I would say that for



**David & Tiffany Phipps, with Coleton and Hallie**

the rest of my school years I was faithful to live my life the way I thought Christ would want me to.

In the summer of 1995 LCC, along with Moody Bible Institute, and Bethel Bible Church were sending a group of students on a short term missions trip to Nicaragua. Of course I was not interested, I just wanted to work and play summer sports, but God had a different plan for me. Pastor Jeff Allem was the youth pastor at that time and he approached a friend and me about this trip and they said they would be doing a building project and repairing a roof and some other projects.

Of course this was of interest to me because this is what I like to do but again I said no thanks. After being asked several more times by

Pastor Jeff I said sure, why not?

God truly opened my eyes to so many things on that trip -- one of them being how much we take for granted, our clothes, our food, tools, where to go to church and the list goes on. I also met many new people and was able to see what He wants me to be. I am certainly not perfect and know I never will be. God has over and over again shown he is faithful to me and I will just continue to strive to be all Jesus wants me to be and trust Him to do what is best for me.

**Philippians 1:6:** *"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion in the day of Christ Jesus."*



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