

## What Camp Did For Me

We have just completed our session at Indian Creek Youth Camp. Sometimes I get asked, "Why do you keep going to camp?" Let me see if I can answer that question.

It is one of the most evangelistic weeks I know of. I know that numbers are not everything, but we had 16 baptisms this past week. I cannot begin to tell you just how exciting that is! I know of one other camper that waited until she got home on Friday night. That makes a grand total of 17. I also know of other campers who are considering their relationship with Christ. When at Indian Creek you have campers, counselors and staff who are evangelistic. These are those who will talk about Christ, which walk for Christ and are willing to go the second mile for Christ. No wonder many decide to obey the Gospel of Christ. If you can leave a week like this and not be looking for lost souls, something is terribly wrong with your heart. But I know that most leave ICYC energized. May we all, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19,20).

It is a week of encouragement. I can be better for Christ! You are encouraged to live, love, long for, and learn about Christ. You are with Christians of like precious faith. Many of these young people realize that they are not in this alone. There are other Christians who are facing the same problems and guess what, they are dealing with it. So can I. We are encouraged to pray, teach, sing, and to stand for Christ. It is a great source of encouragement to know that I have a brother or sister who is willing to help. Paul said, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). I am a better Christian for having been at ICYC for a week.

The enthusiasm of this week is unbelievable. The enthusiasm of young people is contagious! They love life, their friends, and Christ. They have a zeal for everything they do. There is no way to worship with a ho-hum attitude when you are around these young Christians. Christ said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). That spirit or enthusiasm is kindled with these young spiritual giants at ICYC. My prayer for everyone who was involved with this spiritual feast is that his or her fire would not be extinguished. Take this enthusiasm back to your home congregation and "Light the Fire!" I know I have tried and will continue to try.

My life is always edified after this week. There is so much wrong in our world. There is no doubt about it. But at ICYC we are reminded of what is right with our young people. Those who are leaders, concerned about lost souls, willing to participate in worship, and longing to go to heaven. How can you not be built up? Paul told Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). I look at these young people and I am built up to do better!

How can I best describe a week at Indian Creek Youth Camp? It is a spiritual high. I hope you had as good of week for Christ as we did. If you didn't try Indian Creek Youth Camp in 2007! If this ole world stands, it will be our plans to do it again next year. If your spiritual batteries are low, maybe this boost is for you.

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