

GRACE AND GLORY MINISTRIES

WHAT A SUMMER TO REMEMBER!



THE SUMMER OF THE WALLABY ADVENTURE!

This summer absolutely flew by and what an exciting ride it was for us all!

We kicked things off with an unexpected adventure: a runaway wallaby from Danny's zoo that made national headlines. What started as a peaceful Father's Day quickly turned into ten very eventful (and stressful!) days. Although she stayed within three-quarters of a mile, she was fast, clever, and an expert at hiding.

All of this happened just as we were gearing up for camp and training our counselors. It felt like everything was pulling our attention away, but through it all, we were reminded of God's perfect timing. The outpouring of support from our community was incredible. So many of you showed up to help search, encourage, and pray. We LOVE our community! You truly show up when it matters most.

After ten long days, we caught her- just in time for camp to begin!

Of course, we had to write this story down! A wonderful counselor illustrated it, and we are using it as another way to raise funds for the ministry. Every little bit counts! You can purchase Mac's Great Adventure on Amazon or locally to get an idea of what we imagined Mac was thinking the whole time she was gone.

FALL 2025

CAMP RECAP

Camp this year was amazing, all glory to God! Our counselors poured their hearts into building deeper relationships with Him, and it showed. They gave 110%, not only keeping camp running smoothly, but also sharing the joy of the Lord with every camper. Their love for Christ overflowed in the way they cared for and encouraged the kids.

We held seven incredible weeks of camp, averaging 60-110 campers each week. School schedules ran later than usual, and sports commitments took some counselors away earlier than usual, so the season was shorter than in past years. That did not matter because every week was filled with fun, laughter, and life-changing moments. Multiple campers gave their lives to the Lord and received Bibles to begin their faith journey.

This summer's Bible study walked through **1 John**, focusing on walking in the light and loving one another. Even after a rocky start with a missing wallaby, God answered prayers by giving us strength, energy, and a faithful team of counselors who stood shoulder to shoulder with us.

G & G ANIMALS AT THE NY STATE FAIR

For the third year in a row, G & G Animals was invited to the **New York State Fair**. Two full weeks of bringing our animals back and forth, right at the end of camp, was exhausting, but it was also an incredible opportunity to share our story, connect with new people, and represent what we are all about.

STAFF & FAMILY UPDATES

Rohan and Emily are expecting a baby girl in January — big brother Maniah can't wait!

Pray for Alyse as she recovers from ACL and meniscus surgery following a soccer injury with campers.

Housing Ministry Our facilities are currently home to two older women, two younger men, and one family, in addition to our regular staff housing. Pray that the Lord continues to use this space for His glory.

CAMP MEMORIES



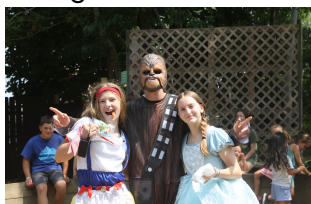
Oldest boys group decided to do Jonah and the whale for their cabin decorating. They were VERY convincing that we were in a whale!



Shaving cream wars are a camp favorite and honestly ours too!



If you know Dan and Sandy or their kids at all, you know that Steal the Bacon is a Festivis tradition. Our campers are now well versed in the game!



Counselors and Campers all love being a part of the skits and games to make the camp weeks extra special!

FALL EVENTS

- **Elim Grace Youth Group** – Wednesday nights for 7th–12th graders. This local church ministry uses our building, and we are excited to connect campers with youth groups and their local churches.
- **Kids Club** – Started Friday, October 3rd, for 3rd–6th graders. This program bridges the gap for younger kids who don't yet have a youth group and helps us stay connected year-round. We love being able to see our campers throughout the year!
- **Counselor Gatherings** – Continuing to invest in our amazing counselors and strengthen their bonds with one another.
- **Latte & Play** – Kicked off September 17th! A weekly meetup for moms of young children, with a space to connect, encourage one another, and share life.
- **New Adult Class** – Led by Dan Oostdyk, this class explores what divides us as Christians and how to keep our eyes on Christ above all else.
- **Multi-Church Womens Bible Study**– Starting back up in November on Thursday mornings. This is led by Wendy Smith.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for **Alyse's before school Bible study** for junior high girls, that it would be filled with God's Word and build Christ-centered relationships.
- Pray for **Rohan** as he continues meeting with youth group guys, that their time in the Word would deepen their faith and draw them closer to God.
- Pray for **Danny** as he has been preaching more frequently, that God's words would flow through him and encourage believers.
- Pray for **direction this fall**, that God would guide our steps and that everything we do would bring glory to Him.
- And as always, pray for **continued financial support and volunteers** to sustain His work.

MISSIONS TRIP

This summer and for the past nine summers a mission team from **Touch the World** and **Beacon Church** has come up to serve and help with countless projects. The team, made up mostly of eager junior high students, brought incredible energy and dedication.

This year was all about finishing projects from completing the mini golf course, to repainting areas that had been waiting for fresh coats of paint for multiple seasons, and tackling A LOT of weeding! One of the biggest accomplishments was moving tons of rocks to improve parking and creating a shifter to make topsoil, which will be a huge long-term asset for the property. Their hard work even inspired an unplanned project converting two bedrooms into a mini apartment to help with our growing housing needs for staff and guests. We are so thankful for their servant hearts and for the meaningful relationships that have grown over the years.

TANGIBLE NEEDS

Paving the Property and Parking Lot

With so many groups using the space throughout the year and the heavy snow we get in winter, our current dirt roads and parking areas have become difficult to maintain. Last year, several cars got stuck during programming, and we even had to cancel a women's retreat because of it. Paving the remaining areas of the property and adding extra parking would allow us to continue hosting programs smoothly, no matter the weather.

Program Supplies

From Kids Club and Camp to Bible studies and Latte & Play, our supplies are shared across many programs—which helps stretch resources but also means we go through them quickly. These needs range from snacks and food items to journals, art materials, and sports equipment. Every contribution helps keep these programs running strong and accessible for everyone.

We are so grateful for you with being part of this journey through the chaos of a runaway wallaby, the joy of camp, and the exciting opportunities ahead. God is faithful, and we are so grateful for a community near and far that continues to show up with love and support.

TO HIS GLORY, THE STAFF AT GRACE AND GLORY