



Greetings from Hartstone Bible Camp



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Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said,
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." – Acts 20:35

Rejecting the world's self focused "me first" kind of thinking, we are to follow Christ's command and example in being God and others focused. We should seek to give of ourselves instead of being a "getter." Oh the blessing that comes when we live in this mindset. May God be glorified as you give of yourself to advance His kingdom come, His will be done. In this letter I would like to present an opportunity for you to give toward a very special work.

QUICK UPDATE FROM PAST YEAR:

The Dick and Tulip families have just officially completed their first full time year at Hartstone. What a blessing and privilege it has been to serve Christ and His people through this ministry. This year Hartstone hosted 22 camps, 6 more than last year. We have witnessed the body of Christ in action as over 102 devoted volunteers served more than 1,408 campers. Some other exciting things that transpired this year include: production of a promotional DVD, replacement of the old water tanks with 2 new double capacity water tanks, and renovation of some of the activities around camp (*new volleyball court, shuffleboard court, horse shoe pit, archery range, two new additional gutterball tables, and we have opened up the mountain views at the Victory Circle Amphitheater*).

UNEXPECTED REPAIRS:

This summer the Dining Hall septic system and leech lines/field failed. It was over 50 years old and had lasted well beyond the lifespan expectancy. This was a large emergency repair that cost \$14,000. God has been so gracious to provide people to donate their time and equipment to help with the project, but the hard cost was pretty unexpected.

EXCITING NEWS:

With God's leading we have decided to add a long desired Chapel to the camp. Our plan is to renovate the Meeting Hall building that is currently underutilized and insufficient as a Chapel. We will maintain the existing building footprint and will begin interior improvement as God provides the necessary funds. The total cost of this project is uncertain but we will continue to work on this project through completion as the Lord provides.

We have already received \$12,000 in donations toward the chapel project. Praise God!!! We will be introducing this project in phases. The first phase of the remodel began on November 1st and includes finishing the interior walls and adding new electrical. Future phases will include flooring, heating/air conditioning, lighting, audio/video system as well as restrooms and, of course, comfortable chairs. Our goal is to create an attractive, comfortable place that is worshipful and God honoring.

If you would like to be a part of this Christ honoring endeavor, you can make a tax-deductible donation to Hartstone Bible Camp. In the memo identify "Chapel Project" or your contribution will go into the general fund to help cover the costs of our unexpected septic project repairs and overall camp operations. If you'd like to donate via PayPal, you can do so through our website: www.hartstonebiblecamp.org.

Please pray that God would provide the means for us to accomplish this exciting opportunity to build a chapel to serve Christ and His people. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. God bless,

Not to us,
(Psalm 115)

Dave Dick

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