

News from the Northwoods

Summer Cometh!

One of our staff members recently said we at camp feel like locomotives are charging at us these May weeks. Yep. He's right. #1 (Family Camp) has already come (and almost gone!). #2 - Summer staff arrive immediately following for two weeks of training. (Yikes!) I'll be spending some time giving all those "Kids" a bird's-eye view of store operations. Four or five will get X-treme Training in all points pertinent to running it. In between, my to-do list includes: Rearranging West Side Trading Post and adding two computers for the food service windows; setting up the East Side store; making a candy run (an all-day trip to Sam's in Saginaw); putting away more Coke and ice cream than fits anywhere. That's the big picture - the detail stuff is overwhelming. And then there's the finishing up of database work from the last mailing to tend to as well! I often feel like Locomotive #3 (arrival of summer campers) is going to run me over. But God manages it all - amid all the noise of the trains (and the summer staff ☺), and the details, somehow He always pulls it together. I sure don't - I'm pretty much frazzled beyond thinking by this time. I'm certainly glad I can trust the Lord to handle what I can't.



East Side Trading Post, awaiting setup.

One of our cuties from Family Camp nursery.



Earlier this month, our family celebrated my parents' 60th Wedding Anniversary. All children, grandchildren, and spouses were present for a very special dinner out. We had a great time!



New at the Trading Post *Soft Serve Ice Cream!*

We've had a machine "floating" around here for years. This year I'm going to brave it and try it out. I'm thinking cones and sundaes for West Side on Thursdays, and run what's left at the end of the day for root beer floats on East Side on Friday. We did a trial run at Family Camp, and I THINK it's gonna work!

Prayer and Praise

- *Please pray for more campers to fill the empty beds we still have.
- *Praise the Lord for the opportunities we'll have to share Him with kids, and to teach them His Word.
- *Please pray for health, strength, and clear thoughts for my work this summer.
- *Praise the Lord for his provision of 24 car payments!
- *Please pray for the Lord's continued provision for my needs.
- *Please pray for my times of mentoring with young women this summer. This is one of the most rewarding things I do here! :)

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and gifts. I appreciate so much your standing with me in this ministry. It is a joy to serve here, and I pray the Lord gives you encouragement and joy in return.

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