



Our family is doing well.

As we prepare to start our fourth winter season here at Camp Barakel, I'm reminded of the history we share with the staff who have come before us. Those who broke the ground, cut the wood, built the buildings and did many other jobs that no one other than our Lord will ever know of. You see this year 2012 marks the 60th anniversary of camping here on Shear Lake. A lot has changed since the early years of Camp Barakel, staff, buildings, program activities, and even the meals. But one thing has not, and that is God's Word being the center of all we do here. That has been the main reason why I feel God has sustained Camp Barakel for 60 years.



Samantha and Cody are still living near Indianapolis.



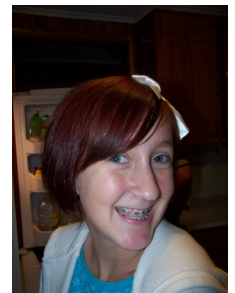
Alex has been working for a local builder since August. He works five days a week from 7:00am until about noon. Mostly pre-staining paneling but helps with some job site work also. Then comes home and works on his schooling. He also became a certified Red Cross life guard this past summer. Oh, I almost forgot he got his driver license in October.



Jennifer spent the summer counseling young girls. Many of whom have never heard the good news of the gospel. She said "It was the best summer she has ever had!" She is excited about doing it again next summer. This fall she enrolled at Kirkland Community College for an American Sign Language class. In the spring her and Alex are planning to go to Mexico for a short term mission trip and do some much needed work at an orphanage. You may remember that Jennifer and Samantha went there a few years back and helped these folks with some gardening, and painting.



Melanie continues in her schooling, she is now 14 and can't wait to take her drivers training. Her mother and I do not share her same level of excitement on this topic. She is still the youngest and it's hard to accept the fact that she will be driving next year. Melanie plans on serving at camp this summer as a Tech.



Sue and I continue to be blessed to be able to call this place home. Though busy at times I wouldn't trade it for anything.

We are thankful to be just a small part of what happens here. We see and hear of many stories of changed lives regularly from campers while attending a weekend retreat or a week in the summer.

Wishing all of you a blessed celebration of the birth of Jesus our Savior. We would like to thank all of you who help this ministry by your prayers and financial support. We wouldn't be able to do this without your help.

God Bless
Kieth and Susan Boeve
And Family