



The Kellerman Family

2016 Newsletter

Greetings from East Tennessee! "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." If we look close enough there is much to thank and praise God for in our lives. In Joshua 4 after the Israelites had crossed the Jordan River, God told Joshua to take 12 men, one representing each tribe of Israel, and a stone from the Jordan to make a memorial for what God had done. Our creator knows we are forgetful! How quickly our focus can change to the obstacle before us, forgetting what God has done in the past and what He is capable of doing! God doesn't want us to forget what He has done in our lives, but He also wants us to share His goodness! After Jesus had healed the demon possessed man Jesus said to him, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." (Luke 8:39) So the man went and proclaimed all over the town how much Jesus had done for him. Whatever obstacles you are facing in your life will you take the time to reflect back on the times where God has been faithful and remember His faithfulness to you, His child? We have much to share with you in what God has done in our personal lives and at Doe River Gorge over this past year!

Doe River Gorge News!



Since the intern program expanded this year to include females, one construction project has been to remodel an annex trailer for the guys while the girls use one of the lodges. This project involved a total gut of the building, part of which my father Harold Kellerman made the trip to help with this year. The project is slated for completion by the beginning of January and was underwritten by a substantial donation that is a

huge praise. We also were able to complete the sanding and refinishing of the climbing tower that we erected this past year. The next phase for that project is building a stairway and platform on the top with an overhanging roof.

Gabriel was part of this years crazy summer staff! As a staffer, once you complete two weeks of training, you're pumped for the first week of camp and to get your first group of kids! Amongst the excitement there are often challenges. Right out of the shoot, Gabe's fresh feet were handed a group of boys from a local inner city ministry. Consider their behavior challenging and leave it there! In the middle of the week a decision was being made on whether or not to send the boys home. As their counselor, Gabe voiced that God did not want them to go home and to let them stay. The next night, three of those boys accepted Jesus as their Savior. There were tears of joy and rejoicing in our hearts! This is just one story of many from God's handiwork this summer. Of the 1112 kids that attended our multiple camps, there were 271 others who made a profession of faith. Praise be to God our Father!

Interns



There are summer staff that love DRG so much that they want to become an intern! This is our third year for the program and largest yet with our son Gabe participating.

Bellah Grace, 13



Kellerman, Party of Nine!



Gabriel, 19



Khara Joy, 2 and Gigi Peace, 1



Ava Hope, 9



Chloe Faith, 11



Sadie Love, 7

We have been on an amazing journey as foster parents the past two years! It has definitely been an emotional rollercoaster, but it has also been a time of spiritual growth. I (Tracy) had been teaching on the names of God, names that tell of His character. I saw a consistent theme throughout the Old Testament stories. Glory and faithfulness. I learned that God is faithful to His promises and that He often times will not appear until what seems like the last minute for us. Why? Because He wants to receive all the glory! He wants us to see that it wasn't us, it wasn't money, it wasn't who we know, it was Him! El Roi, the God who sees. Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides. El Elyon, the God Most High. A few months after accepting a 5lb 4oz baby girl, I prayed that as we walked this journey with this little one that I would trust God through what He tells me in His word in spite of how the situation looked from the outside. I wish I could tell you the details of the numerous times God's hand was evident. His evidence wasn't necessarily always in meeting my desires, but in growing me through this challenging time. I have to say, I wouldn't change the hardship for what I have learned about my God! Praise be to God our Father! I also had to learn to wait for God's timing. His timing, to our surprise, brought a baby sister last November. Here we are, one year later, and we've been honored to become the parents of two more little girls. Praise be to God our Father! Along with this adoption we close this chapter, along with our home, to Foster Care.



This summer, Bellah made a profession of faith and was baptized during her week of camp, in the river, by her brother! Praise be to God our Father!



In November, Tracy and several ladies from our church traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC to work with Samaritan's Purse doing disaster relief after Hurricane Matthew.

We Have A Need

We first want to thank you, our supporters, for your generosity and giving in faith to the work of sharing the gospel to a generation who desperately needs it. Support raising state side isn't a very easy task. Our income continuously fluctuates as supporters come and go. We have not been able to get above 35% of our support goal since coming on staff. However, God continues to be faithful to us. We have been blessed to be able to live rent free, but with the expansion of our family we are in need of a larger home. The desires of our hearts are not materialistic, but to be able to function as a family as well as to serve God with the use of our home, providing hospitality to visitors and young people. We strive to be good stewards of what God has given us in all that we do. With the need of a new home, Doe River Gorge has set up a separate account for funds to go towards our housing needs. Will you consider giving a one time tax deductible donation to this account? You may do so online at by clicking on the link at www.doerivergorge.com/Kellerman or if you choose to mail in a check write Kellerman home on the memo line.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.