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## Merry Christmas From Lake Beauty Bible Camp

It's amazing that yet another year is soon coming to an end, and we have enjoyed an incredible 2011 here at Lake Beauty! We saw our summer camp numbers increase by ten percent, and our guest group numbers increased, too, meaning that we have been able to consistently Proclaim Jesus and Reflect His Love to thousands of guests over the last 365 days.

Not only have we been blessed beyond measure this year with good numbers in our groups coming to camp, but we have also seen amazing giving to our Capital Funds. Because of the financial support and the assistance of many amazing volunteers, several significant developments have been made to our facilities. Perhaps the greatest improvements we have seen in 2011, though, are in our Lakeview Dining Hall. Through God's provision of resources and labor, we were able to remodel the serving area, a welcomed expansion that has been a significant help with our increased guest numbers. In addition, we are thrilled to finally have a new steel roof on the building, along with added insulation in the ceiling. This is a huge answer to prayer, and together with new windows and doors, these renovations will lower our fuel costs for heating and provide us with a very tight building that is ready for the cold winter ahead.

As of now, we exceeded the \$500,000 mark on improvements made at camp over the last five years. Looking back over that time, it is overwhelming to see all that we have accomplished with the generosity of the many Friends of LBBC. When we began renovations, I made it very clear that due to our budgetary situation and the current financial climate, we would not begin any projects until we had the cash in hand to complete said projects. I am happy to report that we have held true to that promise, and in fact, 2011 is the first year in many that we have functioned completely on our own cash flow, rather than in our line of credit with the bank, for the operations of Lake Beauty. We have been able to do so because individuals and churches have generously gifted us with the necessary funding for our capital improvements, and our camp and retreat fees cover the operations of the camp.

As we head into 2012, the 50th year of Lake Beauty's ministry, my goal in sending this year-end letter is to raise \$35,000 in order to complete the renovation of our last three cabins. Holding to our promise of working from cash in hand, raising these funds would mean that all of our cabins would be fully remodeled before the beginning of the 2012 summer season. I ask that you *please* prayerfully consider how you might be a part of this endeavor. If you are able to contribute to this year-end request, simply send your gift to camp with a notation on your check for "Year End 2011." As donations arrive, these funds will go directly to our capital savings account from which we will purchase the necessary supplies to complete our cabin project.

As someone who *loves* stories, one of the highlights for me as Executive Director has been to hear all the stories of how God has blessed those who have given to camp over the years. Fifty years of ministry is an awesome accomplishment. As we work diligently to be wise stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, my prayer is that, God willing, the ministry of Lake Beauty Bible Camp continues for another fifty wonderful years.

I am truly humbled and honored to be here at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, and I am overjoyed to be serving both the Risen Christ and you. May the peace of God surround you and yours in this Christmas season!

Totally Consumed by HIS Call,

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