



Camp Barakel Where God Has Blessed

A Boeve Family Update

SPRING UPDATE

Another winter camping season has come and gone. We had over 2700 guest this winter enjoying the snow activities and hearing the good news of the Gospel up here in northern Michigan. March and April are here and this is the time of year we call “maintenance season”. There are a lot of projects happening now:

Renovations on Oak cabin.

Continue work on the new maintenance garage.

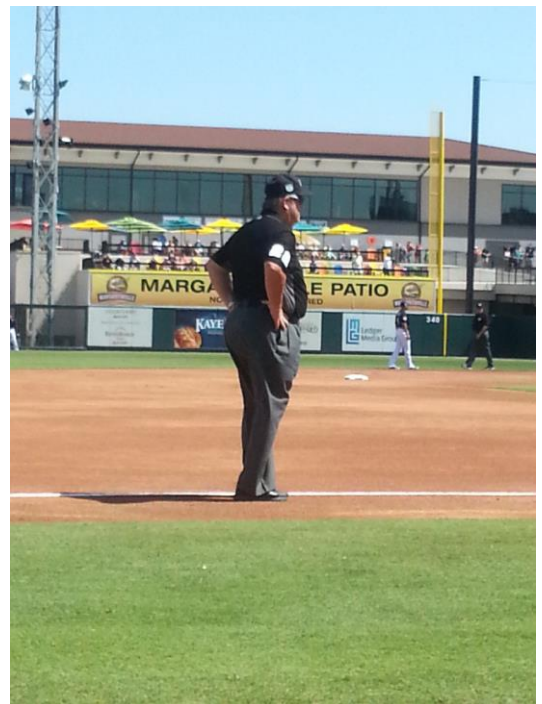
Site prep for a new bus garage

Along with cleaning and planning for this up coming spring and summer camping seasons.

Work crews and individuals also come up this time of year to help us with some of these projects. We're thankful for the many hands that come to serve and help us out.



Much of this time of year is spent cleaning and planning, but we also have some time to get away. There are only a few times a year when we have a traditional two-day weekend, March & April and November & December. During this spring, Sue and I were able to take a week of vacation and visit some dear ole' friends in Florida. While there we saw a Tiger spring training game and went to an air show in Titusville.



This coming summer we will be starting our 10th summer of ministry here at Barakel. WOW! The years go by fast. Looking back at that 1st summer staying in a trailer in the RV Park with the kids it kind of felt like we were camping all summer except we went to work in a kitchen all day. I wouldn't trade it for the world. The Lord has been good to us as we learned the job and what it means to serve Him in full time ministry. Also, what it means to trust Him with our daily needs and finances. He takes His clay and molds it to His will, for His glory. I often shared during those early years "that if God is calling you, He will equip you for that call or job" I see now how He has worked this promise out in my own life.

Isaiah 64:8 but now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

I mentioned earlier that this is also prep and planning season.

We are currently interviewing potential summer staff, collage age men and women for counseling and programming positions. Processing applications for tech and engineer positions, high school age kids that help out for a week or two during the summer. Communicating with life guards, adult volunteer staff, nurses, and many others to help us run the summer program this year.

We are forever thankful for your prayers and financial support that help us continue the work here on the shores of Shear Lake in the little community of Fairview in the county of Oscoda for the Kingdom of Heaven.