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Dear Friends at Immanuel Bible:

Marilyn Powell joined the resident missionary staff in October of 1986. This current month she will retire after 449 months. I write it that way because Marilyn is our bookkeeper and she has balanced and closed our financial books every month — for 449 months in a row!

She said of her position at camp: “It’s been fun and a lot of hard work, and it’s been a lot of pressure too, but I feel God gifted me for the task. Part of the ministry of bookkeeping is to be a testimony to the world at large. Sometimes Christian organizations and churches have demonstrated a poor financial record, and businesses don’t want to deal with them. But precisely because we bear the name Christian, it’s important that the world sees that God is providing as we pay our bills on time, and we deal in an honest way.”

Marilyn’s first experience on camp staff came back in high school when she worked as a Technician. Later she served as a summer-long nurse. In 1986 Marilyn wrote: “When working at Camp, I have felt that while the tasks may be mundane, there is still an eternal purpose to the work being done. While I myself might not be doing evangelism, I am freeing another whom God enables to be doing that work.” She then added that she was interested in joining the resident missionary staff, saying: “I know that God will enable me if this is where He chooses to place me.”

Well, God did enable, and Marilyn faithfully served for 37 years. I thank God for her, and for the good way in which she labored to keep us on track. I thank God for you too, and for the ways He uses you to keep us going.

Yours for Christ-exalting camping,

Paul Gardner

“WHERE GOD HAS BLESSED”

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\$360.00 Gardner

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