



# CAMP BARAKEL

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Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

Brandon and Christina Cooper give clear evidence of love for the Lord and, having grown to appreciate the ministry of Camp Barakel over the past decade, believe that God is leading them to serve here. I have clear memories of the beginning of their involvement, including the summer that they met. They have each demonstrated a passion for Christ, and a growing desire to serve Him in this setting.

Barakel's staff host close to 10,000 people every year—and the Coopers will in some way influence every one of them. Whether they run an activity area on a weekend retreat, or perform maintenance on the facility, or prepare food in the dining hall, they will make a difference. Brandon and Christina will show their love for the Lord by loving the people he sends here, including volunteer workers. **The need for them to be here is immediate.** They have already demonstrated their heart for the work, and because of their background and experience, they will be fully involved as soon as they are financially supported.

Although Barakel provides for several physical needs for our 12 resident missionary staff families, we do not pay wages. None of our campers' fees go toward a payroll—which makes camp affordable for more families. Camp does provide housing and utilities, so our Board of Trustees has determined that the Coopers would be fully financially supported at \$4,500 per month.

We invite you to consider being a part of their support team. We are very grateful if you can help them financially—and donations sent to Barakel for them are tax-deductible. (Though we can't begin to receive support for them until they have 100% of their support pledged.) We are even *more* grateful for your prayers. If all we have is money, all we get is what money can do. When we, through prayer, “splice our limp wire to the lightning bolt of heaven,” we get what God can accomplish!

Thank you for your willingness to consider this opportunity. Don't hesitate to contact me if I can help to answer your questions.

Yours for Christ-exalting camping,

Paul Gardner

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About Us... Our “mission field” are the people who come to Barakel each year. We love to proclaim the holiness of God, the sinfulness of people, and the sufficiency of Christ. We love the Gospel, and long for people to see the glory of God in His creation and to hear the truth about God in His written Word. We are a nonprofit, nondenominational ministry which was begun 80 years ago, and operates today as an association of churches. Our annual schedule includes weekend retreats for adults and teens, relational weekends for married couples, fathers and sons, fathers and daughters, mothers and daughters, grandparents and grandchildren, families—as well as summer weeklong camps for children. As a result of not having to budget for a payroll, our campers' fees are kept more affordable—resulting in camp being accessible for a broader group of people.

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Rev. Pete Scribner

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Greetings in the name of our Lord, Christ Jesus!

I am writing to you on behalf of the Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Flint to express our strong and unanimous endorsement of Brandon & Christina Cooper as new Resident Staff at Camp Barakel. Confident in God's calling on their lives and his gifting of them to fulfill this call, we stand ready to send them out, much as the Ephesian elders sent out Paul in Acts 20. Though sorrowful that they will be departing from our midst, we are thankful to have the opportunity to support them as they serve our Lord in the building up of his Kingdom.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you too might support Brandon & Christina. Whether it be through financial gifts, through steadfast and faithful prayer, or through both, we are confident you're your support will be a blessing both to them and to you as you partner with them in the advancement of the Kingdom.

If we can help answer any questions for you about the Coopers and their mission, please let us know and we will do our best to answer them for you. Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your commitment to the Gospel.

For the Kingdom of Christ,

Rev. Pete Scribner  
Pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church (EPC)