



Hello family and friends!

We are currently enjoying the warmer weather up here at Camp Barakel. Today brought with it beautiful sunshine and a lovely breeze. A couple of weeks ago, we had all surrounding cities to lose power. We are thankful that we only lost power for about 36 hours, and with the help of our friends up here, we were able to stay warm.

So much has been happening at camp over the past few months. At the beginning of the month, Alyssa and I attended the 3CA conference (Christian Camp and Conference staff at Barakel, as well meet some staff from other camps around Michigan. We enjoyed several sessions about ways to onboard and supervise short-term staff. I learned new settings, and I look forward to implementing some ideas at Barakel. Overall, it was a very helpful experience.

As the summer draws closer, Alyssa and I have enjoyed working through the application process for summer staff with about 50 applicants. This process involves communicating with applicants. We are glad that the interviews are starting to slow down though! There was one week where we did 18 interviews between the two of us. We are excited to transition into interviewing. We will be hosting a YAPS (Young Adult Program Staff) fun day at our house in a few weeks so the summer staff can begin to get to know each other.

Finally, we are very excited to announce that we have a cat now! We picked him up from a family at one of our supporting churches downstate. He has gotten very comfortable being around us all the time!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! We could not be a part of this ministry without many people behind us. We look forward to campers returning at the end of the summer.

How to pray for us:

- Pray that God would continue to bring in the final needed summer staff. Our numbers are looking pretty good, but there are still a few things that need to be figured out.
- Pray for all the RMS (resident missionary staff) at Barakel as retreats start back up soon! Alyssa and I have not experienced retreats at camp yet, so pray that we can go.
- Pray for unity among the staff and board members of camp. Pray that we would work as one body towards the Gospel mission of this ministry.

In Christ,

Tim (for the Elliotts)



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