



## CAMP CONQUEST

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Dear Friends,

“A Biblical understanding of the ‘good life’ is one that provides and exploits opportunities in order to experience, obey and **serve** God and other people. The existence of difficulties, failures and even persecution are not so much indicators of failure as they are events that build character and test our resolve to know, love and **serve** God. If life is primarily about our participation in a spiritual battle, then we must expect to encounter trials and pitfalls. The route to significance and success, therefore, demands that we develop the moral and spiritual foundations that permit us to lead holy and **servantlike** lifestyles.”\*

**Serving Others** is the theme that will permeate the 2008 camping season at Camp Conquest. Framed by Ephesians 4:12 – “to prepare God’s people for works of service” – this theme began in earnest in 2007 when Forerunner Campers went out into the community to live beyond themselves by serving others.

Now, as we are preparing for ministry in 2008, God has impressed upon our hearts the need to further teach this concept of a servantlike lifestyle. This theme will be worked out in each of the four weeks of Camp Conquest this coming year.

Please pray that as we encourage the youth of our district to forego the egocentric lifestyle that so permeates our current day, that these children and teens will embrace an attitude of service that will allow them to be an effective witnesses for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your year round involvement through giving and prayer, allows our leadership teams the opportunity to invest directly into the lives of young people in planning and promoting the upcoming ministry season. So, thank you for your financial gift this month, and thank you for part in this ministry of evangelism and discipleship in the camp setting.

Serving with you,

Michael R. Gehlert  
Executive Director

*\*Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions, George Barna, Regal Books 2003, p27, emphasis added*

“for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.”  
Ephesians 4:12