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Today is April 1st, and I am still trying to decide if the joke is on me or on the GBRC. Six years ago today I started my role as the Executive Director of the Grace Brethren Retreat Center, Camp Conquest. While the journey has had its moments, the results have been encouraging.

Anniversaries promote moments of reflection. So, let me take some time with my letter this month and share with you some of the joys of the past six years.

- February 2003 – purchase of new tractor
- February 2004 – hiring of Ken Keener to coordinate volunteers
- August 2004 – 501c3 status acquired, property tax exemption determined
- August 2005 – satisfaction of all debts – Debt Free!
- September 2006 – Purchase of property at 440 Forest Road
- July 2007 – Opening of Sprecher Lodge
- Various – multiple facility projects and program renovations over the years

Just as we look back with thanksgiving, we look forward with anticipation.

Summer 2008 – 10 full weeks of 95% occupancy

Summer 2008 – New programs: Horses, Zip Line, Giant Swing

What are the challenges?

- \$35,000 debt related to Land Purchase
- \$25,000 debt related to Sprecher Lodge

Thank you for your support this month, and over the past 6 years. I look forward to what we can do together to impact lives for eternity in this exciting ministry of evangelism and discipleship in the camp setting.

Serving with you,

Michael R. Gehlert
Executive Director

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