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Dear Friends,

“If church [camps] have used sports as a way of attracting and sustaining the interest of youth, why not use technology the same way?” This quote from “Who Stole My Church?” by Gordon MacDonald (2007) made me stop and think for a moment.

Camp Conquest has seen so many changes in the past seven years that it is possible there are some who would ask ... “Who Stole My Camp?” MacDonald does an excellent job of walking people through the difficult processes of adapting a traditional ministry to meet the needs of an ever changing and younger generational approach to faith and life. I would highly recommend reading his book and inserting the camp perspective as I have done in the above quote.

Now, back to the quote, I personally have an aversion to using technology at camp. I mean we are supposed to get away from all the distractions of everyday 21st century life. But maybe there is something to what MacDonald is brainstorming: a way to use technology to connect and relate to this younger generation, even at camp. You see here, that even an aggressive change agent like me struggles with change at certain levels of our ministry.

But you have been faithful. Through the ebbs and flows of transition at camp, you have continued to pray that children’s lives would be transformed by the power of Jesus Christ. You have continued to give financially so that volunteers can have a place to encourage teens in their walk with Him.

Thank you for your gift this month. Your faithfulness is a bulwark to the staff, a confidence that allows us to struggle through the necessary changes to reach young people for Christ.

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**