

2021 EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”
(Prov. 3:6)

CAMP A SENSE OF HOME

“Each individual camper and volunteer feel as they enter the camp’s property, a heartfelt “coming home”, that’s indescribable! Because it’s truly from our Father-Mother God, this blessing that camp provides, this provision of spiritual activity and spiritual camaraderie.”

“This campership has given me time to grow as a Christian Scientist. The past year, 2020, has been a long year and *camp* was able to give me a sense of “normal”. I have learned so many new things about CS and have felt closer to God than I have felt in a long time. I even got to share my first ever testimony with my *camp* family. Camp is my other home and I am so grateful that you gave me this opportunity.”

HEALINGS EXPERIENCED

“I loved the practitioner talks that we did every morning. I had multiple healings while I was there. One healing that happened was one night I felt like I was going to throw up, but one of the counselors helped me through it. Thank you for letting me be around such amazing people and feel so loved.”

“Without the loving help of the Campership Fund, I wouldn’t have been able to have so many great experiences and healings. Over the course of two weeks, I had two healings. The first week I had some trouble with a runny nose and a lot of sneezing. The second week I had an itchy throat and was frequently coughing. I was easily able to overcome these material beliefs with the lovingness of everyone

around me and the Bible studies we did every morning. I was able to connect with God and understand the Bible and Science and Health much more because each of us shared our understanding and thoughts about Christian Science so we would know different perspectives. I was also inspired by testimonies and daily practitioner talks. I am very grateful for camp, Christian Science, and you, for helping me to have one of my best summers yet!”

“Being surrounded in such a loving environment was great, and it’s one of my favorite things about camp every year! I definitely grew spiritually while at camp, and I even had a healing of the belief of a sprained wrist. I didn’t let suggestions get through as anything real about me or touch my true identity. I wasn’t going to let this stop my fun and joy! Also, I really appreciated listening to many testimonies from campers, counselors, and staff. They helped me, too! I am taking all the goodness I feel from camp, remembering to see as God sees, and wanting to express that everywhere I go!”

LASTING FRIENDSHIP

“Camp has meant so much to me because I get to connect with all my friends that I made over the 5 years of attending, as well as get closer to God with other Christian Scientists. What I love about camp is the adventures I am able to go on; because of camp, I can do what I love to do, and more. None of this would have been possible without

the help of the Campership Fund. I have grown so much and made lifelong friends. I am very grateful.”

“One of the best parts of camp for me was making friends with all the interesting campers that came from other countries. Hearing their stories about their home was so cool and my best friend was from a different country too!”

“I am so grateful that there are people like you that allow children to receive the unconditional love, security, and care that they deserve. This year at camp I had the most fun ever. I dealt with some issues at the beginning of camp that I soon overcame with ease thanks to the wonderful CS nurse and practitioner. I made 13 new best friends (of the 14 in the group including me). The counselors were always loving, supportive, and forgiving. The camp community is my favorite to be in because of the innocence, the lovingness, and the general inclusivity of all the people. I had the best summer yet.”

“Thank you so much for making it possible for me to go to camp this summer. I missed it so much last summer. It is my favorite place to be! I love it because it’s a place where I get to see my friends and make new ones and learn about God. I get to learn the meaning of teamwork. My favorite part of this summer was playing capture the flag and having fun and working hard with my team. Camp is such a special place because you always feel surrounded by love, brotherhood, and friendship. And even though at times it can be challenging to get along with

different people, it challenges me to be my best. I am so grateful to get to go to camp!”

“I was able to reconnect with many old friends and make new ones! It is always such a gift to be able to talk about and experience Christian Science with kids my own age. Every year I go to camp I feel like I am always able to further my relationship with God, which is such a blessing. “

ADULT CAMPERS

“My first camp experience was in 1964 when I attended College Roundup Week at A/U after graduating high school. That experience solidly rooted me in Christian Science. Two of my children were campers in Maine, both granddaughters attend camp in Michigan; and now, after Family Camp at A/U this summer supported by a kind and helpful staff, both of my grandsons want to go to camp next year. That represents nearly 60 years of blessings! It was such a joy for me to be a “camper” once again. I am indeed grateful.”

“I’m so grateful for the opportunity to attend Adult-minicamp at A/U. I participated in a different activity each day and successfully met the challenges of each activity. The hardest activity was a hike at almost 12,000 feet altitude. I wanted to sit out two times but I leaned on the fact that God was right there with me giving me spiritual strength and endurance. I marveled at the beauty all around us as an expression of God’s majesty, clarity and variety.”

“I attended the Bible Study in which we studied the Gospel of John. It was a deeply spiritual several days of diving deep into the Gospel that teaches most about being a disciple. I came out of those few days feeling more closely connected to the Bible and its spiritual message, and a deeper commitment to expressing my discipleship through the practice

of Christian Science. One of the great pleasures was getting to know some other Christian Scientist that are also devoted students of the Bible. What a group of deep thinkers!”

PARENT/GRANDPARENT GRATITUDE

“Our child had gone into a pretty dark place during the pandemic isolation time. Fortunately, she agreed to go back to camp. At first, it was hard to break through the mesmerism of depression and anxiety that had haunted her during the past year and a half, but after some time we received a call that she had started to feel God’s love again. Since returning from camp, she has continued to shine brighter and brighter. The anger and anxiety are falling away from thought. Without your generous financial assistance, she would not have had that opportunity to be in such a loving environment that helped her realize her oneness with Love.”

“For five years, my grandson has been deeply, deeply touched by camp and this divine influence in his life grows more and more each time he goes. His family is beyond grateful for your most generous campership gift that helped make this very special experience possible. This young man has always been kind and helpful without complaint, but we all noticed how this year after camp, he was INITIATING kindnesses without waiting to be asked. He has been more aware and mindful of how to naturally and gracefully be led to help others and supply needs in daily situations at home and in the community. Please know that your generosity is vividly overwhelming to us, and inspires all of us to be more giving and sharing with what we have.”

“To have a child associate Church and Christian Science with the “adventure” of challenge, the outdoors, personal achievement, and spiritualized atmosphere & thought is a blessing almost

undefinable. Camp is the good in the balance of life counteracting the screaming worldly thought our young people are confronted with. We are so grateful for the generosity of the Campership Fund that has made it possible for our granddaughter to attend camp as a regular participant and beneficiary of the wellspring of inclusion in all that the camp provides.”

“This was my *child’s* first time at *camp* and she had a wonderful time. She said, “Mom, I was able to be myself there”. That quote meant so much to me because we have had a bit of a tumultuous time with moving and all things new (school, state, etc). We can’t wait to sign up for next year.”

OVERCOMING FEAR

“I was grateful to go to camp for the first time ever. My counselors were very patient and helped me not be afraid to go into the pool. Talking about how much God loves me and keeps me safe helped me go into the pool deeper than I ever went before. I wasn’t afraid!”

“This is my 4th year at camp because of you. Having people willing enough to donate money to make it possible for so many kids including my family to go to summer camp is amazing. Going to *camp* is probably the most important part of my summer every year. It is something I look forward to for many months, and then when I get to camp, I have an amazing time. I am very grateful for all the healings I have had at camp. This year I was on a 4 day trip and I was making a camp fire and I accidentally touched a stick that was already in the fire. It burned my finger and it was really bothering me. I told a counselor and she said to run it under cold water and to pray about it. After doing both of those things I went to bed and in the morning I was perfectly fine. Something I prayed with was “the perfect man finally overcomes his fear”, and I overcame my fear of being hurt—that is how I had

a healing. You make it possible for me to have a good time and have others have a good time. I am extremely grateful for you and everyone else who helps.”

“This year was my first year at camp. I loved it! One thing I love about camp is the environment and community. There is so much love and positivity. I did not know anyone going in but immediately I was able to make friends with the people in my cabin and age division. I had lots of good talks about Christian Science and life with my friends and counselors. One big healing I had was a change in my thought about my own personal physical limitations. This has been a challenge for me my entire life. At camp, I felt free to express God’s perfection and was able to accomplish more than I thought I could. I am so grateful I was able to attend camp this year! What a special place it is! Can’t wait to go back next year!”

“I had an amazing camper experience and loved every minute of camp. What camp means to me is safe, secluded place where I can go to be free from the priorities of home and have freedom to be how I am without anything holding me back. I learned lots metaphysically with my counselors. I love being able to go to camp and be myself and be immensely happy.”

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING SUPPORT

“I always knew that CT summer was going to be an amazing experience, but I never could have guessed how much of an impact the summer had on me. I learned not only how to be a better leader, teammate, and counselor, but also how to apply and rely on Christian Science in every scenario. One idea that stuck with me from the summer came from “God’s Law of Adjustment”. The ending of the article explains how Christian Scientists are minutemen, ready to change their thought at a minute’s notice. I liked this because it reminded me that

with a quick change of thought, what seems to be large, material problems, can vanish in an instant. Even though I have only been home for two weeks, I feel confident in so many more situations and interactions than before camp. I am eternally grateful for the difficulty of CT summer because now I feel prepared to face any challenge during my senior year. I learned how to let go of the necessity to know what will happen in the next few days, minutes, or seconds, and to just live in the moment. I appreciate the opportunity that was presented to me this summer, to push myself to new levels, and to leap outside of my comfort zone, and I will cherish the experience of CT Summer for the rest of my life.”

“I want to express how grateful I am for the opportunity you provided me with this summer. For a whole month I got the chance to be a counselor in training in the two youngest cabins. I learned how to teach Bible Lesson Study, lead activities, and host meals. Furthermore, I learned so much about the childlike innocence of God by being with 5-9 year olds. They reminded me that we are *children* of God, not *adults* of God and that He gives us the innocence to enjoy life’s simple things without stress or worry. I continue to grow in my understanding of Christian Science and make friendships that will surely last a lifetime. Not only was I able to grow in Christian Science but I had the chance to share my healings and knowledge to my campers and witness their beautiful growth.”

“At the beginning of the summer, I didn’t think I was going to be able to attend but you made it possible! I live in southern Missouri and homeschool so there is not much of a social life for me, one of the biggest reasons I am grateful for camp was the opportunity for me to meet and spend time with teens my age. It was also a ton of fun to work with the campers as a counselor now instead of being a camper. It was so fun for me to be able to see

their growth throughout their two week session. Thanks so much for helping me in my journey as a young person.”

“Being a counselor and a team captain especially taught me patience and how to keep trying even when presented with challenges. When faced with these challenges, I turned to God. Through my study of Christian Science at camp, I realized I am always protected and surrounded by God and can’t be influenced by error. My mindset completely changed by being at camp, and I was able to bring that home with me. I am so thankful for all of these opportunities and everything camp has given me, both this summer and the seven summers before. Thank you again for helping to make this possible.”

FAMILY CAMP

“In a time when there seems to be much chaos in the world, camp was exactly what our family needed - a refuge, a comfort, and a place where we could go and be reminded of God’s great love for all of His creation. Although the chaos appears very real at times, camp reminded us that what is real, good, and true is only what God has made: peace, harmony, and brotherly love. We spent the week enjoying being together and choosing what activities we each wanted to participate in but my favorite part was watching all of the joy that everyone was feeling and expressing as they tried new things, overcame obstacles, and made new friends - or reconnected with old ones. This was our family’s fourth time at family camp and we are eternally grateful for the assistance that The Campership Fund provides to campers everywhere. Christian Science camps provide our children with a childhood that is rich with blessings and wonderful, lifelong memories and The Campership Fund is there to make sure every child and family is given the opportunity to partake in all the good that the camps have to offer.

Thank you TCF for helping our family get to camp and for all of the countless others you also helped!"

"Thank you, thank you, thank you. This summer our family had the opportunity to attend Family Camp for the first time and it was a week we will never forget. Our children, 6 and 4, had the most exciting, fun-filled week. They not only experienced new activities (archery and horseback riding were their top favorites), but made several new camp friends and felt endless love from all the staff around them. In one week, I saw both of my children gain confidence and push outside their comfort zones. As a parent, I also got to enjoy some favorite activities (the morning trail-ride, rock-wall, and waterskiing to name a few), but to see my children really express all their qualities in a beautiful setting was such a joy and a highlight. I also had the opportunity to connect with other camp families which was an unexpected blessing. After an extra challenging year for us, having a week all together as a family really gave us the reset we needed to start a new school year together. We look forward to returning! Thank you again to all the donors that helped make our stay at Family Camp possible."

"Thank you to all the donors who helped us attend and enjoy a very great Family Camp this summer. The week of camp was packed with activities. It was also rewarding to meet other Christian Science families and get to know them. The camp staff were outstanding. All of them made us feel welcome, went above and beyond to make sure we had everything we needed, and created a loving atmosphere."

We are so grateful that The Campership Fund and its donors are there to help us and others attend camps."

"Family camp was such a gift to me this year. I felt the love and spiritual support the moment I arrived at camp. All the activities began with thoughtful metaphysical prayers

and discussion. The counselors and staff were thoughtful and patient with each camper. They looked beyond our human limitations and encouraged us to go beyond our expectations both physically and creatively. I attended the camp on my own and never felt I was not included in every activity an event. There is a sense of a true family."

"There is nothing better than watching my daughters participate in the different activities and blossom and grow. To get a better understanding of God and their relationship to Him/Her, and to practice it daily."

"We are grateful to those who made this great week possible. I truly believe camps are the best place to practice demonstrating Christian Science, and The Campership Fund has enabled so much growth for me, my family, and countless others. Thank you!"