

## 2019 EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

**"God gives you His spiritual ideas and in turn they give you daily supplies."  
(Mary Baker Eddy, Miscellaneous Writings, p.307:2)**

### FIRST TIME CAMPER

"I loved my first time at camp. I had the time of my life...It meant so much to me to meet other Christian Scientists, and to be able to stay in contact with them all this year."

### PARENTS' FIRST TIME

"My husband and I are very grateful for the scholarships which enabled our girls to attend Camp. They saw so many others recognizing the Christ in their daily activities and looking to God for daily supply. This was their first time to camp, and my husband and my first exposure to a Christian Science camp."

### HOMESICKNESS GONE

"I have never experienced homesickness at camp. I'm having way too much fun to think about it. I am always welcomed with many hugs and smiles from girls I have known forever and new faces I know I will soon love. This is my favorite part of camp and the thing that means the most to me. I love being surrounded by so many girls that all have one thing in common: Christian Science."

### GETTING DIRTY OUTDOORS

"I love camp! Camp is a place where healing happens. Friends are easier to make because there are no electronics and kids can be just kids getting dirty and having fun together outdoors."

### BUGS DON'T BUG ME

"My favorite activity is climbing the rock wall. I had a healing when a wasp stung me while high up on the wall. I prayed to see all God's creatures living in harmony together."

"I put my hands on the fence got stung by some black and yellow insect that was much bigger than a bee. I didn't know what to think when I first got stung, and then I thought "God will never let me get hurt." Then I walked away with absolutely no pain in my hand."

### SAFE AT HOME

"Thank you so much for allowing me to return home to Camp."

"I'm so grateful I got to go to camp because it was so much fun and it helped me learn more that God is with me keeping me safe."

### CONFIDENCE

"My favorite part of the whole summer was being able to help one of my campers who wasn't really bonding with the rest of the cabin. We had a heart-to-heart, and I was able to help her through some of the personal fears she had that were keeping her from fully investing herself in the cabin. It was an amazing healing to be a part of and totally changed the dynamic of the cabin."

"I had a wonderful healing of feeling I was dumb stupid and worthless. But all the love, all the time was so everlasting that I started to feel like I had a purpose. Even though I

got into misunderstandings I had an awesome time with friends and distant family. I am really truly grateful for the wonderful friends that I have and will have forever."

### INDEPENDENCE

"I really enjoy going to Camp and spending time with other boys who know about going to church and God."

"I enjoyed the chance to do fun activities such as kayaking, horseback riding or caving that I can't do at home. At camp I got to be part of a cabin and make new friends."

### PRAY FOR SOLUTIONS

"Climbing a mountain, I was concerned for my own safety and those around me. I recall praying really, really hard because of the tears I was shedding by being scared. Counselors tried to find a safer way down the mountain that would get us out of a scree field. I believe that one of the results of our praying was that a counselor was able to find an avalanche chute. On the way we came upon 3 heart-shaped rocks, which to all of us was a sign that we were being divinely led."

### FRIENDSHIP

"The Church time was really great! I loved singing from the hymns. One amazing thing happened. My friend had a cut, so she started reading from the Bible, and she was healed! Going to camp was an amazing experience!"

## **BROTHERLY LOVE**

"Without your support with money I would not be the person I am today. I don't only go to camp just because it's fun, but also the brotherhood and brotherly love that you get at camp is unlike anything else. Going along with that the connection you have with God and the knowledge you take in on Christian Science every day. The friendships I make at camp are unbreakable and the bond we create with each other are stronger than most of the friends I have at home."

"My knee was in a lot of pain. I was picked up by my teammates AND the opposing team. All my friends were there to tell me that I was OK and God was right here. I thought of those I love: God, my parents, everyone at camp, my friends, and kept building on that Love surrounding me. I literally lost the feeling of pain and got up."

"First thing in the morning one little camper turned to me and said "today just feels like a great day to glorify God." That's what I love most about camp: everyone is challenged in their own way in their individual activities, but at the same time we are all so connected by our love for each other and our love for God. We all support each other and challenge each other to be the best that we know we can be through God."

## **SISTERLY LOVE**

"The opportunity for girls to interact with older girls (as role models and in sister-ship) meant a great deal to my daughters as they saw so many others recognizing the Christ in their daily activities. This broadened their awareness of the divine influence always present with them. Every camp activity is rooted on a spiritual foundation and the highest conception of woman. The girls thrived and grew in this lovely and loving atmosphere."

## **LEADERSHIP**

"Camp has always held a special place in my heart. I learn about qualities like leadership and make beautiful friendships with the most amazing people. Thank you for the opportunity to experience these great things."

## **GRATEFUL FAMILY**

"The experience for the girls and our family was transformative. We sent the girls across the country on a plane by themselves"

## **HEALING**

"I had a good healing this summer. I had some nose issue where the inside of my nostrils felt like they were burning! We had quiet time, and we got [C.S. practitioner] to talk to us. He talked about "if God can raise people from the dead and have Jesus walk on water and people healed from any disease, then why can't God not solve all of our daily problems?" Once I got back to the cabin to put my books away, I was immediately healed."

## **FEAR IS GONE**

"I had trouble passing my big float test. I was really scared of the deep water but every day I kept practicing with the help of the beach staff and eventually they said I was ready to pass my big float test. I passed it for the first time ever. Because I passed my big float test I was allowed to go water skiing. In the past I was too scared to go water skiing, but this time I went and I got up after only four tries. I love it. I am really grateful for camp because it helps me to get rid of my fears."

"My CIT experience was my favorite year at camp. I loved working with the campers and helping them grow spiritually. Being able to work hands-on with campers and help them conquer their fears, establish lasting friendships, and express God was such a blessing for me."

## **CHALLENGES**

"There is a camp trip that I've been wanting to go on for a few years... It is a pretty difficult trip; we hiked about 50 miles in four days over big rocks and steep hills. It also rained on the trip, which at times made it very difficult to climb over the rocks because of how slippery they became...whenever I felt nervous, I would think about Mrs. Eddy's poem, "Feed My Sheep." It was a very applicable hymn for the trip because it seemed like we were climbing hillsides steep, and I often worried that my footstep might stray. However, as I used this poem, I calmly listened for God to guide me where to walk and what rocks to step on, and I did not have any major spills or suffer injury on the trail. For the rest of the trip, I followed and rejoiced, and even though we had some long and tiring stretches, I felt so much energy and joy. Everyone else in my group stayed very positive, and we all had a great time."

"I was one of the readers for our testimony meeting, and I learned a lot on the topic, prayer. This helped me learn more about ways to pray and grow spiritually. When I was in athletic performance camp, I learned how to rely on God while playing sports and exercising."