



# BARAKEL NEWS

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## Celebrating a Great Winter!

We joyfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to everyone who comes to camp, at every event we host, without regard to how full the beds are. It was fun, however, when we saw this winter's attendance exceed **3,000 people**. More than **40 churches** sent **1,949 teens and leaders** to our Winter Teen Retreats. Hundreds more came to one of our other events, and **332 volunteer spots** were filled. We thank God for every person who came, and for the rich privilege of telling the truth about our gracious God.

## Nothing Like a Truck

Resident staff and adult volunteers are among the hardest working people anywhere—but if a pickup truck is added to the mix, the results multiply. More lumber hauled, more firewood stacked, more fenceposts set, and more stumps pulled. There is nothing like an old pickup truck! Recently a long-time friend of this ministry (a man who came to believe in Christ while standing in the West Side Dining Hall) purchased a truck and brought it up to us. We've added it to the fleet and are hoping for years of service from it. Our hearts are made glad by friends who meet practical needs.

*Here's our founder using a donated truck in the 1950s. This truck was so well loved that it received the nickname "Clarabelle." We wish we still had it!*



## New Resident Staff Appointees

The Lord has called Jim and Rachel Bennett to join our Resident Missionary Staff. The Barakel Board of Trustees affirmed their call this April, and the Bennetts will move to Barakel as soon as their financial support is provided.

## Nurses Welcome!

A few spots are still available for volunteer healthcare workers (LPN or higher) to join our ministry for a week this summer. Contact [Serve@CampBarakel.org](mailto:Serve@CampBarakel.org) for more information or to volunteer.

# East Side Cabin Renovations

Have you ever searched for a place to lay your glasses, plug in your alarm clock, or charge your phone? Our East Side cabins were built in an era before all these electrical gadgets, making it a challenge for our guests who are used to modern conveniences. This spring volunteer electricians and carpenters made our cabins more hospitable by adding an electrical outlet and small shelf beside every bunk. That's nearly 150 new places to unload your pockets!



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## Mark your Calendars

### 2018 SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

August 31-September 3:

#### Labor Day Family Camp

*(space still available, but filling fast!)*

September 14-16:

#### Married Couples Retreat

September 14-16:

#### Father/Son Retreat

September 21-23:

#### Father/Daughter Retreat

Find out about these events (and many more) at [CampBarakel.org](http://CampBarakel.org)