

Camp Utmost Update

Winter 2010

The World's Best Job

Recently I heard of a contest for what was called the "World's Best Job". Depending on your definition, it may or may not have been true. The jobs I would give that title have varied over the years depending on my age, ambition, desire for adventure over dollars or dollars over adventure, interests, security or other factors. I actually think right now I have one of the world's best jobs and although I love the job as director of Camp Utmost, I'm not talking about that. I also think all of us as Christians are in the same position regardless of career, where we work or what we do.

I remember during one Christmas vacation as a kid, I boarded a bus headed to a local ski area with other kids along with the thought that I had a pass for a free day of skiing. At the ticket counter I discovered that I didn't have a pass good for that day and the worse news was I didn't have money for one. The only good news, if you could call it that, was that most of my friends were in the same boat. So there we were, pretty discouraged, looking for something to do while we waited for the bus ride home in several hours.

I think we were setting up to play touch football with a glove or something when a man asked us what we were up to and wondered why we weren't skiing. We explained our situation to him and he asked us to follow him. We followed him into the lodge wondering if we were in trouble but to our amazement we were led to the ticket counter and handed lift tickets complimentary of him, the manager. I don't remember all the details and they aren't important I just know we were able to ski that day, on a day we shouldn't have been able to, because the manager, had given us something we wanted but couldn't afford. Seeing our joy had to be a thrill. As I look back I think he had what was an example of the greatest job in the world. Let me explain.

I mentioned earlier, the great job I believe we have. That job enables us to help people get something they could never afford on their own no matter



how much they are willing to pay and that is salvation for eternity through Jesus Christ. Not only did we just come through Christmas, which is a season of awareness of that salvation but that, along with nurturing a relationship with God is the primary purpose of this camp. Think of it this way. In a time when we hear and experience so much in the way of a down economy, we have available something that we could never afford, at no charge to us, yet it will last for eternity and we are able to share and pass that opportunity onto others. How rewarding!

It goes without saying that it costs us financially to run and operate Camp Utmost and because of that we are so grateful to you who support us financially and equally grateful to the many who volunteer their time which together make this camp the ministry it is. Through those gifts and that work we are able to carry on this work and keep it affordable to most. Isn't it greater still that the message we share, is available to all? Free to us, a gift, because the price has already been paid. I'm reminded of Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."

Really, could there be a better job? Leading people to the essential for everlasting life! The work is already done, we simply have to tell people about the completed work and once they accept the gift, they benefit from what has been done as well. And just like the manager at the ski hill, we get the thrill, watching the joy it brings to others. Now that's what I call the world's best job!

-Lloyd Dailey

Coming Events

College Age Winter Camp February 26-28

For more details go to camputmost.org where you can download forms or register online.

Summer Camps:

- Starting June 14, 2010
- Family Camp Sept. 3-6

Prayer

- Upcoming retreats.
- Wisdom in leadership.
- Preparation for summer camps.
- Thanksgiving and prayer for the many that help us in so many ways all year long.

Still Room!

We still have some open weekends. Call us to schedule your church or group activity.

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www.camputmost.org

Beyond Summer

Many would call anything outside of Summer at a camp, the off season. We call it "Beyond Summer" and it has been and continues to be a very busy time here. So far we have had several youth events including our own high school Fall Retreat and Winter Camps for both jr. high and high school, several youth events outside of RMBM churches, woman's retreats, mixed adult retreats, a Christian men's hunting camp, and family events. Upcoming will be much of the same as well as Camp Utmost's Winter Camp for college age. See the sidebar for the dates. We have also been blessed with several groups of men from our RMBM churches coming to help maintain and work on facilities and vehicles. Thanks everyone!