

NEW DIRECTOR BEGINS

Thank you for allowing me to become a part of Camp Como. I feel very honored at the invitation to be the new Executive Director. My wife, Sandi, and I look forward to raising our children Janie (10), Jacob (8), and Jared (6) here. We are excited to see how God will use the camp as an extension and benefit to The Church.

For years I have known about this camp and it's impact on all ages of people, especially youth. In the few weeks that I have lived here I have met several Senior and Youth Ministers that grew up attending Camp Como. Many of them made decisions to go into full time ministry right here at Como. I look forward to meeting many others who made the **BEST** and **BIGGEST** decision of their life here at Como. The decision to follow Jesus.

Camp Como's vision is: "To see campers make life changing decisions to be more like Jesus."

Jesus said, "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." (Mt 18:5). One of the greatest responsibilities of The Church is to "**Welcome**" children. It is our desire at Camp Como to "Welcome children" as well. We look forward to being an extension and benefit to The Church this year and to see the impact that Camp Como will have in the lives of your children.

I believe that there is **NO GREATER PRIVILEGE** on earth than to be a part of God's Kingdom ... **THE CHURCH!**

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DINING WITH A VIEW

Many people come to the mountains to eat at a place that has a great view. We think that Como offers an awesome view of God's creation. When I meet people that have spent time here at camp almost all of them comment on the view from the dining hall. The dining hall is very important and central to the Como camper. This is why we have been giving it a face-lift over the last couple of years.

To date we have:

- painted interior
- relocated beverage bar
- added new beverage bar machines
- replaced lights
- installed paper towel, soap, & toilet paper dispensers

Future plans are:

- remodel kitchen & install new equipment
- storage room addition
- all new windows
- flooring
- replace tables

Next Action:

- finish the terrace

If you have visited the camp in the past two years you couldn't have helped but notice what an eye sore our Dining hall terrace project has become. It needs to be completed! One of my first tasks as the new director is to make sure that this project is completed soon. We need over \$25,000 to complete this project. Will you help financially with this?

ADOPT A CABIN

Our Cabins have been here a while. I would love to know just how many campers have spent memorable nights in one or all of these cabins. If walls could talk I am sure we would be entertained for a long while. Just think of how many hours campers have spent in our cabins over the years. Think also of all the life changing conversations that have happened as campers talked openly with a sponsor, youth minister, parent, or peer. It is exciting to think about!

Over the years these cabins have provided shelter, entertainment, and an atmosphere for campers to "make life changing decisions to be more like Jesus."

Last year the Estes Park Christian Church "adopted" a cabin. They cleaned it up and put on a new deck. It was a great time for those that helped and a huge blessing to the camp. This year I would like to challenge you and your friends to "adopt" a cabin. Help prolong the life of a cabin by volunteering time, energy, and finances towards this part of Camp Como.

If a group of people from your church would like to "adopt" a cabin please contact the camp for details.

WEBSITE

(www.campcomo.com)

With the way that communication is advancing in our world it is important that Camp Como stay up with the times. I hope that you have had the chance to get online and browse around our sight. It is already proving useful for the camp. We pray that it will continue to become more useful for you and the camp.

TEEN HELPERS

If you are between the ages of 13-18 and would like to help out at camp this summer we would love to have you. Here is what you need to do. Call us at 719-836-2382 or e-mail us at camp@campcomo.com with the following information: your name, address, phone number, age, the church that you attend, e-mail address, and, if possible what week(s) you could help.

PRAYER ITEMS

Drought: We need lots of moisture

Campers: To have a life changing experience at Como

Summer Staff: Quantity and Quality

Finances: Repair & replace equipment & facilities...Salaries

Staff: Dave & Courtney Downing, baby due in May

Future: God's leading for Camp Como

WISH LIST

1. Bulldozer: D6 Turbo, 6-Way Blade
2. Funds for 300 gallons of Unleaded Fuel
3. Funds for 300 gallons of Diesel Fuel
4. Funds for difference of ATV trade-in for new ATV
5. High Pressure Drain Cleaning Machine
6. LP Ventless Heater: 20,000 BTU w/Thermostat
7. 4 new tires sized P235/75R15 for '86 Chevy PU
8. 2 new, good high quality Snow Shovels
9. Grip Strut Stair Treads: \$250 per cabin
10. Steel Doors and Jams: \$500 per cabin
11. Commercial Upright Vacuum Cleaner
12. 12 New Mop Heads
13. 2 Sets of ATV Front Tires