



From Being Hidden-in Fear to Being Hidden in God- **Spring 2024**

Drama is one of the most effective ways to reach children at camp. For our 2024 theme “My life is hidden in God,” the staff cleverly told three parables in one drama, based on Jesus’ parables of 1. The lost coin, 2. The lost sheep, and 3. The lost son recorded in Luke chapter 15. All of us can identify with losing money, looking for it, and the joy of finding it. And most of us can identify with losing a valuable animal and getting it back, but nothing is more joyful than when a wayward son or daughter comes back to the Lord and gets a fresh new start on life.



This reminds me of something funny that happened on the last night-of camp. Right before the staff presented the evening drama, as is my custom, I called up some children to sit in a director’s chair and lead the campers in saying, “Lights, camera, action.” On this night, I had three different boys each say one of the key words, and when it was time for the final boy to say “action,” he said,

“go!” instead. It was funny, but maybe he was summarizing how all of the campers really felt, declaring, “God, we’re ready to go and show our love for you to the world!”

We trust that the “three in one parable” took hold in the hearts of the children and everyone. Our heavenly Father waits patiently as the gospel of Jesus’ love turns us from hiding in fear to being hiding in God, in His loving arms. God bless you and thank you for your prayers and support of the camp.

Brother Paul

UPDATE on our Nov/Dec matching fund request. We thank all of you for helping us raise a grand total of \$63,192 for our matching fund drive. With your generous donations, we gave out nearly 500 food packets with the backpacks that the campers colored-it also had a gospel storybook. We will be improving our solar panel system and providing needed building and farm improvements. In fact, the purchase of new cows is under way. Thank you for your continued support.



Spring and Summer at CPR:

The Mission house is available in Spring where our focus is greening up the camp by planting flowers and trees before our mid-year camping season. And the house is open for July camps. **Do note that mission teams are already interested in Jan 2025 camps**, so prayerfully consider these ways of being hidden in God and showing love to others.

For more information, check out our Facebook and YouTube pages — Camp Penuel Costa Rica.



To make a tax-deductible contribution, you may donate through the website, cp-cr.org. Please let Lois know you are doing so- lois.finnex@gmail.com Or send a check to CPR, Attn: Luann, 2431 Churchill St., Roseville, MN 55113.

top left: Olivia, a staff member from MN who served at Camp for over a month;

middle left: Woodland Hills MN team at local church

bottom left: Bernhagen/Gillard/Leonard team from MN making cookies;

upper right: Sheboygan Christian Academy team from WI and Eleanor/Marcie family team from NY;

middle right: Schmidt-Finney family team from Chicago and MN;

bottom right: Daniel, a Costa Rican basketball star at Camp. Thank you, all