

Dear Family and Friends,

We have had a wonderful summer here at Ironwood. The Lord blessed us with the largest number of campers in a summer, ever! Quite took us by surprise and we didn't even realize it until a couple of weeks after it was over. This has been a very stretching year with the state of the economy and the resulting fewer camps and fewer people attending during the Spring season. We have had to learn to make do with less and that whole less thing has not been always very fun, but we are thankful for the ministry we were allowed to have this summer and are now in a position as a ministry to weather the storm. It will still be a little tight and we will all still have to do a little more than we have been used to, but we praise the Lord for His continual provision.

The decision tally for the summer 2008 is exciting. We have opportunity to visit other camps from time to time and I can only say that without a spiritual aspect to camp it wouldn't be worth the effort. This summer 113 young people including one of our leadership live girls accepted Christ as Saviour with another 89 gaining assurance of their salvation. 170 decided to have a regular time of devotions and prayer and 6 decided to take the step of believer's baptism. 145 surrendered their lives to do whatever the Lord would ask of them with another 34 deciding that they were being called into full time ministry. That is exciting! Thankyou all so very much who have faithfully prayed for the work here at Ironwood. These decisions are part of the treasure you are laying up in glory!

We were able to do some traveling as a family this summer also. We made a mad dash to Montana for Andrew's parents 40th wedding anniversary over Memorial day and that was a fun trip. Mom had her four boys all together with their families for the first time in many years. The kids had a blast with all the cousins and we got our rain fix for the summer as it rained nearly the entire way to Montana, and even snowed some. Ericka asked us sometime the second day if the sun ever shined in Wyoming! Then just a few weeks ago we were able to spend two weeks with Tammy's folks in Pennsylvania. It was a really enjoyable time although it took the first week just to finally convince myself that it was ok to just sit still and relax. I got to go fishing, we visited Gettysburg, Baltimore, and Lancaster county and we attended the world famous Hershey reunion. Ok, maybe not world famous be we did get the prize for travelling the farthest!

While we were gone a few things at camp got a makeover. We had a paint crew that wiped out what I thought was a respectable amount of painting and then did a lot more. We made progress on our new office complex with that completion of the concrete block skirt wall around it and also had a "picnic" pavilion get built. One makeover that none of us expected was the demolition of Woodrow's Theatre and Playhouse. Believe it or not

we have been using Woodrow's for 12 years and had just talked a few days earlier about needing to do some serious work to brace up the structure. Well, the thunderstorm of the decade hit and besides dumping an inch of water in 20 minutes and knocking over a tree onto the powerlines, the wind flattened half of Woodrow's and so the decision was made to take the rest down and go back to the drawing board.

Besides that not much has happened around here. The kids are back in school, the temperature is finally staying below 100 and we are just plugging away at the next most important thing. Take care and drop us a note sometime. Our website at www.ironwood.org has been revamped so take some time to check it out. You can even donate to the camp or to us or any other staff member by paypal right from the website!

To God be the Glory great things HE has done!!

Andrew and Tammy Pust

Your missionaries at Ironwood