

Psalm68five Ministries

Summer 2019 Update

God's special blessing to the fatherless and their mothers: *A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.* Psalm 68:5 NIV



Thank YOU—hearts were again touched and lives changed at Summer Camp 2019!



With your help, **386 fatherless campers and single moms enjoyed a week of adventure and inspiration** this summer at Camp Lake Louise, Frontier Camp, Camp Wilderness Ridge, Camp HoneyRock or Wildwood Hills Ranch. Many campers heard about the amazing love God the Father has for the fatherless for the first time, planting seeds of value, unconditional love, and hope. It was exciting!

We noticed that returning campers demonstrated a **marked improvement** in their behaviors and **greater interest** in Bible study and Prayer Journal activities. Utilizing **trauma-informed care modalities** continues to yield positive returns with higher engagement and fewer behavioral issues and incidents.

Our new materials were also a big success. The **new prayer journals** for returning campers were well utilized. Our brand-new, first-ever **Training and Resource Camp Manual for work with the fatherless**, created in partnership with Wheaton College's Outdoor Ministry Leadership Program, was utilized at five camps this summer!

Increasingly, we focus on a **holistic approach to minister to both fatherless kids and their single mothers** in helping change the shame-based and orphan-spirit identities in our kids to a "Son or Daughter of the King" identity. We share how the **Love of the True Father** helps to drive out fear and insecurity.



We minister on forgiveness—to let go of the wounds, hurts, and most importantly, anger, which stems from our fatherless circumstances—and **place those sorrows and anger at the foot of the Cross and free the burden of carrying that anger.** What a powerful message!

As one camper's mom shared: "You do not realize the impact you and this camp have had on my son over the last few years. He is now a different person at home. Thank you so much!"

And this note from a partner church: "We are so grateful to you all for understanding the hardship of growing up fatherless and seeing the value in sowing into these kids' lives. We will continue to water the seeds you plant!"

Work has already begun for Summer 2020 . We seek to build and deepen this ministry with **fatherless children and their mothers next year.** Join us in this vital work with your tax-exempt gift today: <http://www.psalms68five.org>.

We are grateful for your partnership and prayers, helping us change the life trajectories of fatherless children and their families through a **life-changing week at camp!** Thank you and bless you!

-The Psalm68fiveTeam

