

Psalm68Five Ministries

Summer 2020 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 for your investment into the lives, hearts, and futures of fatherless children! We are amazed at all that God was able to accomplish this summer, even in this incredibly challenging COVID-19 environment.

We were thrilled to be able to serve 171 at-risk, fatherless children at summer camp. At our Texas-based Frontier Camp, we welcomed two new game-changing partners: **Outdoor Adventures** and **Eyes on Me**. Earlier this year, a "chance" meeting took place on a walking trail in a foreign country between two camp leaders. They connected and two separate ministries in Houston and Colorado who have a heart for fatherless, at-risk youth became our camp partners. It was transformational. Speakers shared stories and histories that mirror those of our campers. They put on an amazing Christian Rap concert, and along with staff and Board member Steve Foster, poured hope and promise into each and every precious child. Even under the circumstances it was the most powerful week of camp, ever (and no COVID cases). Praise God! [Here's a video](#) for you to enjoy highlighting that special camp week.



And, with the goal to build a network of fatherless-focused camp ministries across the country, we opted to hold our Fatherless Camp Ministry Summit next year. This national event has strong support and great interest from the Christian camp community. We continue to pray for its influence and success and will keep you posted.

There could not have been a more important time to conduct these specialized camps for the fatherless. Protests and racial strife in our country have left at-risk youths feeling more bitter and angry than ever before. The messages of forgiveness, identity as children of the true Father, unconditional love, and promise continue to be absolutely key. Here are key takeaways from our campers:



"I opened up to people who understand and can help."

"I listened and, like, the fatherless situation I could relate."

"I want to stay in contact with the other campers from my cabin, to help me out."

"I learned about forgiveness – to forgive and don't hesitate to ask for forgiveness."

"My key takeaways are transformation, humility, and taking on the fruits of the Spirit."

"I learned that I could be a leader through my word and my story."

"I'm not all alone in this."

"They (the speakers and volunteers) speak something glorious into your life."

Their week of encouragement, play, and unconditional love out in nature is a life-changing experience. Each camper is given positive, life-affirming support, which grows in impact with each additional year of camp and continues to open wider life possibilities. We are eager for next summer, too, when our other partner camps will be open and this impact will be greatly multiplied.

We are grateful for your prayers, your encouraging support, and your gifts. You make this work possible. Thank you!

Blessings,

Bryan and Rebecca

