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A Memorable Milestone Year

I have been thinking about what 2026 milestones are affecting me, but also, my family, my coworkers and the world in general.

HERE ARE FOUR SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES THIS YEAR



1. The 250th anniversary of our nation. This will be the second time I have celebrate our great nation in this way. I was there when we celebrated America's 200th anniversary. We are still a young nation, as nations go, but what an impact the USA has had on us, as citizens, but also the entire world! The years have not been without challenges, but we have experienced blessings in so many areas. God Bless America, Land That I Love.



2. The 100th anniversary of Route 66, a very special part of our infrastructure in America. This year we celebrate the first and longest paved road of its day, running from Chicago, IL to Santa Monica, CA, over 2,400 miles. In fact this historic route runs right through the town of Upland, CA, where I grew up. So this year, as one of my "Bucket List" adventures, I invited three of my old buddies to do a road trip with me from Amarillo, TX to Santa Monica, CA. What a "kick" it was. The slogan for our trip, "Get your kicks on Route 66", the Mother Road of America. We reminisced for 5 days and over 1,200 miles.



3. The 20th anniversary of our ministry, Friendship Camp, in Romania. What precious memories we have of seeing the hand of God at work from its very beginnings. A vision for pointing children and youth, born in a former communist country, towards Jesus, the life-giver, the one who offers joy, peace, freedom, purpose and abundance. This is what young people are seeking after today. Praises be to our living Savior!



4. And finally, the BIG 8-0 celebration. In one week, I join the Octogenarian Club. What a blessing, what a privilege the Lord has allowed me to enjoy. I would never have believed I would live to see this day. Great is His Faithfulness, oh God my Father.

This is what celebrating milestones is all about. May we always take time with family, friends and loved ones to give Him glory for these special mile markers on our journey.

COUNT DOWN TO CAMP TIME
 at Friendship Camp

by Callum King, Camp Supervisor



It's been a *busy* early summer season at Friendship Camp.

Almost every weekend and holiday recently we have had church groups and children's groups coming to camp for the day; youth groups coming for barbecues and camp fires; and young families coming for weekend camping trips.



With this all going on we've carried on our work on the newly designed Teepee cabins. We were greatly blessed by the team of nine men from Glenrothes, Scotland who came to help us with this project and got us off to a great start. It was definitely one of the more ambitious and technically complicated construction projects we have embarked on over the years, but we are very pleased with the outcome.



We still have a few more bits of trim to install around the doors and electrical work to do but we will soon be ready to put the beds and furniture in ready for summer camps starting in just over two weeks. Your financial help would be much appreciated for these last small expenses. Thank you.

Please continue to pray with us for the children who will come to camp this summer. Pray for the leaders who are busy preparing programs and Bible lessons. Pray that gospel seeds will be sown which will have eternal impact. (photo from last year, 2025)



What an amazing testimony that 10,000 kids have been to the camp over the last twenty years! From humble beginnings the camp is now fully established and in good hands with Callum, Adi and Tabita and an army of volunteers. God bless it for another twenty or more! Remarks from Lisa Marshall, supporter of Friendship Camp for many years



Always a highlight of my year is a week spent with a bunch of guys from church supporting the ongoing construction and work of our former ministry at Friendship Camp. Always love visiting our home church from our years there, as well.

Remarks by Matthew Marshall (former camp supervisor, presently pastor of Glenrothes Baptist Church, Scotland)

The cost to finish the teepees is approx. \$500.- (trim around doors, electrical installation, etc).
Here's how you can help, Make checks payable to -
 Friendship International, P.O. Box 50884, Colorado Springs, CO 80949-0884
OR - go to e-Giving at www.friendshipintl.org. Go to Donate button at the top of page and follow instructions for donating. Indicate you would like to support the teepee project.



Camp Sponsorship

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Many of the children we invite to camp, come from disadvantaged backgrounds. We need you to partner with us and send a child to camp.

\$75, THAT'S ALL IT TAKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

YES

I/We want to help!

For \$75.- per week I/we want to help make a difference in a child's life!

Name _____
 Address _____
 Tel. _____
 Email: _____
 I want to sponsor # _____ children.
 Total \$ _____

Thank you for your contribution.

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Please Pray for This Summer's Activities at Cayo School of Music and Arts
 We are excited about the plans, but realize there are also challenges ahead



Pray for These Two Camps

They will begin next week. There will be two groups, one for children 7-13 and the other for teens age 13-18. This is an excellent way to point children to the Great Creator, who gives us talents and abilities to be creative.



Mr. Nek and His Ukulele

This is something new we are trying this summer as an entry-level way to move up later to the guitar. But we are finding that many of his students are just enjoying learning this easy 4 string instrument that can be used to accompany the player's singing or for group singing. Several of his students are young adults who find it to be very unique and entertaining. But several have asked him to teach them Christian songs that can be used for accompanying group singing at church or in youth groups. Pray that this will be an instrument that can also be used in outreach.



We Need Your Prayers and Your Support in Order To Help Grow the School This Summer and for the Future



- We plan to initiate a student scholarship program. A large number of potential students are from the Mennonite Community. They come from families of 6-10 children or more. Many want to learn music or art, or, they have started learning but may not be able to continue because of the cost of lessons every month and are not financially able to continue. The Dyck family is an example. They presently are sending 4 of their children for lessons and they are all very talented but may not be able to continue because of the cost each month. Would you like to sponsor these children on a monthly basis? Please consider signing up to get involved.



- Urgent need of a second piano. The cost is - \$2,000.- This is a good reliable electric student instrument. Because of an increasing number of students wanting to learning piano, this is becoming a great need. What we need is one like the one pictured here. It is electronic because acoustic pianos do not handle humidity well and quickly go out of tune.

Instructions for supporting the school in these ways are the same as the instruction to the left for campers in Romania, but, it is necessary to direct the giving to: Cayo School of Music and Arts, and not to the Camp Scholarship Project in Romania. Thank you and may the Lord bless your generosity.

Mrs. Carolyn Carr

What a privilege to have her teaching art at our school. She has lived for 47 years in Belize and has come to love the Belizean people and they love her. So she has painted their stories on canvas, big and small to leave as a legacy of the people and their culture. Now she is teaching others to paint what's in their hearts.



Every morning she starts the day at this table reading God's word, but not only reading, she is handwriting it in very small fine print. *God's word have I hid in my heart. Psalm 119:11a*