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Happy New Year!

Here's to hoping that 2021 is a better year for us all! I don't have to tell you how tough 2020 was for most everyone. But let me tell you a bit about faith, and how God has provided (as He always does) for Camp Crucis.

The challenges of 2020

Due to the pandemic, 2020 summer camp for the kids and youth was cancelled. Most all of the weekend retreats for the year were also cancelled. That means that most all of the operating income that Camp Crucis relies on went away. It seemed pretty bleak and we were in full panic mode beginning in the spring. We had no idea where the money was going to come from to pay all those pandemic-proof bills that do not go away.

God's faithfulness

Through faith, a lot of prayer, the hard work of Executive Director Philip Craig and his staff, and the generosity of so many of you, we made it through the year. We had some volunteers step up, and the launch of the *Our Camp* campaign really helped us weather the storm. Thanks be to God!

The board's January 2021 retreat

I wanted to share a bit of that because it was against this backdrop that the Camp Crucis Board of Managers met this past weekend at the camp for our annual retreat and meeting. We do this every year to reflect, refresh and look ahead to the new year. This year, the refreshment and renewal we got from our retreat was especially needed.

Looking forward to 2021

While 2020 was a tough year, we as a Board are optimistic about what lies ahead in 2021. We are excited for summer camp, with this year's theme being "I am the Resurrection." We are confident that retreats will continue as scheduled. We are also looking forward to resuming the Bishop Iker Golf Tournament in June and building on the great success of the first annual Bishop Reed Sporting Clay Challenge in October. Most importantly, we are anxious to resume the ministry that Camp Crucis provides to so many young people and adults in their spiritual journey.

With thanks

On behalf of the Board of Managers, I want to thank all of you who have contributed to Camp Crucis during these difficult times. Without your support, and the grace of God, *our camp* would be in trouble. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Take care and God bless,

Mike

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