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As I look at this newsletter and see the pictures and hear stories of lives being changed as they encounter Jesus, my heart is thankful! He has given us the privilege of reaching so many kids and families through this tool we know as camp. We had more kids this summer than ever before. We also saw more Mission Teams and volunteers than we've ever had, joining us to reach out to over 200 kids who could not afford camp. During these weeks of Mission Camps we see "double-edged" ministry where students are challenged to share their faith in Jesus with other kids in our community who would not typically be able to come to camp; students reaching students with the Gospel. Seeker Springs is being used not just as a camp to come to, but a place to launch from. God is using so many and we are seeing His work grow. With these increased opportunities comes greater need. Here are the main needs:

1. Sponsoring kids who cannot afford camp
 2. More space, short term The Lodge that will provide 30 additional bed spaces, meeting and dining space for 60. See details on this page for all God has done and what remains.
 3. Monthly supporters who are the foundation of the ongoing ministry of Seeker Springs
- Please pray for two things:
1. That God would help us not to miss any opportunity He puts before us in reaching out to people who need to know and experience His love
 2. How you may join us supporting His work here at Seeker Springs.

Because of Him,

Terry Slawson
Terry Slawson

Progress Toward the Lodge

We continue to patiently allow God to provide for the Lodge. Not a day goes by that we don't say, "We need that LODGE!" Progress is steady, but slow. We need funding and mission teams to make this a reality.



Thank You to all who voted in the Kind Snacks voting contest.

Seeker Springs is the September 2014 WINNER of \$10,000 for our foster kids camps. This will cover 25% of the sponsorships needed for 2014-2015 Mission Camps!!!

Needs:

- Help finish the Lodge: \$65 per square foot
- Monthly/Annual Donors: Helps sustain the ministry long term
- Mission Camp Sponsors: \$175 per child
- Utility Vehicle with seats (Polaris, Gator, etc.)

New or used

- New Playground
- Individually wrapped snacks and Kool-Aid/lemondade mix

IN THE DRY!	COMPLETE (\$65,000)
1. Electrical	5,000
2. Plumbing	11,000
3. A/C & Heat	23,000
4. Insulation	5,000
5. Sheetrock	3,000
6. Interior Doors & Knobs	3,000
7. Fireplace	3,000
8. Siding	8,000
9. Cabinets	9,000
10. Painting/Staining	3,000
11. Flooring	10,000
12. Lighting & Ceiling Fans	7,000
13. Furnishings	12,000
14. Kitchen Equipment	40,000
15. Driveway & Parking	12,000
16. Landscaping	2,000
17. Security	3,000
Total Estimated to Completion	\$159,000

Fall, 2014



Summer Camp Parent Survey

What do you like most about Seeker Springs?

- ✓ The Christian encouragement and teaching to the children.
- ✓ The Godly counselors. The whole atmosphere.
- ✓ The Bible study and swimming were excellent. She said she learned so much more about the Bible.
- ✓ The feeling of community and unity. That it helps to teach/reinforce what we teach our children about the importance of service and how fulfilling helping others is.
- ✓ The opportunity to let the kids get out and do good in the community
- ✓ My child learning about Jesus. Variety of camps. Peer interaction and activities. Keeping my child off the internet and being active.
- ✓ Children are exposed to Christian values without realizing it! They're just having fun!
- ✓ Godly counselors. How friendly the staff is. I just enjoy seeing the work you guys do in people's lives!
- ✓ Loving leaders. How my now teens still talk about years after they went, and now my little boy loves it.

What did your kids talk about most when they got home?

- ✓ She enjoyed two different speakers that she asked if I had ever felt like they were talking to you like they know your personal business. Very much touched her.
- ✓ Bible verses and how nice the staff was. On the last day of camp he already wanted to know if he could come back next year.
- ✓ Seems to have more curiosity since camp about his salvation
- ✓ My daughter was saved at Seeker Springs.

Text from a mom who caught a pic of her child reading his Bible at home after camp. "Thanks for taking care of my child this week. He had a blast. He just asked me to move our beach trip to later so he can come back Monday! Lol And he told me he loves his Bible so much. So much that he wants to show God so they can read together. Things they say! He is my deep thinker tho."



Mission Camp Sponsors

2013-2014 Mission Camp Sponsors:

- St. Francis Medical Center
- FAIR Visions
- Sam's Club
- Northminster Church
- Jeremy Barnhill Foundation
- LA Baptist Children's Home
- Northeast Louisiana Baptist Association
- Entergy
- Grace Baptist Church
- Wal-Mart
- ULM Social Work Association
- Ogelsby Financial Group

2014-2015 Mission Camp Sponsors:

- LawnWorks of LA
- Entergy
- Northminster Church
- Winnsboro Rotary
- Jeremy Barnhill Foundation
- YOUR BUSINESS HERE... \$175 per camper

Thank You!

Life Camp

Jarvis Spearman is a college student at Grambling University. Jarvis grew up in foster care in NELA and spent many weekends at Seeker Springs over the years. "I remember his first camp when he was about 12. We were sitting on the porch and as his sister got out of the van and he asked me if that was his sister. It broke my heart." -Tammie Slawson. Over the next 6 years this sibling group of three became very close and Jarvis as the big brother works very hard to keep them in touch with one another as they have now been spread out all over the state. This year Jarvis returned to Seeker Springs as a volunteer for Life Camp. "I just want to be able to give back to Seeker Springs because they have meant so much to me," -Jarvis.



Left: After School Camp balloon launch in memory of Gage's birthday

Right & Center: Gage at Mrs. Janice's going away party

In Memory of Gage Meeks

September 16, 2002 - June 30, 2014

The first thing you would notice about Gage was his smile. He was a part of our After School Program and Basketball League for many years. This has been such a great loss for his family, our community and Seeker Springs. Please keep this family in your prayers.



Life Camp

Ashley loves Life Camp and so does her foster mom, long time Seeker Springs supporter, Peggy Kirby!



Mikorri Reese

Mikorri has been a part of the Parkview Camps for many years. Mikorree is a Sr. football player this year at Neville High School. He is being highly recruited by LSU, Alabama and others. He gives Seeker Springs credit for helping him grow in his faith and become the young man that he is today. Google Mikorri Reese and you can see interviews and keep up with this young man's progress.



Do Something Now 2014

Seeker Spring summer campers raise over \$2,000 for missions this summer. We are supporting, Hands of Mercy Children's Home in Kenya (Strong Point Ministries), 911 Hope in West Monroe, and Seeker Springs Mission Camps.

October 8, 2011

"I was right there under that pavilion on October 8, 2011 when I accepted Jesus at Seeker Springs," Devin remembers during Homes of Hope for Children camp September 5-7, 2014.

It is such a blessing to see this young man maturing in the Lord and to know that God used his time at Seeker Springs as the beginning of his Christian journey.



Save the Date!

**Volunteer/Supporter
Annual Appreciation Dinner
Appreciation at Seeker Springs
November 8, 2014 • 5:30 p.m.**

Come early for a tour.
RSVP to 318-249-4495 or
kristine@seekersprings.com

HONORARIUMS

Terry & Tammie Slawson-
Ray & Gail Gambino

MEMORIALS

Martha Arrington
Ragan & Carol Durham

Jeanette McPherson Batchelor
James & Merle Curry

Richard Buck
Melissa Hines

John "Bud" Buswell
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Terry & Tammie Slawson

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Terry & Tammie Slawson
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Dooley & Christine Haddad
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James & Merle Curry
Milton & Wanda Ringle

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Earl Gros "Little Earl"
James & Merle Curry

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Tom & Kay Church

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Betty Martin
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Randy McGee
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Terry & Tammie Slawson

Gage Meeks
Seeker Springs Staff
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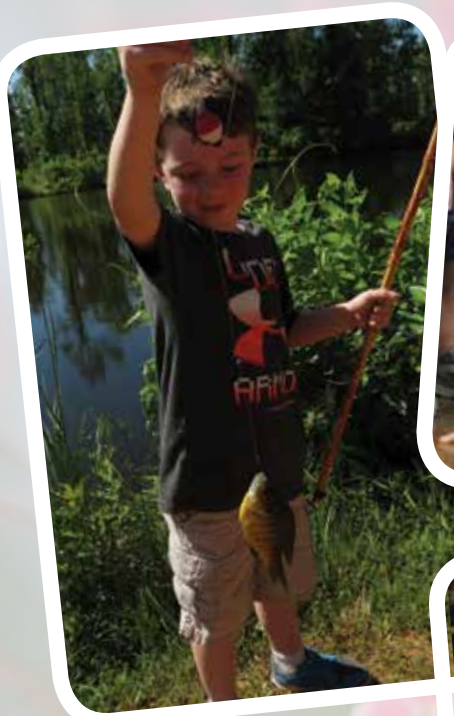
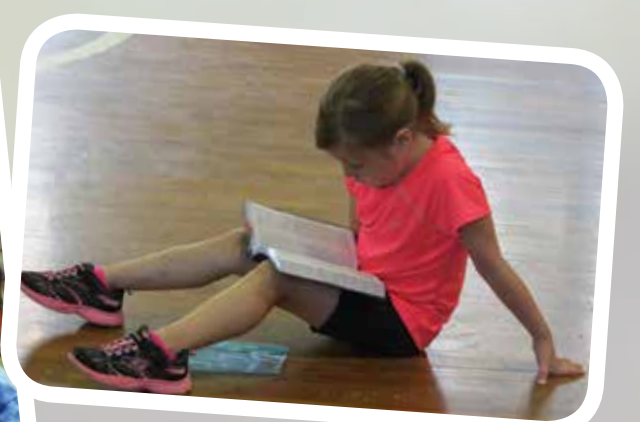
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James & Merle Curry
Milton & Wanda Ringle

Kenneth O'Neal
James & Merle Curry

Gloria "Sissy" Simpson
James & Merle Curry

Marcus "Mac" Strong
James & Merle Curry



Make Sure Seeker Springs is Around for Years to Come!!

If you have not already become one of our Monthly Donors at Seeker Springs it is not too late. Give \$10 or more a month and help us build a foundation for future growth of Seeker Springs! One time annual gifts are also appreciated and help build a strong foundation! Also ask about estate, legacy giving and special tax incentives if you give from your IRA!

For more information email tammie@seekersprings.com or call 318-249-4495.



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CAMPS 2014

2014 was a great summer!

Volunteers: **389** volunteers gave
13,686 hours!

Summer Campers: **469**

Mission Campers: **193**

Total Participants: 1,051