

December Newsletter

Colorado Christian Service Camp, Inc.

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GOD'S GIFT & STOCKING STUFFERS

This Christmas, don't forget about stocking stuffers. I know that a lot of the emphasis will be on "the gift" that you receive from that special someone, and rightly so, but can I appeal to you this season to cherish the "stocking stuffers" as well?

Growing up, and now as the parent of three teenage kids, I think of stocking stuffers as gifts that help us "enjoy" life. I don't know what your memories are of stocking stuffers, but that is mine. As a kid, my stocking was full of candy, baseball cards, socks and a cheap plastic toy which was destroyed by the end of the day. These days, my kids receive socks, candy, iTunes cards and gift cards. Just a little something to say, "enjoy."

When God gave us the ultimate "gift" in Jesus, He also gave us "stocking stuffers." These gifts should not be overlooked during the Christmas season. God could have stopped with "The Gift" of Jesus, but He chose to make our life easier and show us even more love by giving us "stocking stuffers." Little gifts that help us "enjoy" life.

God gives many "stocking stuffers." For instance, God's word, your local church and relationships are all given by God to help us "enjoy" life.

I don't know what "stocking stuffers" God has given you lately, but I would like to tell you about one that

I have received. If I were to write a book about this little gift, it would be titled, "Slow Down and Shut Up!" (By the way, don't look for me to write a book.)

I have been very deliberate about two things this past year: simplifying my life and creating silence and solitude. These have been two valuable "stocking stuffers" for me.

Simplifying life means that I will not take on too many tasks. It means that I will be deliberate about saying, "No" in some areas of life and "Yes" to spending time with Jesus. Busyness is not godliness! Our society is full of busyness and it is affecting the Church in a negative way.

Silence and solitude go hand in hand with a simple life. When I get rid of the junk in my life, I have more time for God. Being deliberate about silence and solitude is a must for all Christians. The Biblical examples are many: Elijah, Moses, Abraham, David, Jesus and more all practiced this discipline.

Psalms 19:1-4 ~ "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

How could David have written such an observation unless he was experienced



in silence and solitude? His time of hiding from Saul brought about many incredible observations about God and life that David recorded in the book of Psalms. David was not distracted with the technology or entertainment of the day when he wrote these things. His life was simple at the time and he had plenty of silence and solitude. This is the type of environment that allows God to do His best work on us.

I hope you have a great Christmas this year and spend time remembering "The Gift" that is Jesus. I also hope that you enjoy some of the "stocking stuffers" that God gives as well. Don't overlook them. They make life much more enjoyable.

Merry Christmas,

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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CAMP COMO'S NEEDS:

- The roof on the back of the Dining Hall is in very poor condition. It needs to be replaced with a metal roof.
- Monetary donations to meet the growing upkeep and maintenance needs of our buildings and vehicles. (Please remember that these donations are tax deductible.)
- We are looking for a reliable car, truck or SUV to be donated. Do you know of someone who would donate a vehicle(s) to Camp Como?
- Please provide your email address so we can save on postage. Thanks!

PRAYER ITEMS:

- Financial support through the winter months.
- God's direction and future for Camp Como.
- Hiring of 2013 summer staff.
- Snow! It is extremely dry and we need several feet of snowfall. We are currently under a fire ban!



*Challenging campers to
 fall in love with God and
 stay in love with God!*



Pray for this!



This is the weather today. Brrrrr!

2013 CAMP SCHEDULE

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| FEB 1-2 | Snow Camp | Grades 3-6 |
| FEB 16-18 | Whiteout Weekend | Grades 6-12 |
| JUNE 2-7 | Middle School 1 | Grades 6-8 |
| JUNE 9-14 | Middle School 2 | Grades 6-8 |
| JUNE 16-21 | High School 1 | Grades 9-12 |
| JUNE 23-28 | High School 2 | Grades 9-12 |
| JULY 7-12 | Middle School Challenge | Grades 7-9 |
| JULY 9-12 | Prospector | Grades 4-5 |
| JULY 12-14 | Tenderfoot | Grades 1-3 |
| AUG 5 | Young at Heart | Seniors 55+ |

ALL GRADES ARE FOR FALL OF 2013.

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