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Dear,

Greetings Friends and Family, and **Happy Summer!** We have survived another Heatwave Retreat!! We all arrived back home on July 2nd, safe and sound (*albeit slightly sunburned*). Every year, towards the end of this trip I have our kids write a reflection on their experience. Here are a few quotes I'd like to share with you:

"I loved listening to people telling their stories and knowing that someone went through what I've been going through...I enjoyed finally going up to fully accept God into my life and trying to better understand him. I've had such an amazing time here and can't wait to come back and make more memories." - **"Lia"**



"I really enjoy our small groups in our Deep Dives because they helped me to be more open-minded...Before this trip I was questioning if I was a Christian, but the speakers helped me to allow Jesus into my life." (**"Allison"**)

"I learned that God doesn't care what you've done, He wants to help you get through it." (**"Amy"**)

"I finally had a chance to give myself to God and to understand God and where I stand with him...I loved running the 2 mile 'Fun Run' even though I had Crocs on and fell a couple times. My legs hurt to this day. I can't wait for next year!" (**"Ivy"**)

"My experience at Heatwave was a great time to do things I've never done and to learn that God gave his life for us. Last night I went up to give my life to God because I wanted to and I knew I had to do it...if it wasn't for [the leaders] I don't know if in my life I would believe in God." (**"Daniel"**)

Because of your prayers and financial partnership we were able to take 10 kids with us to Heatwave this year. **Of those 10, 8 kids dedicated their lives to Christ during the conference invitation.** Thank you from the bottom of my heart for ensuring that our kids are able to have this experience and receive the gospel message through this program. Continue to keep our kids in your prayers, that the message they've embraced would not be choked out by the weeds and worries of the world. **May God bless you as you have blessed our kids.**



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