



Pleasant Valley Bible Camp  
East Jordan, MI 9



the  
**Zeeryp**  
Family

It is crazy to think that we are starting our SEVENTH year as Full-Time Staff at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp. As we look back and see where God has provided over and over again, we cannot help but be grateful and awestruck! God is indeed so good! It has been a time of transition for our family – I guess that happens as our children get older and follow the paths set out before them. Alexis moved to Cadillac and is transitioning into her job at the FOREST AREA EARLY LEARNING CENTER in Fife Lake. We celebrated Ethan's High School Graduation in May and now he is off to college in Kansas City, Missouri. Trevor is just starting his Senior year of High School. Time sure flies! Please pray for our children and for our relationships with them. It's a whole new ballgame being the parents of adults!!

**Summer Camp 2019** was incredible! I believe it was my (Kim) favorite summer yet! We launched our new online registration portal just in time for Summer Camp registrations to start pouring in and it proved to be an AMAZING tool! In the Kitchen we produced and served over 8,200 servings of delicious and nutritious food! We had our largest Senior High Camp in six years! We had amazing speakers, the BEST volunteers and over 40 campers came to know Jesus as Savior...with dozens more making other spiritual decisions for their lives!!

While the "people" part of camp is super important, it's also important to recognize that our facilities are important as well. Through the efforts of SO many volunteers and the financial gifts of others, so much has been accomplished to "dress up" and improve the buildings and grounds on campus. Cement pads were added to each of the Boys Cabins and at the Dining Hall entrances. The Nurse's Station was remodeled inside with a covered porch added on the outside. Doors all around camp were replaced and others were painted.

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19

Here's a quick update where we are with our monthly **financial support**. We currently sit right around 40% of our needed monthly support. We continue to use Nathan's ARMY pension to supplement our monthly income which makes it possible for us to continue our work here at camp. We, again, are so grateful for the way the Lord supplies our needs (and so many of our wants, too)!! With the new Online Registration Portal on the PVBC website, you can now easily set up one-time and recurring donations online! Please let us know if you want to join our support team or if you have questions!



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# IN THEIR OWN WORDS...



This past summer I have experienced a lot of great things with great people. I was a Co-Counselor for a couple weeks here at Camp and was able to assist the counselor and in some cases lead a cabin through the week of Camp.

I started my summer with CPR/ First Aid training, followed by counselor orientation.

Orientation was a busy week and we had opportunities to learn how to handle certain situations and had a chance to assist Central Lake in an "active shooter threat" drill

day! This week was also fun fill and we as full time staff were very blessed to have the counselors we did!

In addition to being a Co-Counselor at PVBC, I also took the opportunity to attend a missions trip to Twin Cities Minnesota. Our church sent five teens with our Youth Pastor and another great lady from our church. It was a wonderful experience and very eye opening as we helped in a community center in an area very different than I have ever seen. While we were there, I had the opportunity to join their construction efforts to reframe and place new windows in one of their staff housing buildings. Fellowship while we worked was a blessing as we met guys from Europe and all over the United States that came to join hands to help this community center. It was a great trip for learning; not only about what they do in their ministry in Minnesota, but I also learned a great deal about my own youth group.

I look forward to this new school year as I will be a senior and will have a leadership role in the youth group and in school as I hope to finish my senior year in National Honor Society (NHS). Thank you for your prayers... God Bless you all!

My summer was busy, full of camp, college stuff, plus a mission trip to Minnesota. My summer started with post-graduation activities with my school which gave me a chance to say goodbye to my former high school classmates. Then the next week began the long and exciting camp season. The first week is the all-important staff orientation week, which includes fun team building games, deep spiritual talks, and awesome, kind people. During staff orientation I learned how to be the best counselor I can be, but I also built up relationships with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ working at camp. The next week was senior high week and since I couldn't be counselor due to my age, I was a lifeguard and I also helped in the craft shop. The next week was the most hectic week of all, yet also one of the most fun weeks. Day week is fun but brings a lot of challenges and is one of the hardest weeks since five, six, or seven-year-old kids don't exactly like rules and have way too much energy! But I always have so much fun with these little kids because they never fail to bring out the little kid in me. The next week was one of my roughest weeks, it was the first Junior week and I thought I was ready for it but found out I wasn't! I had a camper who really pushed me spiritually and emotionally, but I learned a lot from him, and the rest of the group really came together. The next week was the long-prepared for mission trip. The week was full of learning and spiritual growth for me and the others in my group. I even got the chance to pray for a random stranger! By the



time this week was over, I was exhausted spiritually, emotionally, and physically, but thankfully, God gave me the strength to finish out the summer strong. The next week was awesome! It was the last junior week and we were super excited to see what God had planned for this week, and we weren't disappointed. That week eighteen kids came to Christ and many more recommitted their lives to Christ! It was an amazing experience to be allowed the privilege of leading two of my boys to Christ! During this week, I worked on college stuff and started the long process of learning the ups and downs of college. I will be going to Calvary University, a small Christian college in Kansas City, Missouri. I am super excited for the college environment and for the chance to learn more about God and my future occupation. Back to camp, I finished out the last week of camp with a fun and matur-

ing group of Jr high campers which was a great way to end the summer for camp. During the month of August, I have worked on more college stuff like getting books and sending health stuff but also enjoyed some time visiting my grandparents in Floral City, Florida and visiting my grandparents in Evart, Michigan. Overall, this summer has been an amazing, maturing, and enjoyable adventure, that I will always remember and I am so glad and thankful for everyone who made this experience possible for me and my family.