

# CAMP CONNECTION...

## YESTERDAY

2012 October – Nathan returned home from an overseas deployment to Afghanistan

2013 Winter Months – the Zeeryp family spent some extended time at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp

2013 May – Nathan and Kim submitted applications for Full-Time Staff at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp

2013 Summer – Nathan and Kim volunteered for the entire summer at camp while Nathan commuted to the Cadillac Armory



2013 August – Our applications were officially approved by the PVBC Board and we became deputized missionaries

2013 September – the Zeeryp family moved from Cadillac to East Jordan just in time for school to start. Nathan continued to commute daily to the Cadillac Armory

2013 November – our first financial supporter came on board



2014 – End of Year Report: 24 individuals sending financial support, 6 committed to giving specific amounts

***“Yesterday, Today, Forever – Jesus is the same! All may change, but Jesus, NEVER... Glory to His Name!”***

2015 – Nathan transferred to the Grand Valley Armory (Wyoming, MI) which changed his schedule to only being home most weekends

2015 End of Year Report: 21 individuals sending support; 7 committed to giving specific amounts

2016 End of Year Report: 18 individuals sending support; 8 committed to giving specific amounts

2017 May – Nathan on “Terminal Leave” from active National Guard and was able to work at PVBC full time

2017 August – Nathan’s retirement from the National Guard was completed and he is now permanently working at PVBC



2017 End of Year Report: 32 individuals sending support with 18 of

the Zeeryp Family  
serving at  
**Pleasant Valley Bible Camp**  
East Jordan, MI

them committed to giving specific amounts

2018 End of Year Report: 29 individuals sending support with 20 of them committed to giving specific amounts

## TODAY

Time continues to fly and our children continue to grow! Alexis is in her final year of classes at Bob Jones University. She will have a semester of student teaching, then her college career is complete! Alexis got engaged to Mr. Matthew Eash while she was home on Christmas break. We are excited to welcome Matt (officially) into our family in early 2020.

Ethan is finishing his senior year of high school and his plan is to attend Calvary University in Kansas City, MO with a major in Youth Ministry. Trevor, now 17, is a junior in high school. They both stay busy with band, basketball and youth group activities. The boys will be serving at camp this summer as well as going on a Mission Trip to the Twin Cities with the organization Lead 222.



It’s an exciting time in our family! We count it pure joy to see our children following God’s leading in their lives!

## Today...(con't)

As we look back at the way the Lord has provided financially for our family, it is truly amazing. This is where we sit

*Where  
God guides,  
He provides*

ISAIAH 58:11

today: As of this letter we are currently at 27% of our needed monthly support. To make

ends meets each month, we largely depend Nathan's Army pension and VA Disability funds.

Here's the numbers...

**PVBC Support (currently receiving)**

\$1,064 per month.

**PVBC Support (required)**

\$3,990 per month

**Army Pension (Retirement fund)**

\$2,533 per month

**VA Disability (from injuries sustained during Nathan's Army career)**

\$1,204 per month

To say it bluntly, we need to increase our current support. Why do we want more? That is a valid question. Are we not content on where we are at? We have answered God's calling and are sustaining life as you read this. If you ever have questions about our family budget, please let us know! We are happy to share how and where funds are spent!

## Tomorrow

While we are content where we are financially, we do have a strong desire to better prepare for the future.

**In one year, our goal is to be as close to the 100% fully funded amount of \$3,990 cap as God wants us.**

First and foremost because this is camp policy that we reach our monthly support amount in order to occupy staff housing and work at camp in a full-time capacity. The PVBC Executive Board has made provision for our family to use our Retirement and Disability funds to supplement our current support level. This is not meant to be our long-term solution, however, and we want to be obedient to the policies of PVBC.

Once fully funded, this monthly amount would cover all those items that every household budget has like Utilities, Health Care, Food & Groceries, Transportation and Personal Care. **Our plan is to pay these expenses utilizing**



**only the PVBC Support income.** (Please notice

that we did NOT include Housing as an expense that needs to be covered by this income...just a reminder that PVBC provides a house for our family to live in!)

Again, once we are fully funded, the next step of **our plan is to set aside the Army Pension and VA Disability to be strictly used for retirement purposes.** What expenses do we need to prepare for once we are no longer able serve here at PVBC? One of the top five expense items will be our need for Housing.

We are already weighing the options of putting away these funds in a savings account so they are ready for us when God moves us from this place to

purchase a home...OR looking at the possibility of purchasing a local home soon with the intention of having that home debt free before God moves us from camp. Will you pray for wisdom as we seek to follow God's plan for our future!



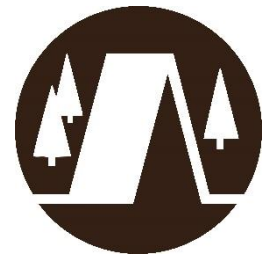
## Reaching Our Goal

Here's how we get there! First of all, seek the Lord and His plan for giving then:

1. If you are one of the 20 individuals that currently support the Zeeryp Family, please make sure your Pledge Card is up to date!
2. If you have given in the past, but haven't yet committed to consistently give to our ministry, please fill out a Pledge Card indicating your intentions!
3. If you want to jump on board, here's your opportunity! Fill out a Pledge Card as God leads and join our team!

Please visit our website to see all the ways you can support the Zeeryp Family and Pleasant Valley Bible Camp!

**PRAY!  
GIVE!  
SEND KIDS TO CAMP!  
VOLUNTEER!  
SCHEDULE A VISIT!  
PRAY!**



## In Your Own Words...

We would like to share our connection to you with others and how better to do this than with your own words?!? Do you have a testimonial that you would like to provide us? We would like to encourage new connections with those that are not familiar with our ministry in order to get the word out. Here is how we would share your testimonial. We would introduce a few of them in our "Camp Connection" newsletter once a season. Occasionally we would place one on our Zeeryp Family Connection Facebook page. We would



also share them on our new website: [www.zeerypfamilyconnection.com](http://www.zeerypfamilyconnection.com)! Please take a moment to jot down some words. (There is no rule regarding too long or too short...Just tell your story.) How has the Zeeryp family impacted you? How has PVBC ministry blessed you? We have included a post card that you can fill out and drop in the mail to us or feel free to send us an email! [nathan@pleasantvalleybiblecamp.com](mailto:nathan@pleasantvalleybiblecamp.com) or [kim@pleasantvalleybiblecamp.com](mailto:kim@pleasantvalleybiblecamp.com)