

## Mission Camp



A dear friend and I were speaking the other day. I was trying to define my feelings concerning the time of COVID until now. My soul is weary and words were not coming to mind. He softly stated, "It has been a long Winter"... Perhaps now God has allowed us to see Spring". I almost cried. What a simple yet truthful definition of my life. In 2019 we made the transition to a new Camp... leaving behind the sadness of having to leave a Camp ground where we experienced memories for several years. Adjustments made... we thought we would begin again. I know the hardness of ministry. I am not blind... we have stopped and started Camp many times due to trials, tribulations and death.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Calendar

AUGUST



Camp

13-18th  
Theme

**"But God..."**

The Springs Ministries  
Gladwin, Michigan





# Outings

God has always shown grace. God has always given the okay to restart. COVID hit like a ton of bricks..... We had not been this way before. One cannot prepare for disaster. Many in the neighborhood died. The Mission shutdown – both church and Tuesday Ministry. Sadness began to overwhelm me. Camp? Wow. No camp... And so I settled in my mind and heart for an ending... Camp was started in 1986 when my



mother saw a need for city children to experience God in nature. 30 children – 15 Adults... wow. We built God's vision to over 80 children and 30 or more adults. Always with God. The song says "Who knows what tomorrow brings"... YOU (GOD) alone... in a world where few hearts survive... the road is long and there are mountains in our way... Lord lift us up where we belong... So became my struggle. From 2020 until the beginning of this year I cried out and asked God was this the end. In my head and heart I heard... "give it time"... God has never been on my schedule. I have known this for years – all while trying to convince God to see my way... In 2021 COVID restrictions began to be lifted... but complications made it difficult to restart camp.



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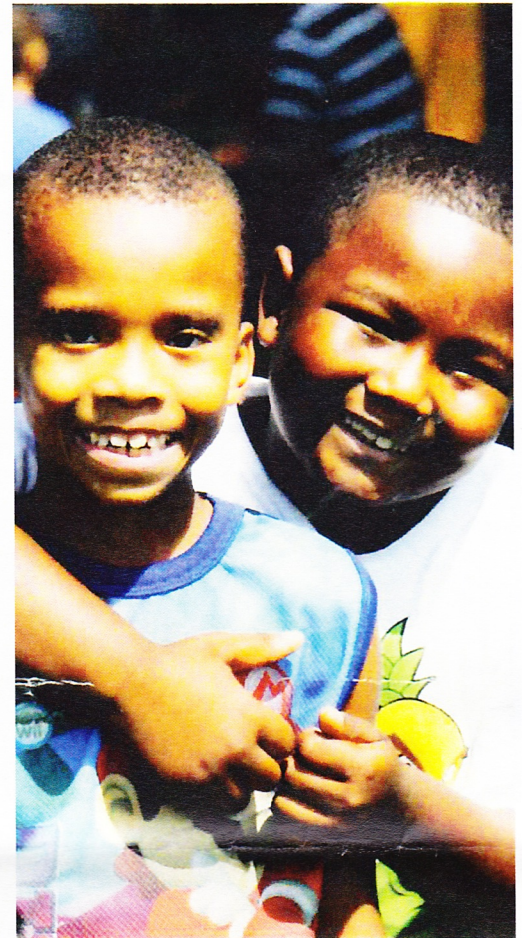




## Mission Camp - A New Start - *Continued*

I begin to sink into sadness. Not just for camp, but the Tuesday Ministry, the neighborhood, personal family concerns and other added burdens. BUT GOD... I truly KNOW that God has a season in our lives where God says.. Fear not, stand still and SEE the salvation of the Lord (Exodus 14:13) God had us to continue to stand still. In 2022 we tried putting Camp together. Oppositions leveled us again. Many times as we prayed I just knew a YES was coming... again trying to give God my timeline... But I began to rely on God – and God's timing. First came church service reopening... then this past March we reopened the Tuesday Ministry. My heart reactivated into gladness. We lost many to COVID on the North-end. There are NEW people coming to the Ministry. The members are very active in preaching, cooking and helping in the clothing room! More concerning that ministry in the next newsletter...

So... where are we? Camp under the grace of God will be August 13-18th. We will go back to Springs Ministry in Gladwin, Mich.



God has been with us every step of the way... Pray for and with us... Every detail needs the covering of God... Staff, children, teen workers, weather, transportation, good health, the souls of these precious ones to find Christ... As always we pray that God provides financial provisions. You know that jobs were lost during the pandemic... parents feel that Camp is a luxury they cannot afford. I say... "BUT GOD". So much more to follow... Thank you for reading, sharing our ministry... loving our GOD...

*Sybil Paulette*





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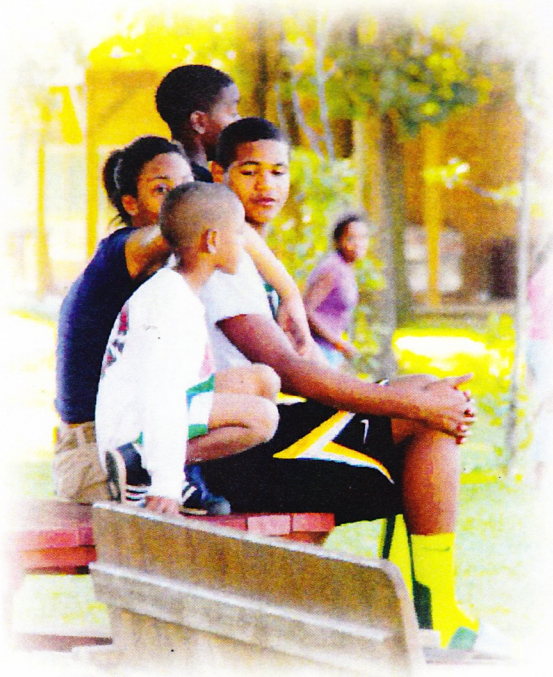
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