

Jonah Family Letter

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Dear Jonah Family,

So much has been going on since we wrote to you last. We are in a season of growth and excitement, brainstorming and evaluation. As a Board of Directors we're making some changes, as well as embracing the things that we do well. **Our goal is to listen closer to God, our Camp Director, and to continually seek to do things His way.**

The biggest and most exciting recent change came in the form of hiring a full-time Program/Marketing Director. For this small camp, hiring Micah Anderson full-time was a huge step of faith, but it was also a move initiated and confirmed by God, so we just obeyed! **Having Micah on board since late January has already strengthened our program.** He loves his job and we love his giftings that made him the right choice for this position.

We have also made some exciting changes to our summer camp schedule. We now offer a college-age River Adventure Program, Drama Camp, Moto Camp, and an upgraded High School Adventure Camp. **We are pumped about our 2014 camp schedule and the Camp Directors planning each program.**

Another fantastic opportunity came our way recently! The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust invited five members of our Board of Directors to attend a Board and Leadership Development Program. We readily accepted. We have completed the first session and are diligently working on our assignments. **Just so you know, we have the greatest Board ever!** It's obvious to us that God put us all together, with complementary gifts and spiritual strengths. Again, more changes are coming which will benefit the growth and purpose of this ministry.

We hope you can sense the underlying excitement and anticipation for the future of Jonah Ministries. **We have 2016 in our sights—our 20th Anniversary—and we plan to hit this milestone with guts and gusto, giving all the glory to God, our Camp Director!!**

In the middle of all of this growth and excitement, we have a few pressing needs that are bogging us down a bit. Normally at this time of year, we let you know of a big fund-raising project. **This year, however, we decided to just have a "family chat" about several needs that are staring us in the face. This could be called our *Repair Report*.**

We're used to unscheduled repairs, but **lately we seem to have been inundated with big repairs equaling big costs.** To be honest, we just plain need gifts this spring that would eradicate these expenses so we can keep our focus on ministry, not money. Would you consider helping us to tackle these needs?

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Repair Report :

Sprinkler Repair - \$2,170

Lawn Mower Repair - \$928

Kitchen/Pantry Upgrade - \$3,000

Ford Ranger Repair – \$929

Ford Aerostar Repair - \$1,260

Tires, Brakes, Oil Changes - \$2,800

Irrigation Pump Repair – \$200

Three more Spring needs:

Pump Septic Tanks - \$2,000

Fill Propane Tanks - \$5,000

Commercial Freezer (used) Purchase - \$3,000

Printing Costs - \$2,500

The total of these unexpected expenses is \$ 23,787. Our goal is to cover 100% of these costs by May 15, 2014. Would you consider helping put the spring back into our finances?!! If so, please return the enclosed response form with your check or credit card information. You can also donate online.

Thank you for being part of our Jonah Family. We hope you know how much your gifts mean to us. We also hope that you realize how impactful this ministry really is. See below for just one recent testimony among many.

We love and appreciate you.

With you for Him,

Jeff & Beki Duke
Camp Managers

Why we do what we do :

Recent news from

Jason “Oatmeal” & Alicia “Rougie” Moss:

“...Jonah David Moss arrived yesterday...We picked the name Jonah in honor of the prophet sent to the lost people of Nineveh as well as Camp Jonah since it has impacted our lives and relationships with God.”

