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HIGHLIGHTS FROM
BANGLADESH, KENYA, POLAND,
AND VARIOUS OTHER LOCATIONS!



Our Passion:

ENABLING CHURCHES ON EVERY CONTINENT TO REACH TEENS THROUGH LIFE-ALTERING, CAMPING EXPERIENCES.

Our passion for helping churches on every continent to reach young people hasn't changed—but our plans for how to do that seem to be in a constant state of flux! With much of the world still affected by virus restrictions and political unrest, we have been forced to cancel trips to Belarus, Myanmar, Haiti, India, and Madagascar this year. We trust that God will eventually open these doors again. In the meantime, we are committed to going wherever He allows us to serve.

BANGLADESH

Visa issues forced Chris Anastos and Matt Collier to miss a scheduled teen camp, but our ministry partners in Bangladesh did an amazing job their first time running camp without direct CampsAbroad assistance! Around 250 young people attended, many of them for the first time. The 50 staff members were recruited from the pool of counselors who had served at our previous camps held in various locations. Praise the Lord for 67 campers who professed Christ as Savior that week. The camp team in Bangladesh continues to grow in experience and ability. Following the camp, CampsAbroad assembled key camp team members to attend a “camp summit” in Dhaka to seek the Lord’s direction in how to best use the tool of Christian camping to assist churches in Bangladesh. Each of the four camps held so far have been well received by churches. Through a strategic planning process, the camp team set a big goal: to see five self-sustaining camps established in key regions around Bangladesh: Khulna, Barishal, Chattogram, Dinajpur, and Mymensingh in the next five years. Clusters of Bible-believing churches are found in each of these areas. Please pray for these men and women as they seek to advance this goal for the glory of God.

POLAND

Poland: Kris and Mariola Kolt have been running teen camps in Poland since 2011. Even through a global pandemic, they have still managed to hold at least one camp each year. Over the past decade, they have shared many reports of young people coming to Christ and others surrendering to the Lord. Often, groups of orphans attend from area orphanages, allowing them to experience Christ-like love for the first time in their lives. The Lord has greatly used the vision of this faithful couple to impact many young people for Christ over these past 10 years! The timing was perfect this summer for CampsAbroad to send a team to participate in a time of staff training—our first return trip since 2012 when Ken and Diane Hay spoke for a teen camp at a mountain castle turned resort. It was a blessing to rehearse life-changing principles from God’s Word with a new group of counselors and program staff. The camp that followed was full of challenges but greatly used by the Lord as five young people made professions of faith—several of them from Roman Catholic backgrounds. Praise the Lord for the great work He continues to do in the lives of young people in Poland through camping!

KENYA

60% of Kenya's population is under the age of 25. It's no wonder that local pastors and missionaries are getting serious about using the tool of Christian camping to engage teens in evangelism and discipleship. This spring, our CampsAbroad team spent time with pastors in Nyeri and Nairobi, exploring the potential of future ministry partnerships. As an added bonus, they were also able to hold training with a group of 12 pastors and a youth rally with 30 excited teens. As soon as circumstances allow, we plan to return to Kenya to assist this eager group of churches with their camping efforts.

Other camp news: 2021 has continued to bring significant challenges to many of our ministry partners around the world. Here are a few prayer points for consideration:

- **Myanmar:** The combination of military coup and Covid resurgence has brought great suffering to the people of Myanmar. Camp has been set aside as the people seek to survive.
- **Philippines:** The country continues to experience rigid lockdowns, but our camp team is making the most of the time by meeting regularly and seeking to develop new training materials—waiting until they are allowed to resume camp efforts.
- **Cameroon:** After three years of civil war, Camp Joy in northern Cameroon has taken significant damage. CampsAbroad was able to finance the rebuilding of a cabin that had been burned down by Guerrilla fighting. They are hoping to resume camp next year.
- **India:** After being ravaged by Covid, the Indian government has yet to reopen borders to foreigners. We have five different locations ready for assistance as soon as they do.
- **Belarus:** Our ministry partners report widespread persecution of believers under the current strongman government. They have been forced to postpone their camping plans.
- **Former Soviet Bloc country:** One of our ministry partners reported a successful pioneer camping effort in a new country; 35 young people trusted Christ—many of whom came from Muslim families!

Thank you for participating in God's work around the world through CampsAbroad. We need your prayers now more than ever!



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