



## Longevity!!!



Summer 2012

### Summer Day Camp Highlights:

- Intern Training June 16—23rd
- Staff Pre Camp Training June 25 — June 29th
- Day Camp July 3 — 26th
- 40 WYN Campers
- 8 Junior Leaders
- 5 Adult Leaders
- 2 Interns
- 6 WYN Staff

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### Still going strong!

#### Longevity!

Sometimes numbers do tell a story...or at least part of the story! As we celebrate our 19<sup>th</sup> year of Day Camp here on the west side of Chicago, we are not only reminded of God's enduring faithfulness but the power of longevity... what it means to be present over a span of time!

Westlawn Gospel Chapel has been a signpost for the Kingdom in this neighborhood for 57 years! Derrick has been serving the church as Youth Pastor, Elder and Executive Pastor for 32 years! Derrick, Forrest and Mark

started Day Camp 19 years ago! One of the highlights of Day Camp has been our long partnership with Latino churches, La Villita Community Church and Nueva Vida Community Church. Just the other day at a Day Camp Staff training with all 3 churches, we discovered that most of the 60 summer staff had been involved with Day Camp between 2 and 10 years. We even had 2 staff that started out as campers our first year and are still with us in our 19<sup>th</sup>!

Longevity is one of the key elements of the Leadership Development process WYN

has always been committed to. Just one of many examples is E'shia who will be in the role of Director in Training this year. E'shia has served with us for 7 years and we've watched as she has grown in character, matured spiritually and increased her competencies as a leader. From Junior Leader to Camp Director in Training has taken time... but what a payoff! While E'shia has developed as a leader she continues to have an impact on others!

Longevity...some things just take time! ●



### On to Dickson Valley!

1994 was our first year to go to Dickson Valley Camp for our "Away Camp" week during Day Camp. With the 2 Latino Church Day Camps, we will have about 180 of us from these two urban neighborhoods out in God's wonderful creation. What an experience for these city kids to be able to see the stars, hike through the woods, swim in a small lake, canoe down a river, go on a hay ride and have a ton of fun outside! Each day is capped off with worship, skits and a Bible Talk. It's a Blast! ●

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# 2012 Summer Day Camp Costs

\$180  
Teaching  
Curriculum

\$40 per Week  
Healthy  
Snacks

Camper

\$925  
(roundtrip)  
Transportation  
Dickson Valley Camp

\$115 per Camper  
(4 days 3 nights)  
Dickson Valley Camp

\$740  
(\$185 Per Trip)  
Transportation  
Field Trips

\$385 per Trip  
Field Trips

Junior Leader

\$800 per Leader  
Adult Leader Stipend  
5 Leaders

\$400 per Leader  
Junior Leader Stipend  
8 Leaders

\$300  
Staff Outing

Adult  
Leader

\$800  
Junior Leader  
Training



## A Word from Derrick and Mark

As we approach another year of Day Camp we are very aware of God's grace that has covered us all these years and the continued desperate need for programs like these in our great city! In the first quarter of 2012 there has been more than a 40% increase in shootings over the same period last year. Many of these have been on the west side and in our neighborhood of Lawndale.

A group of us, including young men from the neighborhood, kneel at the alter in the church every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7am to pray. One recent morning, in response to some events in the neighborhood we felt compelled to walk up and down our street praying as we walked, asking God's will to be done on earth...on our street...as it is in Heaven! 19 years of Day Camp is one of those signposts of the Kingdom that is an answer to that prayer!

The longevity of our presence here has been made possible by the longevity of your prayers and support! Thank you! Be encouraged as you stand with us in this great adventure of following Jesus here in this place at this Time! Grace & Peace!

*Derrick Rollerson, Sr. & Mark Soderquist*  
President Executive Director

