



## THE POINT GUARD

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Dear Donors,

Welcome to your first installment of a new donor reporting letter called the Point Guard. For those of us who support this ministry with our prayers, time and resources: we act as guardians of Zephyr Point - thus the name Point Guards. As part of this team I want to encourage you with a brief devotional thought and keep you informed of news and prayer needs on a quarterly basis.

Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of visiting with many of the guests of Zephyr Point over a meal. They readily offer their feedback about how the ministry is impacting their lives. I am struck again of what a unique ministry tool Christian conference and camping programs are in the lives of young people and adults.

Camping and Conference ministry harnesses three great, God-given revelations: Holy Scripture, creation, and relationships. From 2 Timothy 3:16 we know that all scripture is God inspired and a disclosure of His will for our lives. In Romans 1:20 we learn that in creation God has shown us "His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature". In 2 Corinthians 3:3 we discover that God reveals Himself through us, that we are "letters of Christ" written with the spiritual ink of the Holy Spirit with the purpose of being "known and read by all men". What the tool of camping does is blends these three awesome testimonies into a community of faith that has a huge impact on lives. It's like each of these revelations is a God made overhead projector and the light bulb is the Holy Spirit. The spirit uses each one of these revelations as a tool to illuminate the truth about God for the human heart.

The results for the church are amazing. It has been estimated that 25% of all believers began their relationship with Christ at a Christian camp or retreat facility. Most missionaries, including Billy Graham, point to a commitment they made at a camp in their call to missions. The depth of ones personal walk with Christ: of life changing decisions, growth, and formation usually occur at a place like Zephyr Point.

Thank you for helping us provide this amazing tool as we minister to this generation and the next.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bedford Holmes  
Executive Director

## News from Zephyr Point

### **Staff Retreat**

We held our first staff retreat this past March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Tallac Center. This was a day retreat and we concentrated on building a strong team ethos. My primary goal was to signal to the staff that I wanted to know their hopes and dreams for the future. I collected a list of over 40 ideas they have to improve the ministry. The day included a devotional from Pastor Steve Blocher, two delicious meals provided by an outside caterer, fun teambuilding games led by Doug & Lynne Morton and music led by yours truly. We also provided a Spanish interpreter so our Latino staff could participate fully.

### **Way Points Programs are on the Way!**

Mark your calendars and come to one of these exciting adult education conferences.

- **Keeping Tahoe Blue and the Creation Green**  
May 31 – June 4, 2009
- **The Grand Adventure!** (For grandparents and their grandkids)  
June 26 – July 1, 2009
- **Lake Tahoe: A Writer's & Photographer's Paradise**  
July 12-17, 2009

Learn more at <http://www.way-points.org>

## Zephyr Prayer Needs

Remember our Maintenance Manager Mark Ellender, his wife Beth and son Jackson. Beth's mother Cathy has an advanced case of bone cancer. Pray for comfort, peace and healing.

Pray for Jessie De La Rosa, one of our maintenance workers. He injured himself on our table saw and is having to have reconstructive surgery on one of his fingers. Pray for a successful repair to his hand, for quick healing and comfort from the pain.

Pray for the staff as they prepare for our busy spring and summer season. We have many details to get in place and need to be efficient and thorough.

Pray for the safety of our guests and staff in the months ahead – that the Lord would build a strong hedge of protection around Zephyr Point with no major injuries or accidents.

Pray for our year to date funding needs. We are running behind in undesignated giving after the first quarter of the year – about \$7,000. Pray about making a generous donation today.