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Dear Friends,

I am happy to report we had a great VBS this year! Our highest day we had 103 in attendance, a record for us. Our theme was SonRise National Park. We started each night with an opening assembly, with singing, a missionary story about Isabel Kuhn that continued each day, and a skit. Friday we had our first themed day: CRAZY HAIR DAY!

We had fun seeing all the crazy ideas the participants came up with. After our opening assembly the age groups divided up and had their Bible story time. We learned about the life and miracles of Jesus, and also how God created individual animals to remind us of His goodness. After lesson time, the groups enjoyed games, crafts, and snacks. We were so blessed to have a group from my home church come down to help us again. The group from Worth Baptist Church did an EXCELLENT job preparing snacks, crafts, and games. Our craft this year was a prayer journal that they completed throughout the week!



The group and several of our church members worked together to make VBS a success. Jesus Christ was glorified in the spirit of unity and love.

After enjoying these things, we ended each night in a closing assembly where the classes recited their Bible verse of the day, and we played a Bible story review game with questions about the Bible story of the day. Everyone really enjoys the game time!

As many of you already know, so much work goes into VBS. We began to prepare months beforehand. We started decorating weeks before, as well. Our decorating team did a phenomenal job this year! We had a whole national park in our church! Each classroom entrance was decorated like a tent, and our bathrooms were "cabin-style"! (I am attaching several pictures to enjoy.) The best part of VBS, though, was the young person who came to visit, and accepted Jesus! They put their faith in Jesus that He died on the cross for their sins and rose again three days later. Anyone can have forgiveness of sins! You only have to trust in Jesus! Isn't God GOOD to provide a way for forgiveness of sins?

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. Please continue to pray for our children's ministries and choir ministry. We will be taking a trip to the beach with our kids soon, and we will begin preparing for special choir programs as well.

May God bless you all richly in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,

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