



Mission Friends,

As 2024 comes to a close, we can't help but pause to reflect on the incredible journey of this past year. Much like the popular year-end recaps shared on Spotify and Apple Music, we took a moment to reflect on how God has been moving in and through Lake Beauty this year. What we discovered was truly awe-inspiring and a testament to His faithfulness.

This year, Lake Beauty was blessed to welcome roughly 5,200 guests onto the property (not including those simply picking up or dropping off). Each of these individuals came with a unique story, need, and opportunity to experience God's presence. And oh, how He showed up!

One of the year's most incredible statistics is that between 450 and 500 campers either gave their lives to Christ for the first time or recommitted themselves to Him. What a beautiful reminder that the seeds planted in faith here bear eternal fruit. Over 90% of parents who responded to our polls shared that their child's faith was strengthened during their time at Lake Beauty. This is why we do what we do—to be a place where the love of Christ transforms lives.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the practical day-to-day work that keeps Lake Beauty running. This year, we served nearly 500 distinct meals and a staggering 30,000 total meals – nourishing bodies and souls as campers gathered around the table in fellowship. We also saw significant progress in our facilities, from the new landscaping by the dining hall to the final updates on the former "blue" house and various cosmetic upgrades to Loon Lodge. Each completed project is another step forward in creating a space reflecting God's creation's beauty and His excellence.

One of the year's highlights was the relaunch of the Lake Beauty-sponsored Junior High/Senior High Fall Retreat. After a hiatus, we welcomed nearly 100 guests to the property for this special event. It was a time of connection, growth, and renewal for campers and staff.

Through it all, a consistent theme emerged: God was moving. His fingerprints were everywhere—in the lives changed, the prayers answered, and the quiet moments of peace and reflection that many experienced here. I am constantly reminded of His presence on the property, among our partner churches, and in the broader community that supports our mission.

As we look ahead to 2025, we do so with hearts full of gratitude and anticipation. Thank you for being part of this journey – whether you've prayed for us, volunteered your time, donated resources, or cheered us on from afar. Your partnership makes everything we do possible.

May the closing of this year be a time of reflection for you as well. May the new year bring fresh opportunities to see and celebrate God's work in your life. We at Lake Beauty wish you a joyous and blessed New Year and 2025.

Humbly Serving,

Phil Tolbert, Executive Director