

## Winter 2022-23 Storm Damage:



Tree into Fence & Pool



Dining Breezeway Collapse



Shop Roof/Building Collapse

## Words from the Director

Another summer has just flown by. So here is a little 2023 summer camp season update for you. We had the opportunity to hang out with somewhere around 2000 people from June till the end of August. Again, we got the privilege of seeing God's work first hand. We were witnesses to baptisms, renewed commitments, and a lot of first timers meeting Jesus. This was truly a remarkable summer.

Our staff was amazing. Bennett and Kayle (you'll read more about them in a moment) helped recruit 9 incredible youth missionaries who served selflessly all summer. We also had some help from Sara, Danielle, and Sue in the kitchen and I can't leave out the rest of the volunteers and part time paid staff we had come and help with storm clean up. Serving alongside these amazing people was an honor.

God's work has been done here this year and still continues on as we will be hosting groups throughout the year. I just want to extend an invitation to you all who might want to help us out. If you have a heart to serve, give us a call so we can put you to work. Serving Jesus is the hardest, craziest, most rewarding adventure I have ever been on. I wouldn't trade it for anything! So come and join us on the adventure. Come hang out with us on our work days. There's lots to do for everyone. God's plan for us is clear here at Mt Hope. Keep on Keeping on!!

As amazing as this year has been, we know we can't do this without you! Thank you. Again, we hope you continue to join us on this mission, with prayer and financial support. We will commit to making Mt. Hope Bible Camp a place where people can find and meet Jesus, our hope, love, joy and our Savior.

Ps.25:10 (NLT) The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.

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## Camp Clean Up Days

We cannot begin to express just how thankful we were for those who came and helped clean up the storm damage and for those who helped us prepare for our summer groups.



Top to Bottom:

Landscaping of Flower Boxes; Grace Family Church Volunteers; EFC Oroville Volunteers



## Welcoming New Staff/Missionary

This is an overdue welcome! Bennett and Kayle joined us just before the start of 2023. Bennett was hired as our Program Director and Kayle took a leap of faith to be a missionary serving as our Guest Services Manager. They jumped right in to serving, including planning a youth winter retreat in February 2023 while they were still planning their May 2023 wedding.

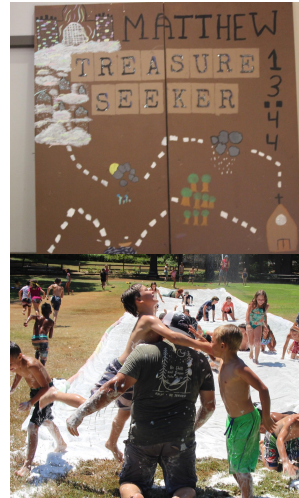
Bennett and Kayle both come from backgrounds of summer camp and ministry. Bennett has been involved in camp ministry since he was a baby and has continued to serve camps in different roles throughout the years. Bennett graduated from Northwest Nazarene University with a kinesiology B.A. in recreation and sport management with an emphasis on outdoor recreation, as well as a business minor in management. When Kayle was in the third grade, her family answered God's call to be missionaries in Peru where she lived until her senior year. Bennett and Kayle met at Diamond Arrow while both serving as Jr. Counselors for a kids camp. They continued to serve at other camps until their paths crossed again and they both decided to serve at Rock-N-Water for a summer. During their free time, they enjoy going on adventures such as rock climbing, hiking, rafting, and skiing/snowboarding.

Their addition to the Mt Hope Staff has made us a well rounded team and we are grateful for their service. You can find a link to support Bennett and Kayle at: [mthopebiblecamp.org/staff](http://mthopebiblecamp.org/staff).

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## Kids Camp

Mt Hope Kids Camp came back strong in 2023 with a big increase in campers. From 25 students in 2022 to 85 this summer. It was Program Director Bennett's first year running camp with the help of our seasoned veteran Anna Upton (Rice), with some amazing volunteers from EV Free Oroville, Jordan Crossing Church, Woodland Bible, and our hard-working summer missionaries. Our focus was on being a Treasure Seeker, seeking God as the true treasure. Thank you team!



It is a core value of Mt Hope to be able to provide a place for kids in our community to come and be connected to Jesus. We also thank all of those who helped by providing camp scholarships.

## Youth Camp

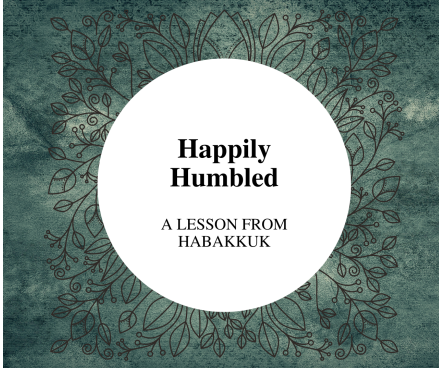
After a small but successful Youth Winter Camp, Program Director Bennett took on planning our Summer Youth Camp. Since we were just starting back up and wanted to include as many youth as possible, we opened up camp for 6th-12th graders. Youth had the opportunity to be connected to God and to each other as Pastor David Rice spoke into the theme of "The Truth". We were blessed to have a family share just how much their son's life was touched by God and their renewed commitment to stay connected to

God and a church family



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## Upcoming Women's Retreat



Mt Hope Women's Retreat 2023 is fast approaching! Peggy Johnson will be returning as our guest speaker. We loved listening to God speak through her last year and we look forward to joining her in a walk through lessons from Habbakuk. We will once again be hosting a silent auction to raise money for camp scholarships, so come prepared. If you would like to bring a new or unopened/re-gifted item to donate to the auction, Cindy Milhous would appreciate it. New this year: We will have a limited amount of Women's Retreat T-shirts. You can preorder one with your online registration. Find more information and a registration link at: [mthopebiblecamp.org/womensretreat2023](http://mthopebiblecamp.org/womensretreat2023).

## Needs Met and Continued Needs

Mt Hope experienced massive damage from the 2022-23 winter storms. With support from local churches, private donors, and faithful guest groups; we were able to replace damaged pool fencing; obtain a shipping container as temporary shop storage, clean up many downed trees, and repair multiple buildings. We also had a generous donation for a new cabin from Rachel Wolters in memory of Paul Wolters (her husband she met at Mt Hope), and God provided an amazing group of volunteers from Yuba City Hope Point who have agreed to come and build the cabin!! We will be building a cabin on the girls side as well. As we continue to work on improving and repairing camp, we wanted to share our current list of project and tool needs at Mt Hope. If you can help us with these needs it would be a huge blessing.

- 2 Cabins: approx. \$15,000 cost per cabin plus we need builders
- Landscape projects: \$1200 for block to replace more timbers and volunteers
- Fence project: we have the material, just need volunteers
- A UTV (We had a Kubota that was stolen in January 2020). It is an invaluable work tool needed to help out with so many projects.
- Golf carts for our housekeeping staff and transporting guests with impairments
- Check out our [Amazon Wishlist](#) (A link is also on our website: [mthopebiblecamp.org/support](http://mthopebiblecamp.org/support))

As you can see there is lots of stuff to help out with and there is no discrimination here. Young, old (or should I say the young at heart) you're all welcome to come and spend a day here working on projects. If you are unable to bless us with time, your financial gift would be greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your continued support and God bless you and your families.

To keep updated on what is happening at Mt Hope, please check out our website: [www.mthopebiblecamp.org](http://www.mthopebiblecamp.org), and our Facebook page: [facebook.com/mthopestrong](https://facebook.com/mthopestrong)