



# CAMP BARAKEL

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Dear Friends at Immanuel Bible,

Growing old does not automatically mean growing wise. At one school a teacher was described as having one year of experience, 16 times. That's very different than having 16 years of teaching experience.

I've been in the woodyard when Engineers are splitting oak for next winter's fires. They work hard, but not always wisely. Ecclesiastes 10 gives a reason to keep some mature people around: "If you don't sharpen your ax, it will be harder to use; if you are wise, you'll know what to do." However, aging has its effect no matter how wise you become. I have no hope of keeping up with the Engineer wood splitters on a hot August afternoon, no matter how sharp I keep my axe. Praise God for youth!

At Barakel we benefit from people who have youth and from people who have wisdom. We truly have a multi-generational effort going on here. A young married couple recently agreed to come for the summer and give of the strength of their youth. (Search: Howard B. Grose, "Give of Your Best to the Master") It's worth remarking about. What they lack in experience, they will make up for with energy. I thank God for this provision, as well as the provision of some people with gray hair to mentor and coach them.

Thank you for giving of yourself this month. You are not alone in making this ministry possible, and we thank God for you, and for many others of all ages.

Yours for Christ-exalting camping,

Paul Gardner

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\$360.00 Gardner

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