

*Merry Christmas from the Scherrer Family!*

*Thank you for your prayers and support during this unusually challenging year. It hit us hard in many ways, physically, financially and emotionally but we know God is in control!*

*Camp was shut down during the spring but we are so thankful that we were able to open for an almost full summer program. We were saddened to have to limit Camp Promise to one week of day camp, but knew this was the safest option for our vulnerable friends. Most weeks of camp were full and we had a large number of first-time campers attend since we were one of the few summer activities open in our area. God provided us with an incredible summer staff who maturely withstood the challenges of our unique summer situation. It was a blessing and a privilege to see God's work and protection this summer.*

*The year 2020 has been one of many adjustments and difficulties for our family, as we know it has been for so many of you as well. Alaura and Drew moved back home from college to finish out their spring semester which meant the loss of concerts and music classes for Alaura and the entire baseball season for Drew. The highly competitive summer internship that Drew had won was also cancelled. In August, we discovered that Tessa had to have unexpected brain surgery. Ten days after the call from the neurosurgeon Carole and Tessa headed to the hospital where Tessa ended up staying for a week due to some complications. Two months later found them on a plane for an 11-day return visit to the Mayo-Clinic for Tessa's ongoing health issues. Basically, her autonomic nervous system doesn't work properly, she has POTS, a connective tissue disorder, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue and a host of other issues she deals with due to the dysautonomia. Our focus has now shifted from diagnosis and treatment to adaptation. On Dec. 16 life will change again as we go pick up the daniff puppy that will be trained as Tessa's mobility/medical alert service dog. Not a scenario most teenagers have to deal with. Molly and Clint continue to homeschool and are fortunately still able to participate in youth group at our church. Karina care gives for a couple special needs boys as well as working in the kitchen at camp when needed. She is saving money towards attending Bergin service dog training school in August. On a fun note, we were able to move into the new staff house this spring. It's not quite finished but we sure are enjoying the added space!*

*What a year but God is faithful and always will be! May we keep our eyes fixed on Him and not on the things below.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,*

*Love,*

*The Scherrer Family*