

# MISSION SPRINGS

Camps and Conference Center

SPRING 2015

# the Missionaire

A MISSION SPRINGS MINISTRY CONNECTION

*God works in powerful ways transforming lives at Mission Springs. Here is a glimpse into how He works.*



A few weeks ago, a Bay Area church was here for a weekend retreat. During their final meal, the leaders presented our staff with a wonderful gift bag. Much to the surprise of our staff person, the entire group then gave him a standing ovation. Why you ask? They shared that the Mission Springs staff impacted their group in a powerful way and five of their students made commitments to follow Jesus as a result.

Is that incredible or what? What a great example and reminder of the impact this Christ-honoring place has on a person's life! Thank you for the important role you play in our ministry. Your prayers, sacrificial giving, and the many ways you support this ministry are making a difference. These stories of new beginnings would not be possible without friends and partners like you!

Gratefully Yours,  
Bryan Hayes, Executive Director



# Celebrating 2014

YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!



Thank you for helping make 2014 an incredible year! MS staff

## Highlights from 2014

- 4,055 boys and girls experienced God's magnificent creation through our Outdoor Education Program.
- 1,893 boys and girls came to Frontier Ranch, and 1 out of 3 campers made a significant spiritual decision.
- 156 guests groups were served at the conference center.
- Joni and Friends celebrated 20 years of family retreats at Mission Springs



*"A total relationship changing week for my son. His words were, 'I have a relationship with Jesus now that I didn't know could exist!' Praise Jesus! Thank you Frontier!"*  
-Frontier Ranch Parent

*"Thank you so much for having us at Mission Springs. All of us enjoyed this experience. I personally feel closer to Christ, and I feel like He is closer to me. Thank you for doing such a great job. I hope you all understand how much we appreciate what you all do."*

-Outdoor Education Student



What an amazing year of ministry! We cannot wait to see all God will do in 2015!



# FRONTIER RANCH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

By Christian Warne –  
Frontier Ranch Director

We are looking forward to another great summer of ministry at Frontier Ranch. We are actually right now in the middle of hiring the staff that will help create an environment where campers are brought one step closer to Jesus. This summer our focus will be teaching kids the Old Testament



and how Jesus' story starts all the way back in Genesis. Our Theme *"Flashback Frontier"* will look back at old themes from Frontier Ranch, as



## Why Outdoor Education

By Jenae Martin – Mission Springs Naturalist

In sixth grade I was not popular. I was picked on and did not fit in with any group, but I got good grades and enjoyed school, especially science. Then one fateful week, I got to go to science camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Science camp was truly a pivotal point in my life. For once, my knowledge and passion for science allowed me to talk to my classmates and start to build friendships. Science camp is a place for the nerds to flourish, and the kids who think that they are too cool for school (literally), to break down their barriers and enjoy learning.

Not every student who comes to science camp will want to be a scientist, but I get to help them realize that they should pursue their interests whether that is in science or somewhere else. As a Naturalist, I get to teach them how to take care of what is around them. I get to help bring the shy student out of their shell. I get to witness new friendships forming. At science camp, memories are created that they will remember the rest of their lives.

While many of our schools are public schools and I cannot directly talk about God, I know that I am indirectly sharing about His love through teaching

about His creation. Each time a student learns something exciting and new about the environment, I see their face light up and know that God is planting seeds of His good news and grace in their hearts. At Mission Springs, they learn so much more than what their science textbook could ever teach them. The students have no idea, but at the end of every week I am just as filled with the knowledge of God's love for me as they are.

To find out more information about the Outdoor Education Program visit: [www.missionspringsoe.com](http://www.missionspringsoe.com)



well as exploring the times when Jesus flashes back to the Old Testament. We want campers to see Jesus in the context of the entire Bible. Pray with us that campers will walk away from the summer celebrating Jesus' Old Testament roots, as well as learning about the history of Frontier Ranch.

Our theme verse is Matthew 9:13: *"I desire mercy and not sacrifice, for I have not come to the righteous, but sinners."* Our hope through this verse is to share how our relationship with God is not about doing all the right things and following the rules, but rather an acknowledgement and realization that God is a God of grace and love. Will you pray with us that each camper will have a life-changing experience?

To celebrate our theme, "Flashback Frontier," we are bringing back an old Frontier Ranch t-shirt from the 80's. Each week we will be posting photos from past summers and old Frontier Ranch shirts on our **Instagram** account **@missionspringsoe**. We would love for your child to experience "Flashback Frontier." To sign up, online registration is now open at [www.frontier-ranch.com](http://www.frontier-ranch.com).

**Wonder what Frontier Ranch is like?** Come to our **Open House on April 19th, from 1-4pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet staff and tour the property before the summer kicks off. No reservation is necessary.

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THE HERITAGE SOCIETY  
OF MISSION SPRINGS

*Update*

The Heritage Society was formed to encourage individuals and couples to leave a legacy gift through their estate. This gift will have a lasting impact for generations to come. Many responded to this invitation, and we now have 42 charter members!

Will you consider joining? Charter membership will remain open through December 2015. If you are among many who have already remembered Mission Springs in your estate, please let us know so we can say thank you and include you as a charter member. Thank you as you consider partnering with us through the Heritage Society and establishing a legacy by which you will be remembered.

If you have questions, or want more information, visit our website at [www.missionsprings.com/heritagesociety](http://www.missionsprings.com/heritagesociety) or please call Patrick Johnson, Ministry Advancement Director, at 831-335-9133

## UPCOMING 2015 CONFERENCES/CAMPS

Come and enjoy the beauty of the redwoods and experience rest by attending a conference at Mission Springs! These are great opportunities to be refreshed by God's Spirit through relevant teaching of His Word, worshipping, and enjoying fellowship. You can find out more specific information about each program on our website, [www.missionsprings.com](http://www.missionsprings.com) or by calling us at 800-683-9133.

### **Sixty Plus Conference**

April 12-15

### **Dads and Daughters Retreat**

April 24-26

### **Covenant Family Camp**

June 29-July 5

### **Frontier Ranch Summer Camps**

June 14-August 8

### **Family Adventures**

August 14-16

### **Dads and Sons Retreat**

September 11-13

### **PSWC Women's Retreat**

September 18-20

## IN MEMORIUM

Every year, Mission Springs receives gifts in memory of someone who is no longer with us. Often these gifts are given by friends or family members who remember their loved ones by supporting a ministry that meant so much to them. The following list represents memorials since the November 2014 edition of the Missionaire.

Elwood Anderson  
Evelyn Bonander  
Neomi Elmquist  
Marilyn Erickson  
Eva Erickson  
Jane Jacobson  
Don & Marilyn Lindstedt  
Glen & June Olsen  
Renie Olson  
Ron Rydquist  
Mona Swanson