

Camp: “La Gran Lucha”

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Communicating in a way the kids will listen in.

Camp is coming! Our kids look forward to our May camp all year long. As we make preparations for camp I recall how the Bible speaks of us being fishers of men. A lot goes into fishing! Bait, line, timing, tactics. I can see how much care and detail goes into the craft. I’m not much of a “fisher of fish” myself, but reaching kids with the gospel is very much part of what we do here at Spectrum Ministries! Camp is something we have found to be an effective way to do that. A lot goes into the craft! At camp we combine a lot of fun, games, and great food with gospel messages that are presented in an understandable way to the 120-150 eight-

through twelve-year-olds who attend camp. We set out to give the kids the greatest weekend in their lives. We are excited to bless them, share good times, deepen relationships, and strike up meaningful conversations. At the heart of the purpose of camp is the gospel.

We do our soul fishing in tough ponds. Most of our kids are tough street-wise inner-city little handfuls of trouble. I recall being called over to help prevent a pint-sized brawl from breaking out between our kids from La-



Fun Games!

guna and Grupo Mexico. “They have chains,” we were warned. Thankfully we got there in time and our little thugs were still in the insult-slinging phase. Their tough outer shells might make you think that they are not open to being reached, but behind the facade most of our kids really long for attention, role models, discipline, and self-worth. The gospel is truth. It shows us the way. Kids connect to that. Camp is a great way to reel these kids closer to Jesus.



Having fun with camp songs

This year our camp has a Mexican Lucha Libre wrestling theme titled “La Gran Lucha.” That translates into something like “the great



Kids love cheering on their team

fight” or “the great struggle.” We will tell the David and Goliath story in a Mexican Lucha Libre setting. Following God and his word will be the key to victory in our skits and messages. We want the kids to understand that Jesus and the Bible are central to their lives.

There is still much to prepare! Please pray for us as we work to present the gospel in a fun-coated but not watered-down way. The fruit we seek is of the kind that God produces in the kids hearts. Pray that their hearts will be open to God’s word and that God will use this time to achieve His purposes in their lives. God works through prayer!

We are very excited to have a generous ministry partner (who loves camp ministry!) offer to match donations made to Spectrum for camp this year! If you would like to participate you can fill out the camp insert or let us know what portion of a donation you want us to use for camp. We hope this inspires many to support our camping ministry. We are excited about the opportunities that this may bring to expand the camps into some of our neighborhoods as day camps and allow many more kids to participate. God is opening up doors for the children of the families we serve. Do you know someone who might want to help us reach kids through camp ministry? Please share this letter with them or point them to spectrumministries.org.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

For all of us at Spectrum Ministries,

Paul Alvarado
Director



Romans 10:14-15: "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!'"

