



THE EAGLE'S EYE

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Who is like the Lord our God, the One Who sits enthroned on high, Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? Psalm 113 5 & 6

Work Day Prepares ER for Busy Summer Schedule

From Family Camp Speaker Dean Cook

When at Pearl Harbor, one of my duties was to supervise a rabbi chaplain. During their Feast of Booths, the congregation would build a small crude booth in the back yard of the synagogue, and each person, including the children, was urged to sit in the booth and reflect on the Hebrews as they journeyed to the Promise Land without permanent homes. This experience was meant to help them remember who they were and God's provision for them.

I have often wondered if our church camp meetings have their roots in this Hebrew practice for I find a return to the simplicity of camp life and its spiritual focus provide us with a great opportunity to remember who we are and Whose we are.

We will be talking about God's amazing grace at this year's family camp. Come join us. —Dean Cook

Plan to attend **family camp** and come in on Wednesday night, June 5. Grades K-6 will have VBS, and teens will also have their own activities. Lunches each day will be purchased at the snack bar with the profits going to missions. Many fun activities are

planned for Saturday, which has been dubbed 'family day,' and the closing service on Sunday should be a wonderful time of worshipping together.

Now Eagle Ridge has an available washer and dryer on site. Here **Bobby Higgins** adds some paint to the entryway.



Supt. Ron and Bobby Jacobs make signs for the trail.

May 12 was another busy and profitable work day at ER with a number of volunteers coming to paint, clean, clear brush, and serve in any way they could help. Regardless of age, Caretakers Bobby and Tracy Higgins found a job suitable for each one's abilities.

Andrea Tinsley helps at the work day and in many other ways is preparing for teen camp that begins on June 10. **Central Christian College** of McPherson, Kansas, is sending a ministry team. Register now if you haven't done so already!



Financial Update from Al Buckta

The total indebtedness of our 350 acre Eagle Ridge property was over \$100,000 two years ago. Grateful for every gift that has come in and praising God for this progress, we can now report this has decreased to \$60,000.

However, the current ER loan is set up to be completed with a balloon payment of \$46,000 in May of 2013. For the further development of this retreat center, we are eager to see this happen without any refinancing.

Would you help us meet our PRAISE goal by considering a sizeable contribution to a debt-free camping facility now?