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How can I be disappointed ... and yet I am.

Why do I focus on the setbacks when I am surrounded by blessings? Thanksgiving is a great time of year; it reminds me of how blessed Miracle Bible Camp is. *We get the opportunity, by the grace of God, to share the life changing message of salvation through Jesus Christ in both words and actions to literally hundreds of people every year.* We are privileged to enjoy God's creation and be reminded of His purpose for each and every one of us. This ministry is blessed by you; thank you for reading this letter and praying for Miracle Bible Camp.

This past month has not worked out well for the dining hall remodel project (see our fall newsletter). The cold and wet weather outside makes working on the foundation of our dining hall expansion difficult, setting the whole remodeling project behind "schedule." I need to be reminded that God is in charge and His schedule is perfect as he supplies all our needs. *Lord, help me focus on how blessed we are to have over half the funds to even start this project.* A new well was drilled October 2, providing us with great water. The roof truss structure is built and ready for the crane. Then last week the foundation cement work was done. Praise God, we have not removed our old roof and gotten caught "roofless" in the rain. We will continue to work with the contractor to do the roof work, coordinating around our scheduled retreats. We remain hopeful that we will have an opportunity to do the roof replacement this winter, but spring is looking more likely every day ☺.

Why are we doing this project? Miracle Bible Camp is experiencing growing attendance at summer youth camps and an increasing year-round ministry for church retreats. The dining hall is the hub of our activities, especially in the winter, with great food and conversation. The dining hall remodel project will get rid of a sagging roof that was storm damaged two years ago, increase dining and office space, replace drooping sheetrock, and improve accessible entrances, efficiency, lighting, and acoustics.

We are excited to have started. I had hoped to send pictures of the new roof going on and let you see how your year-end giving would help fund the completion. Instead, we will just encourage you to check out the plans and pictures on the back of this letter and imagine the impact an additional 2000 square feet will have. Then please prayerfully consider joining in to help make it happen!

Our year-end fund-raising drive kicked off Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> with our annual banquet; attendees contributed \$17 thousand. We are now over half way to our year end goal of \$40 thousand plus, and we would be very grateful if you would prayerfully consider making a donation to our construction fund. We have incredibly skilled volunteers and tradesman who generously help us double the impact of your financial gift. **Let's blow the roof off our fund-raising goal!**

Praise God we have a risen Savior, a dry roof over our heads, and a warm fire on the hearth; we are blessed to even have the option of pursuing building improvements. And as added blessings, we don't have hurricanes, and the mosquitos are not biting ☺!

Thank you in advance for your financial support.

In Christ

Doug Payne, Director  
Miracle Bible Camp

