

# BARAKEL NEWS

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**W**e have much to be thankful for as we look over our shoulder at 2022. Attendance was strong (the highest in ten years) and joy-filled volunteers filled **2,275 areas** of need. We are delighted that we got to proclaim the Scriptures at **55 separate events** during the year.

## Staff Comings and Goings

In the fall **Bruce and Kris Schedlbauer** retired and moved back to Grand Rapids. They served with us for ten years.

**Kathy Curtis** retired after 36 years on our staff. She has moved closer to her family.

After fifteen years, and countless meals served, **Keith and Susan Boeve** are moving away from camp at the end of our winter retreat season.

**Jeremy and Kerrie Linsley** have invested the last twenty years at Barakel and are now leaving before summer to enter a new chapter of life.

**Kathleen Anderson** is about to change her last name and move downstate. Her wedding is this spring. We rejoice with those who rejoice!

These eight departures are a significant loss to our resident staff and we are praying for people to come and join us in our mission. Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up.

- A head cook
- A healthcare supervisor
- A lead activity programmer
- A registrar (person who registers guests)
- A vehicle mechanic
- A communications coordinator (social media, web, print)
- An adult volunteer coordinator

These are all on our prayer need list.



◀ In July **Caleb and Janae Hall** joined our resident missionary staff. They met while serving as seasonal staff and have wholeheartedly thrown themselves into the work.

**Brandon and Christina Cooper** ▶ met while on our summer staff and are now raising their financial and prayer support to join us as resident staff. As of this writing they have 88% of their needed financial support.






# Serving as Resident Missionary Staff

Our mission field is the people who come to Barakel each year. We love to proclaim the holiness of God, the sinfulness of people, and the sufficiency of Christ. We love the gospel, and long for people to see the glory of God in His creation and to hear the truth of God in His written Word. During each event on our schedule we form temporary communities of guests and short-term volunteers. However, the Resident Missionary Staff are the permanent community who lead short-term volunteers in fulfilling God's call in this place.

Resident Missionary Staff must meet the qualifications that the Bible lays out for a deacon. If married, husband and



wife are both on staff, though only one of them is expected to work full-time. The other serves part-time in the labor of caring for the place (example: cleaning) and showing love for our guests (example: baking cookies). Every staff person has opportunities to work in areas of interest and ability. If you have questions, please reach out. You may email us at [missionary@campbarakel.org](mailto:missionary@campbarakel.org).

Look us up on Facebook and join the conversation. 

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## SHORT-TERM STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

Even if you are not interested in joining the resident staff, we are seeking to fill many short-term roles as well.

We love healthcare professionals! If you'd like to join our healthcare staff for a week or more this summer, please contact us.

Ever dream about driving one of the green-and-white buses? We are looking for Christ-loving commercial drivers to help us transport kids this summer. Reach out if you know of someone who is qualified.

God is forming our college-age summer staff. We are seeking fun-loving, serious people to guide the summer campers.

When volunteering in any capacity you may email [Serve@CampBarakel.org](mailto:Serve@CampBarakel.org). Thank you to all who contribute to the ongoing story of the camp around Shear Lake.

