



2021 Summer Review

Your Support Helps Families Experience Life Changing Moments By Mike Kuebler, Edge Dean

THE ARK Christian Ministries is a very special place for my family. In fact, our family's existence is partially due to THE ARK. My wife, Kari, and I hit it off in the summer of 2004 at Edge week and were married by the time we volunteered the next year. Kari and I continued to volunteer each year and, as we started to have kids, our entire family would join in on the annual tradition which would always be a highlight of each summer.

For Kari and me, it's a spiritually refreshing week and we hoped that feeling would extend to our kids. Our oldest son, Eli, decided one year that he wanted to be baptized. We asked him where he would like to do that and his answer was "THE ARK!!! Of course!!!". Fast forward to this summer when our daughter Emmie



asked to attend Extremes 2.0. We were excited for her but also worried since she has a tendency to get scared at nighttime. I received a text from Kari while at work: "Call me ASAP. Camp called me." Uh oh. Did she get hurt? Did she get homesick? Nope. She wanted to get baptized! When Kari asked her where she wanted to get baptized, the answer was obvious. She was baptized recently in THE ARK's pond with family and our ARK family. (Pictured here.)

"God's love is with us always and everywhere. THE ARK is a special place for our family to focus on that truth. Thank you for providing such an awesome spiritual experience for our family every year."

Mike, Kari, Eli, Isaac, & Emmie



**Acts 1:8
UNREACHED**



**Your support provides a
change of pace from daily life
where students can hear and
respond to the Gospel.**

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Coming Up

September 17 - 18:

Ladies Retreat

BIBLE BASED

CHRIST CENTERED

DISCIPLESHIP DIRECTED

MISSION MINDED

Summer #s

- 844 Campers Attended 29 Camp Sessions
- 350+ Volunteers
(Kitchen, Office, Grounds/Maintenance, & Faculty)
- 31 Campers Accepted Christ & were Baptized at THE ARK
- \$14,366 Given in Missions Offering

Because of Your Gifts, Lives Were Changed By JR, Jungle Hut Dean

I spent July 15-21 at THE ARK Christian Ministries. Without a doubt one of the highlights for me was our time spent on the Double Decker initiative.

I was particularly encouraged by Natalie. She is from my church but I really did not know her at all when we arrived at camp. I saw her watching those first kids go up. I could tell that she was interested but also scared. I called her over to me and I asked her if she was gonna try it. Her "no" was pretty emphatic. I told her that if she wanted to try I was willing to be her partner if it helped. After another "no" I gave her space. A few minutes later I asked if she had any thoughts. She replied that if she did, she wanted me up there with her..."but I'm 99.9% no." I told her I was going back to camp to get my shoes. She asked, "why?". I told her that there was a .01% chance that she's a yes and that I needed to be ready.

Finally as time was about to expire she said, "let's do this." We got up on the course and after the first challenge she went so fast I could hardly keep up with her. In the 2 Sundays since we have been back at church, Natalie has sought me out with big hugs; her family has been really moved by her entire camp story but a lot of it goes back to the Double Decker. She and I will always have that as a connection point.

This is the first summer the Double Decker High Ropes Course has been in use. Thanks to the generosity of a few donors, half of the course was built this spring. Once completed, hopefully by spring 2022, this partnered challenge course will be able to host up to 32 participants at once.

Your Gifts Make A Difference Year Round

Your giving makes life changes like these stories possible. Year-round youth and adults are challenged to deepen their walk with God. Even though these campers and faculty have left, ministry continues at THE ARK 365 days a year.

Will you help us prepare for the fall and winter guests who will come by giving a financial gift?

Will you also please pray for those whose lives are impacted by THE ARK? May more youth and adults experience a community of God's grace and have their lives changed.

Your partnership is vital to the future of this ministry.



2021 Business Donors

We are so thankful for all of the businesses & foundations that have given financially so far this year. Here are those who have given \$1,000+.

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