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Dear Friends of Drift Creek Camp,

We want to briefly share about how Drift Creek has been a blessing in our lives. Twenty seven years ago, Camp of the Risen Son was started by a man named Dave Crockett, a missionary with American Missionary Fellowship. From the beginning, Camp Risen Son was held at Drift Creek Camp, and I, Steve, worked alongside Dave, helping in a wide variety of roles over the years. When Dave left the field, Dale Cardwell took his place as the AMF area missionary and I continued to work with him at camp. Seven years ago Dale retired, and they asked me to take his position. It seemed a natural fit, considering one of the primary responsibilities of the Salem Area Missionary is running Camp Risen Son. In 27 years of being at Drift Creek, I have only missed once—the year one of our daughters was born during camp time. As you can imagine, camp is always an incredible joy for me.

So for the past six years, I have been the camp director, planning and directing camp with my wife, Kay, and our youth missionaries, Ben and Sarah Bobeda. Each year the staff at Drift Creek makes us feel very welcomed, and we so appreciate how well Drift Creek is cared for. Over the past 27 years we have seen many wonderful improvements. We've always found the grounds and lodgings to be clean and safe, plus the staff is consistently caring and helpful. This wonderful setting enhances the atmosphere that we desire to create for our campers. Having such a nice facility, coupled with our own excellent staff, has enabled Camp Risen Son to have a great reputation. As a result, our camper numbers just keep growing. There is another tremendous joy that we are just now starting to experience: Seeing the young children of previous campers start coming to camp. And many of those previous campers are now coming back as staff. What a blessing that is to us!

In the past few years we've been offered additional days at Drift Creek and we've been delighted to be able to expand our camps. This year we will be offering a Parent and Me camp for the first time. We got the idea from Drift Creek's Parent and Me camp, and The Kauffmans put us in touch with people who shared schedules and other helpful ideas to help us launch this new venture. We honestly feel like the directors at Drift Creek want to do everything they can to help our own camp succeed. Although we only rent the facility, we feel like they are partners in our own camps.

We are so thankful to the Lord that He brought us to Drift Creek so many years ago, and that He continues to bless this facility. We look forward to seeing Him continue to work in campers' lives, both at Camp Risen Son, and at the other camps that take place at Drift Creek. What a blessing it is to be a part of His work, impacting the lives of children and teens for eternity.

In Christ,  
Steve and Kay Dixon  
AMF missionaries, Salem, Oregon

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Directors of Camp Risen Son