

The 3 weeks of Cowboy Camp are behind us now and as we have had the chance to rest and recover and talk about the weeks, we reflect on all that God showed of Himself. As you know, this is the first year we have had 3 weeks. As I looked around at the group of campers the last night of week 3, I was struck that all these 46 kids who were laughing and signing shirts (a tradition for the last night) would have been turned away had this third week not been made possible. Camp is hard work and can be grueling on the body because we are go, go, go, but in that moment it was all so worth it! I don't want to turn kids away

who this could be their chance to hear of God's unconditional love and see it in action through the teams that come serve. I love camp and getting to do camp at Siete Robles with the mountains as a backdrop on two sides is a gift. This year God showed his power in Nature in that in one given day during week 1 He made the sun shine, the clouds roll in and become a gray sky that brought both hail and rain then back to a sunny day again! On the camper arrival



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day for week 3 when the parents come to register their child, the dark clouds were present and rain all around camp, but not ON camp! Typically the Staffers are spread out in the rooms and out playing in different areas with the kids until check-in is complete and had the rain come I don't know how we would have managed. But God made a way and moved the rain around us!

I am so thankful that God has wired Sharon and I to do camp. In looking to the future, we see that to continue with multiple weeks, we need a different team for each week! This year there was amazing leadership to work with and we learned how to streamline the orientation process and are constantly looking for ways to improve on what we have and make future camps smoother! We would like to invite you to prayerfully consider the possibility of bringing a team of 10-12 to Spain next summer and/or summers beyond to work alongside of us! It is not a youth trip, but a MISSIONS trip – an investment of yourself. What is necessary, is a servant heart and a willingness to love on these kids that The Lord continues to bring each year and shine The Light. It is "English" Cowboy Camp and the kids work on their English by learning life lessons from Proverbs and other parts of the Bible through our Life Lesson Groups that meet each day with a point to take away. Knowing Spanish isn't necessary for a Staffer and parents are excited that this camp uses native speakers.

If you read this and feel an interest to come to camp, please contact us and we can work from there to form a team together! We are excited to see where God takes this!

Also, if you feel that coming over the ocean for missions isn't what you can commit to, we can send the mission trip to you! In 2015 and 2016 we sent a group of teens to Houston to live with families there for 4 weeks as an immersion to English. The parents knew they would be living with believing families and attending church activities. This opportunity is huge for kids who are beyond the age of camp to have interaction in the home environment.

With our love in Christ from Spain,
Dan and Sharon Leatherwood

