

The Bemenderfer Family

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DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

Rochelle* lagged behind Heather*, as if wanting to talk with me privately, so I slowed my gait. The three of us were heading back to the Girls' House after a movie and tea time at ours. The words spilled out as if being held in far too long.

"Do you guys still have that Family Worship you used to have in the evenings?"

"Yes, we do," I happily replied.

"Well, can I come tonight because I really want to become a Christian and I need to know how..."

"Of course!" I answered, thrilled to know her spiritual interest.

Rochelle came that night and we learned she was seeking hope in her life and thought she might find it in Jesus. The inside of her forearm revealed cutting scars, her way to deal with the pain of her recent depression. We explained what Jesus had done for her and she chose to believe and even expressed interest in baptism.

That evening with Rochelle and those that followed were one highlight of our time at CMA, as we got to see her begin reading her Bible and journaling each day. We also thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know a new student Jeremiah*, an MK from Peru, who quickly connected with our boys. Desiring to grow in his faith and be around solid Christian guys, he spent time both at our Family Worship and hanging out with us in our home. We're so grateful, though our job didn't directly involve relating to students, God gave us these and other special opportunities.

Our time at CMA has left us with memories we will carry for the rest of our lives. We shared wonderful hospitality and fellowship with staff. The views were

** Student names changed to protect their privacy.*



CMA Chapel: a favorite campus location



Saying Goodbye to Chapel Friends

breathtaking, and we enjoyed the local wildlife. Tim and George developed numerous practical skills through their work with the CMA maintenance team and participation with the chapel music team. We had hoped to be more involved with the spiritual side of campus, but this did not come to fruition by the time we left on August 29, following the winding down of CMA operations. We've now heard CMA is officially closing the end of this month.

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So, what are our next steps?

Currently, we're en route to Iowa pulling our camper, staying at RV sites & visiting with sons and friends along the way. We aim to arrive in Iowa before September 23rd. We're waiting to hear about a couple potential pastoral positions, and are considering other options as well. Please pray for clear direction as to what God might have for us next in this time of uncertainty.

Crosswinds/CMA is kindly continuing to receive support for us through the end of November. Your continued support will be very helpful to us in this time of transition. All recurring gifts will be canceled automatically on November 30th. We will let you know when we find a new position.

If you'd like to discontinue your recurring donations before that time, we understand. You'll can contact Jennifer Sholund directly at jennifer.sholund@lastingchangeinc.org or (260) 615-9328. It only takes a moment to cancel, and Jennifer will cancel your donations as soon as she hears from you. (Unfortunately, there is no way for you to cancel your gifts online.)

If you let us know you'd like to cancel, we also can notify Jennifer for you and she will discontinue your giving as soon as she hears from us.

If you do nothing, after mid-November, Jennifer will start contacting any active donors by email to notify you of the upcoming cancellation and give you the chance to shift your giving to another part of Crosswinds. If she doesn't hear anything from you, then she will cancel your gift so that you will not be charged past November 30, 2022.

Though our time at CMA was short, we thank God for bringing us there. We look forward to what lies ahead and will make sure to keep you informed.

As always, thank you for your faithful partnership. We couldn't do any of this without you!

Love in Jesus

Mark & Rachel, for all



Greasing axles in preparation to go



Tim, George, and Dominican coworkers

Effective September 21, 2022, Caribbean Mountain Academy will close. CMA Team Members will be able to receive contributions through November 30, 2022. At that time, please email donations@lastingchangeinc.org to update your contribution settings. Thank you for your generosity and benevolence over the years! For information about CMA's future and how we're moving forward, visit wheatfieldacademy.org/cma-transition.

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