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Friends and Supporters of Old Boney Mountain Foundation for Kids,

Thank you so much for your financial support and sending students to this year's 2024 Winter Camp January 13-15th! Your kindness allowed for 7 students to participate and have an amazing experience who would not have otherwise. This included several students that are working through family hardships and financial challenges. The opportunity also allowed for the entire group of 65 middle and high school campers and leaders to have a more meaningful time. Our theme was "God Vibes" as we reflected on the life-changing and healing vibes God gives us and that we can share with others. Here is some of what was learned and decisions students made in their own words:

- "My camp experience has been fun and fulfilling. One story is learning how we never know when it's your time, so be grateful for everything and live for God." (high school boy)
- "My camp experience was great and felt like I got a deeper friendship with God. I decided to pray to God about my worries and live with gratitude. Thank you for the donation money, my family is dealing with my brother's medical bills right now and I'm very grateful for the help!" (high school girl)
- "My camp experience filled me up with God vibes. Everything here I felt was meant just for me and my heart. The worship was amazing and I felt God standing with me the whole time. Thank you for those who were praying and supporting me and caring about my soul and mind." (middle school girl)
- "One story that sticks out for me is finding joy in darkness. My camp experience was amazing. Things might change for me by being more involved with God." (middle school boy)
- "I had lots of fun and learned more about God. I felt God when we were singing during the songs. I want to go home and learn more about God and I wanna read the bible more. Thank you for making this possible." (high school boy)
- "Camp was really fun and helped me get closer to God. I learned that he shows me his love in many ways especially during hard times. I know I want to pray more often and get deeper into the Bible." (middle school boy)
- "A story that sticks out was when we talked about faith after worship in the cabins the first night. I learned we don't deserve God's love but he loves us anyways, unconditionally. I really want to start living for God and putting him first in my life." (high school boy)

As a larger church group, we had many students commit their lives to Christ. We had several students go to camp for their first Christian experience and now are plugging into small group Bible studies. And so, to all those through Old Boney Foundation who helped make this possible, thank you, God is good!

In Gratitude,



-Matt Elam
Associate Pastor, Monte Vista Church

