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A Teacher Remembers - by Lynette Showalter

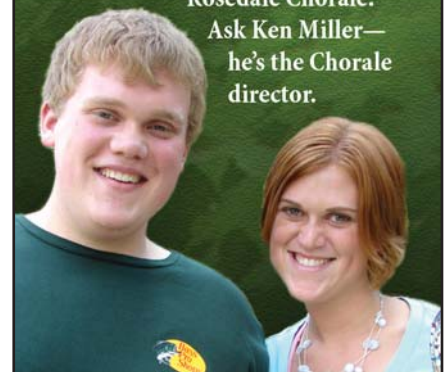


An Afghani proverb says, "The first day you meet, you are friends. The next day you meet, you're brothers." After 10 years and 17 weeks of Choral Camp, after 306 classes of 25 campers and staff, I am rich with brothers and sisters.

It was an honor and privilege for me to serve at Choral Camp. I dreamed throughout the year about where to take my campers and how to effectively combine culture and music, worship and prayer. I grew personally as I researched and processed the ministry trips and family trips I took overseas, and related to missionaries in preparation for classes. Weeks prior to choral camp, my family enjoyed/endured the aromas of cardamon and rose water in the kitchen, and the sounds of Calypso, Appalachian preaching or Asian warbling ("Mom, sounds like somebody's in pain!").

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Did you know that you can go to college on the Choral Camp campus? You can even graduate! Brittany did, and Aaron's on his way. If you've learned to sing really well, you can tour with the Rosedale Chorale. Ask Ken Miller—he's the Chorale director.



Siblings Aaron & Brittany Tull are counselors this summer at Choral Camp!

A Teacher Remembers

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And then the moment of awe came, when you—excited, focused campers—came to my classroom and breathed life into my plans. You sang, prayed, and danced with abandonment. You've touched me deeply and I'm sure you added years to my life!

Despite my two big regrets—I never sat in on other teachers' classes and I never did choral camp cream—I take many special moments with me:

- ♪ Concerts of prayer – praying aloud together for the needs of children in places like Cambodia, Tibet and Afghanistan – being moved by the prayers of campers
- ♪ Campers tasting things that would surprise their mothers—and finding them “interesting,” if not good 😊
- ♪ Singing with awesome counselors during the weekends between camps—because you chose to “crash” with a hymn sing instead of a movie (who does that?)
- ♪ Hearing a younger sibling say which year we studied a certain country because his older sibling came home from Choral Camp and taught him the songs
- ♪ Watching campers lie down all over my classroom floor and be lulled to stillness by an Asian grandmother or a yodeling papa
- ♪ A REACHER telling me the time she first thought about serving overseas was in Culture class

Campers, you've made my life so much richer! Take your music with you wherever you go! I love you all,

Lynette

New Choral Camp Campership Fund to Help Campers in Need

Choral Camp has been as joyful and fun filled as ever this year.

However, for many, including some families of this year's campers, this has been an especially difficult time. The global economic crisis has had an effect on the family budgets of many, and sometimes that has made the decision to come to Coral Camp a tough one.

Choral Camp remains a real bargain compared to similar programs, thanks in good part to all of our great volunteers and to Rosedale Bible College support. But for families who have suddenly lost their income, paying camp tuition and travel expenses can become burdensome.

That is why the Choral Camp leadership team has created a new Campership Fund. Beginning next summer (2010), families facing economic hardship can apply for tuition help for Choral Camp in the form of Campership grants. “We want every child to enjoy the fun and spiritual growth Choral Camp has to offer.” said Dan Ziegler, President of RBC. “No child should miss out because of an inability to pay.” Families facing economic hardship can request a simple Campership Fund request form from the Choral Camp office. Campership grants will then be distributed based on family need and the availability of funds.

Money for the fund will come annually from the College, and from gifts given as a part of this year's special Choral Camp giving project. Anyone interested in donating to help with this project is encouraged to send a check to RBC earmarked for the Campership fund.

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Campers, We'll Miss You!

Dear Campers,

You are a creative group of campers! You had creative hairstyles, art room projects, nicknames, and even creative ways of getting your table to go first at meals. I also loved the creative ways you praised God this week—in other languages, with lummi sticks, with music from the classical period and even through a yodel or two. Thank you for making this camp one of creative praise to God. I hope you take your praises with you as you go home today. It was great to have you here—see you next year!

- Debbie Hochstedler
Choral Camp Coordinator