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# BEREA MINISTRIES









### **PARTNERSHIP UPDATES**

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### **Celebrations & Highlights**

Summer camp is in full swing! Read below for stories of what God is doing across the ministry.



### **CAMP BEREA**

 New Kitchen Windows: The state of NH no longer allows porous materials, such as wood, in camp kitchens, so we were required to replace the kitchen windows with a

- safer, cleaner option. This provides better security, better airflow, more light, and more height and depth for coffee and tea, and allows for more interaction between our guests and kitchen staff! We are grateful for this increased opportunity to share God's love with our guests while we serve them. This might sound like a simple project, but it was actually quite detailed. We are currently <u>raising funds</u> to cover the cost of this project. To learn more, contact us at <u>partnership@berea.org</u>.
- Summer Update: It has been a great summer so far! The energy is high, and our new
  Site Director, Dave DiPietro, and new Program Director, Robbie Dakel, are doing a great
  job of leading the team, keeping spirits encouraged, and promoting a mindset of "All One
  Team."
- LDL Program: Our LDL program at Berea is full for this next school year! Our Life
  Discipleship & Leadership program is a 12-month training grounds for spiritual
  disciplines, leadership abilities,
  and practical ministry skills. Join us in praying for our LDLs as they prepare for this
  coming year working alongside our full-time staff.



### **CAMP MONADNOCK**

 Pond: The pond was drained, dredged, cleaned, and refilled, and kids have been swimming in it all summer! The beach is filled with paddleboats, kayaks, and more waiting for you to enjoy next time you come to campus. We are so thrilled God opened

- the doors for this project to be completed. Many of you have generously supported these efforts, but we still need your help covering the cost of this project!
- Red Barn: The bottom of the barn is the new home of our "Outfitters" camp store where you can purchase Monadnock t-shirts, mugs, and more, as well as a small lounge area for fellowship, connection, and relaxation after a day on the pond. We still need support to cover the cost of this project as well. Next steps include a new roof, painting the outside, and eventually adding a deck around the barn.
- LDL Program: Our LDL program at Monadnock continues to grow as well! Please be
  praying as we continue conversations with potential candidates for this next school year.
- Ascend: We just wrapped up two weeks of Ascend and saw incredible life change! This summer program continues to grow as attendance was even bigger than last year's -Praise God!
- Alumni & Partner Event: This past weekend, we had our first-ever Alumni event hosted by our Advancement team! It was a wonderful day of fellowship, prayer, and reconnection as we enjoyed a detailed tour of campus, lunch together, and meaningful conversation about all God has done at Monadnock over the years. <u>Let us know</u> if you'd like to be invited to the next one! Check out our <u>Alumni Facebook group</u> to see more photos from this event!





- Day Camp: We are officially more than halfway through our very first summer of programs at Camp Kerith! It has been such a joy to see how God has been working through our new day camp program. Read more below for stories of life change.
- Guest Groups: Last week, while running day camp, we also simultaneously had our largest Guest Group of the year at Kerith! The staff did an amazing job of meeting everyone's needs while still serving the Lord with joy. We praise God for His provision during this exceptionally busy week!



### **GREENHOUSE**

• Late Nighter: We are looking forward to gathering with hundreds of teens on October 18th at His Providence in Swansea, MA! This is an evening of fun and fellowship as we minister to youth from churches across New England. Please keep our speakers and teens in your prayers as they prepare for this time together!



#### **BEREA MINISTRIES**

- Water Project: We are so grateful for how the Lord has provided for our water needs over the past year! The new water systems are up and running, but we are still raising funds to cover the cost of this \$1 million dollar project. It's not too late to make a gift towards this project!
- State Inspections: Praise God all three camps passed their state inspections!
- Summer Staffing: The Lord provided for our summer staff needs! We still had some gaps at Camp Berea, but volunteers stepped up and helped us meet our needs. We are already recruiting summer staff for next year!



### **NEXT STEP STORIES**



"My daughter had lost interest in God and church over a year ago. S

God and church over a year ago. She still goes to church because she's forced but sits in the back with friends and pays no attention. We haven't seen her Bible open in well over a year. Yesterday, when we picked her up from day camp, she had her Bible open on the car ride home and was reading intently! We are so excited to see her delving into Scripture and eagerly praying to see her put her faith in Christ!"

#### Camper Discipleship Program (CDP) Testimony:

"Berea has always been a safe space for me to come, reflect, and engage with people I trust. This past year, I was battling bad decisions I was making and unhealthy relationships I was developing. Guilt and shame were weighing me down. At camp this summer, I really felt God's presence for the first time. During worship, I finally broke down. That night, I opened up to people about things I never thought I would share. By the end of the week, I felt God calling me to join the CDP program, which was only 3 days away! I had plans after camp, but none of that mattered- my focus was here at Camp Berea. CDP was 100% the right decision. It allowed me to take deeper Next Steps in my faith and gave me the opportunity to serve and learn that "it's not about me". The leadership training was eye-opening! While shadowing a cabin, I got to help a girl take her Next Steps. I really felt God guiding my every word!"





"One of our campers was very
nervous about coming to day camp as she
had a bad experience at a different, local
camp. Every day, she has been having
more fun and learning more about Christ.
For most of the week she has been picked
up early, but by the end of the week, she
was begging her parents to let her
stay the whole time so she could be here
for the final campfire rally and Bible story!"

### **PRIORITIES**

Next Campaign: Please be praying for our team as we prepare for our next Campaign!

We are considering a Campaign that is relative to all aspects of Berea Ministries over the next fiscal year. Potential projects we're praying about include a new Welcome

Center/Office renovation at Camp Monadnock, a Pole Barn at Camp Berea, winterized cabins at Camp Kerith, and investment into our Marketing efforts across the ministry.

Please be praying that God would guide us and that He would prepare the hearts of our alumni and partners to support the ministry.



## Roadblocks & Challenges

continued inflation causing stress on families across New England, we have more people than ever asking for assistance in coming to camp. The need to grow our Campership Fund continues to increase! You can directly support our Campership Fund by visiting our website.



### **Pray With Us**

Our Campers: Pray for our summer campers, especially those who took Next Steps. Pray
they would continue to apply what they learned at camp to their lives at home, and
specifically, that they would continue seeking the Lord through prayer, Scripture, and
church.

- LDLs: Pray for our new LDLs that will be joining the team this fall.
- Gifts & Support: We mentioned several recently completed projects that still need funding
  to cover the cost of work done- the new kitchen windows at Berea, the pond and Red Barn
  renovation at Monadnock, and the Water Project. Pray that God would work in the lives of
  our partners to provide for these needs!
- Camp Kerith: Pray for the team as they wrap up a few more weeks of their new Day Camp program. It's been a great summer so far! Pray for continued safety, good weather, and open hearts as we share the love of Jesus with our Kerith Day Campers.
- **Upcoming Fall:** We are heading into a busy fall season with many projects and events on the horizon. Pray for God's guidance and provision as we head into this new season.



**MAKE A GIFT** 

We truly cannot do the work we do without your support. **Your gifts and resources allow us to continue stewarding this ministry and its people.** Each project, program, and person we steward has a direct impact on building the Kingdom. We challenge you to prayerfully consider <u>supporting the ministry with a gift.</u>

Did you read about a particular project that sparked your interest and want to learn more about how you can support us? Let us know! We'd love to chat with you about it.

### **Celebrate With Us!**

2025 is a big year for Berea Ministries!

Praise God for these many decades of His goodness and faithfulness!

CAMP BEREA 80TH ANNIVERSARY: October 10 to October 13, 2025

CAMP MONADNOCK 60TH ANNIVERSARY:

August 29 to September 1, 2025

CAMP KERITH 80TH ANNIVERSARY: September 12 to September 14, 2025

Camp Berea Alumni

Camp Monadnock

Camp Kerith Alumni

For questions and more information, please contact our Advancement Team at partnership@berea.org. We'd love to hear from you!



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