



# Island News

## *Merry Christmas!*

Quarterly Newsletter

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### Merry Christmas from the MacKenzies

Christmas is one of the best times of the year. At least we think so. The time spent with loved ones is cherished time.

Our God is the great God of the universe, the creator and sustainer of all that is and ever will be. He is the transcendent God. Yet, He is also an intimate God. He is close, like Paul said in Acts 17:27. Emmanuel is a name of intimacy; God with us. He is close. We can call on Him and know that He is near. Glory to God on the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to men.

We want to thank you for praying for Norm and his continued fight with cancer. He has just finished six months of treatments with Xofigo, a radioactive drug that targets cancer in the bones, killing cancer cells and relieving pain. It has done what we hoped it would do. Norm's pain is pretty much gone and for that we are thankful. Norm will have scans done at the end of the month to try and determine just where the cancer is and what it is doing.

Thank you for praying for us and the ministry of New Life Island! We hope to see you on the island this summer!



### Greetings from the Rofes!

It has been an unusual year for us here, as I'm sure is true for all of you as well. But God continues to be good in all circumstances! We have so much to be thankful for as we look back on how He was worked in the past year, and as we anticipate what He will do in the next one. We are excited to spend the coming holidays with family to celebrate the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. No matter how or where you spend Christmas, we hope it is a special time of rejoicing in His birth. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



### Our 2021 Calendar

April	10	Workday
May	1	Workday
	29	Disc-Golf Marathon
June	15	Senior Saints
	20-25	Counselors in for training
	27-7/2	All Staff Training
July	4-9	Teen Week
	11-16	Junior High 1
	18-23	Junior 1 & Adventure 1
	25-30	Junior High 2

August	1-6	Junior 2 & Adventure 2
	4-6	Junior Mini Week
September	17-18	Ladies Retreat
	27	Golf Marathon
October	6-9	Quilt & Craft Retreat
	15-16	Mens Retreat

The camp is available for rental on days when we do not have an event planned. Please contact us for more information.

## Behind the Scenes

A couple of years ago at a meeting between representatives from the Garden State Fellowship and New Life Island, an amicable agreement was made to sell the island to the camp and also, in a sense, release the camp as its own entity. The vote to do this happened in the fall of 2018. Since then, we have been busy, the camp secured its own 501(c)3 designation from the IRS. We also became a Pennsylvania corporation, the island is in PA, and established ourselves with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations. We have also secured Pennsylvania sales tax exemption. This past spring, the papers were signed transferring the property to the camp. New Life Island, the corporation, now owns New Life Island, the island.

One of the big and last items on our list is obtaining real estate tax exemption from Bucks County. It might seem like that should be pretty easy. We are the same people doing the same thing that we have been doing for years, but it's not quite that easy. We are currently in the midst of working things out with the county. Obtaining this exemption is a big deal for us. We are asking you to pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of the decision makers in Doylestown.

Even though some legal things have changed and ownership has changed, the heart of New Life Island is the same. No one leaves the same, is our theme and we will continue to strive for life change in the hearts of all those who come to this place.

## The Next Big One(s)

Our next project is the Nurses Cabin. Our desire is to modernize what is one of the oldest buildings on the island. It needs some structural repair as well. We want this to be a comfortable place for our campers to come when they are either ill or injured. It is important that we have a good place to care for our campers who are feeling under the weather.

We currently have \$20,000.00 given towards this project. We are now looking for workers to help with this important upgrade.

After the nurses cabin we will be working on the motel restrooms. These restrooms haven't had an upgrade in quite a long time. There are many things that we can do to them to make things better for all that use them. We will provide updates as this project gets closer.

## Keys for Kids

Keys for Kids is an organization that ministers to children. They have a special branch of their ministry that works with camps. With their help we are able to send out a devotion guide to each of our campers. The devotion guides are good for three months and our campers will receive enough to last through the year. This has been a wonderful way for New Life Island to minister to our campers even when camp is not in session.

Each devotion guide has the New Life Island logo on the front, it also includes a letter from Mr. Norm and Miss Cherie and pictures or other information that we want to share.

Of course there is a cost involved in producing and mailing these booklets. New Life Island has invested \$1425.00 in this endeavor. Would you like to partner with us to help us keep sending these devotion guides to our campers?

## Financial Update

Because of the events of this year, we find ourselves in a financial deficit. Currently our general fund is about \$20,000.00 in the red. We are thankful that things are not worse. But, we are hoping that God's people will help us in these extraordinary times. Thank you for praying and supporting the ministry of New Life Island.



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## Christmas Wishes!

We need two new windows for two of our motel rooms. The cost, including trim, about \$300.00 per window.

We have had two cabins repainted by volunteers. Thank you! We still have two to go. Please contact us if you would like to paint or if you would like to help finance this project.

Would you consider a year end gift to the camp? Any and all gifts are appreciated. Every gift you give helps us minister to children.