Appalachian Twinning Ministry Correspondence



The Appalachian Twinning Ministry provided funds to help students attend this year's Tazewell Young Life Summer Camp.

Andy & Jill Sawyers | Summer Camp Leaders

Summer Camp was incredible!! It was five days ABSOLUTELY PACKED with fun games, music, food, sports, testimonies from other believers, and, of course, a really solid presentation of the Gospel. Students were presented with five core/foundational ideas including:

- 1. You're known and loved by God.
- 2. The world is broken, and we contribute to that brokenness through sin.
- 3. Jesus died on the cross to pay for that sin and brokenness.
- 4. Salvation is available to each of us, if we're willing to accept Jesus.
- 5. We're called to take the Gospel and share with others.

Every student (reluctantly) gave up his/her phone when we arrived, and it was a week to completely unplug from the pressures of normal life. We saw transformational things happen throughout the week, and we're still seeing the rewards and growth of that now.

We had seven students make the decision to either follow Jesus for the first time or to recommit their life to following him. Since we've been back, we've baptized four of those students, and we've been doing bi-weekly Bible Studies with them. We grew in relationship with each of the students, and those relationships have helped to open the door into their lives and the lives of their friends who didn't go to camp.

We are beyond excited to see this momentum carry into our fall semester. I hope this report finds you well and just know how thankful we are for your prayers, support, and partnership in this ministry!!