



Dear [FIRST NAME, LAST NAME]

Imagine paddling across a lake in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area or sitting on the beach at Round Lake or high above the ground on the climbing tower ... as you look ahead the sky and ground meet at a place called "the Horizon." **The Horizon is where the reality we know merges with the future we can only envision.** It is a fleeting location that continues to move away as we draw closer.

Now turn this concept towards Covenant Pines Ministries. **Our focus over the past two years has very much been on navigating the impact of COVID on our ministry.** The Horizon we've looked towards has been almost underfoot. We've adjusted, pivoted and reframed so many times it's been hard to keep track ... but we did and have the results to show:

BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND OCTOBER 31, 2022, CPM HAS:

- Hosted 7 programmed retreats, 81 rental retreats and 6 offsite events
- Served during the summer of 2022: Over 1700 campers attended camp at CPBC, 49 families rested at Silver Beach, 18 canoe groups went on trail at AC and 145 people attended an offsite event
- Distributed over \$25,000 in financial assistance
- Received gifts from 439 families
- Received over \$110,000 in ministry supporting gifts
- Received over \$2,800,000 in pledges and gifts towards the Next Steps Campaign
- Installed new swim docks at CPBC
- Replaced the prayer platforms by Chapel at CPBC
- Completed the Sauna rebuild at AC
- Purchased new XC ski and snowshoes for AC

At the same time, **we have experienced significant financial challenges** as CPM has not been immune to the financial impacts of inflation and lingering COVID concerns.

- In 2022, we have served 78% of the number of campers we served in during the same time in 2019
- Our propane price per gallon has increased 77%
- Our food costs are up 20%

As 2022 comes to an end, I ask that you join me in **Moving The Horizon.** While we celebrate what has been done in the past 12 months, I know God has much in store for Covenant Pines Ministries. For us to finish well in 2022, **we need to raise \$150,000 in unrestricted ministry supporting gifts.**





In our attempts to reduce the financial impact on families coming out of COVID, we have relied more on ministry supporting gifts the past two years. **We have exciting plans on deck for the upcoming year and your year-end gift will enable us to Move The Horizon** out from under our feet into the future.

I want to thank the many of you who have pledged restricted gifts towards the Next Steps Campaign. Your gifts are bringing the new Worship Center closer to reality. We hope to begin construction in 2023.

As was shared by a high school student at the Fall MEA retreat: ***"It is so encouraging to see people our age excited by their faith and having it influence their lives."*** This is just one quick illustration of how God is working through Covenant Pines Ministries to fulfill our mission of *Encouraging Campers to Take a Next Step in Christian Faith*.

Thank you for your partnership with us in fulfilling this mission.

God is changing lives through Covenant Pines Ministries.

Blessings,

Dave Cairns
Executive Director

PPS: Your unrestricted gift has a ministry impact as we serve campers throughout the year in McGregor, Grand Marais and the Twin Cities. Thank you!

PPS: \$150,000 in year-end gifts allow CPM to end the year with a balanced budget and positioned well for 2023.