

## PRAYER SPARKS MEMORIES



**Sal Santiago,**  
ISC Board Member

Just recently I came across a quote from Charles Spurgeon that reminded me of God's past victories. It wasn't what the quote said that triggered my memory, but it was the insightfulness of the truth which reminded me of something I had forgotten. Spurgeon said,

*"If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith."*

For the last few years ISC Board members and staff jump on a weekly conference call to pray for each other and the organization. The prayer call takes different shapes. Sometimes it encourages us. Other times it challenges us to trust God. Still, other times we spend time talking about life. We share the highs and the lows. Some

of us come carrying heavy loads. Yet, we truly believe prayer can move mountains. Recently I jumped on the prayer conference call, and as Kurt prayed, God ministered to my heart. He reminded me of ISC's humble beginnings. He

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reminded me how three friends sat on the floor of a Jersey City home every Monday to cry out to Him. He reminded me how He has used ISC in the lives of Eagles,

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## Director's NOTE



Each summer, ISC is a combination of many "mini-miracles." One of the not so "mini-miracles" that our Eagles face each pre-camp season is getting campers to complete and hand in their camp registration forms. Our Eagles are the urban-based leaders who bring young people to camp and have given their lives to reaching and serving them. These selfless workers do not have an easy task. Camp prep is just one part of their ministry. They make camp a priority because they know the eternal impact it has on the kids they serve, however, that priority is often not shared at our campers' homes. Between campers "losing" their forms and them not being returned, our Eagles are stressed and challenged each year. Some of the Eagles go door-to-door to the kid's apartments to pick up forms and ensure they get to camp. Please pray for the strength and fortitude of these faithful servants as they fight this physical and spiritual battle. We are so grateful for your prayerful support!

Kurt Schwarz  
Executive Director

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counselors, and campers. He showed me faces and memories of camp. He illustrated His faithfulness just in case I had unconsciously forgotten. He was so kind the way He did it.

All I kept seeing was His answered prayers. He showed me Kurt, Jared and I praying on the floor. He reminded me of the time we prayed for new soccer balls and He sent an angel to purchase 20 soccer balls. He showed me a camper who once interrupted Kurt as he was trying to end a CLUB session and asked Kurt to bring back up the worship band

to play a worship song which meant the world to this young man. He showed me the many counselors who have served during the summer... which is a miracle. We recruit college campuses in the Metro New York region and each summer God has provided us with amazing counselors. Many of them have fallen in "heart" with the mission and serve faithfully. He brought to mind the many counselors we have built life-long bonds with. We have cried for these counselors, spent countless nights talking to them and invested our "sweat and tears" asking God for them. And then He showed



## Counselors' CORNER



**Caleb Dagnall**  
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"My experience at ISC has not only been one of service, devoting time and energy to these children and to the Lord, but it has also been defined by tremendous Spiritual Growth in my own life. Being able to worship the True and Living God morning, afternoon, and night and seeing the Word and work of the Gospel changing my campers' lives has been one of the greatest encouragements for me. ISC is a place that combines the fun of sports, games, and other camp activities with the seriousness of the Gospel message. I can't wait to serve at ISC every summer!"

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me the vast harvest of New York City, Paterson, Camden, Philadelphia, Jersey City and Newark. In all, God showed me His faithfulness when we prayed.

I learned years ago to pray expectantly and trust Him for the results. I stopped praying “God I hope you do this or that” and started trusting that God could do everything! This fall/winter we were without a camp facility and for many months ISC prayed for a camp facility which would become a ministry partner. God answered that prayer. Next, we prayed for a leadership team and God raised them up. We further prayed for Eagles, campers, and counselors. Request after request He has given to us. God is infinite and a good father!

This summer is shaping up to be our BIGGEST yet! But, we know that we could do nothing apart from God and YOU! We just ask that you join us as we pray for the salvation bell to ring at

camp. We see the environments where our campers are coming from, but we know our God is BIGGER! We’re praying for God to break the chains that hold our campers’ hostage and to expand our borders. Because our faith is enlarged by seeing what God has already done in the past! His faithfulness in the past only encourages us to place our full faith in Him answering our boundless prayers. Thank you for your prayers!

“God could do everything!”

## Counselors’ CORNER



**Deborah Rivera**  
New Jersey City University  
Sociology  
Family Health & Youth

“I’ve been part of the ISC family for three years now and look forward to serving every year! Serving children is one of the most humbling experiences God has allowed me to experience! Serving at ISC is a real challenge, but God always shows up. Each summer I leave camp learning more and more about how His love. Ironically, I believe that my campers teach me more lessons than I teach them.

# THANK YOU!

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