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Meet the Mission: Haelyn

Haelyn volunteered at Circle of Friends Camp this year, not just for one week, but for both weeks. By Tuesday of the second week, Haelyn came to me and said, "I have to be saved."

That evening, Haelyn gave her life to Jesus. Then, on Thursday evening, she was baptized!

What a beautiful reminder that we want to share Jesus with everyone. Our mission may have a particular focus on individuals with disabilities, but our desire is much bigger than that. We want to see individuals with disabilities know Jesus. We want to see their families encounter Jesus. We want caregivers and support workers to experience the love of Jesus. We want churches to become full of people who belong.

Everyone matters. Everyone needs Jesus. And everyone is invited into His family. That is why we do what we do.

Circle of Friends Camp 2026

Every year on the last day of Circle of Friends Camp, I find myself thinking, "Could it get any better than this?" Circle of Friends Camp is, without a doubt, my favorite week of the year. And now, we got to experience my favorite week twice in a row!

Across our two weeks of camp, we served 78 campers, ages 10–74, along with the many family members represented by each of those campers. We had volunteers join us from 25 different churches across the state, and 16 pastors came to serve alongside us.

And God showed up.

He showed up in worship, in friendships, in the laughter, in the hard and tired minutes, in the quiet conversations, and in the countless little moments that reminded us why this ministry matters so much. We are incredibly grateful that we got to experience HIS presence at Circle of Friends Camp. But the highlight of the two weeks?

Three people were baptized!

Three people publicly declared their faith in Jesus—and we had the incredible privilege of celebrating with them. God is so good!

None of this happens because of one person or one ministry. It happens because people choose to come together to make it happen. So, to everyone who has supported Circle of Friends Camp and The Gospel Accessible—thank you.

Thank you for praying.

Thank you for giving financially.

Thank you for serving.

Thank you for sponsoring a camper.

Thank you for donating supplies and equipment.

Thank you for showing up.

Every prayer, every dollar, every hour volunteered, every donated item, and every camper sponsored helped make these weeks possible.

WE DID THIS TOGETHER!

And we are so incredibly grateful.

Thank you for being part of the Circle of Friends family. ❤️

