

Fall 2020

Dear Tapawingo Friends and Family,

For over 60 years, the Lord has used a 4-acre island on a remote Adirondack wilderness lake to speak to and work in the hearts of thousands of girls and young women.

This year, 2020, was unique as that island “rested” for the first summer since its inception as a girls’ camp in 1959. **Praise God; He never rests.** The mission of Tapawingo has not changed.

We heard stories from parents, campers, and staff of how God has worked in and through lives, despite changed plans.

Throughout this pandemic, we have been keen to observe where God is at work that we might join Him in that work. We are committed to doing our part in preparing *His* place, for *His* girls to encounter Him.

I recall when a Vespers speaker whispered just before going to the podium: “I *totally see it*. You get 100 girls together in this Chapel raising their hands and hearts toward Jesus and **if they can** just ‘touch the fringes of His robe,’ and **encounter Him for Who He really is, they can go back and change their world.**”

In a few short years, these young women will be influential in our society. We pray that Tapawingo women will:

- **Love our Lord Jesus with their whole hearts.** -Luke 10:27
- **Allow Him to be the strength of their lives.** -Psalm 27:1
- **Live lives marked by God’s Word.** -Matthew 4:4
- **Be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in them.** -1 Peter 3:15
- **Walk in step with the Holy Spirit and nourish the world with fruit.** - Galatians 5:22-23

Only God can accomplish this vision.

Through the example of Jesus, God has been reminding me that success in His eyes is not results, but obedience to Him. “*But My righteous one will live by faith.*” -Hebrews 10:38

Jesus lived by faith. He “Set His face like flint toward Jerusalem (toward obedience to the Father through the cross).” -Isaiah 50:7; Luke 9:51



My prayer for the Tapawingo community is that, *“We are not of those who shrink back...but of those who have faith...”* -Hebrews 10:39

Many of you have reached out, expressing concern for the finances of Tapawingo, knowing that current situations have taken a toll on anticipated revenues. To help us cover our financial deficit from not being able to operate in 2020 AND to prepare for the anticipated opening of Tapawingo 2021 (which includes modifying our facilities to meet additional COVID protocols), **we anticipate a need of \$200,000**. As a ministry branch of CAMP-of-the-WOODS (Gospel Volunteers, Inc.) your generous donations to the COVID Relief Fund will help us to offset our ministry needs as a whole.

While there have been significant challenges placed before us, we have good reason to hope that Tapawingo will be able to operate again in Summer 2021. We trust, along with you, that God will provide, and we ask for your help. Your prayers and contributions are central to what takes place here.

Would you prayerfully consider making an “above and beyond” financial gift to Tapawingo to help reduce the shortfall? Your gift of ANY amount will make a big difference and be a blessing to the ministry.

You can donate online by visiting [www.tapawingony.org/contribute](http://www.tapawingony.org/contribute) or use the enclosed form.

As we thank God for writing this new chapter in our story, we ask you to support us in prayer and to come alongside of us in your year-end giving.

For more information or request for prayer, please e-mail me at: [tapawingo@cotw.org](mailto:tapawingo@cotw.org).

We rejoice to see how the Lord is going to work in and through this time.

Sincerely,

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Tapawingo Director

*“Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.” Luke 8:1-3*