

Hello, it's Fiona Kress! This past summer I worked at Word of Life Youth Camp for 5 weeks. Word of Life is a worldwide organization that ministers to young people and families, reaching them with the life-changing gospel of Christ and helping them grow in their spiritual walk. This summer I worked 4 weeks in the kitchen by helping Chef Bill prepare the food for the campers. One week I helped by counselling a group of girls. I loved working with Chef Bill this summer in the kitchen because he challenged me to grow in my relationship with God in a way no one in my life had before. He also made me laugh and made working so much fun. When I was counselling, I was reminded how awesome kids are. I am so thankful that I got to see them grow in their relationship with God even though I was only with them for one week. During the week, God helped me rely on Him, there was no way that I could do that week, or even that summer, without His help. One of my campers didn't own a Bible so I got her one and walked her through what all the books of the Bible talked about and where to start reading to learn more about Jesus.

This year was different than my past summers because instead of overnight camp, Word of Life had day camp. That meant that the staff had the evenings off and longer weekends. Because of this, I was able to make really good friendships with other staff. One of the girls that worked with me in the kitchen hung out with me a lot and she was able to open up to me about some of the things that she had been through. I got so much support and love this summer from other staff; I am so thankful for that.

This summer there were 165 kids that attended camp and 21 that made a personal relationship with Jesus and 54 that dedicated their lives to Christ. Please continue to pray for these kids, that they would stick to the decisions that they made and would grow in their relationship with God.

Thank you so much to Community Bible Church and the individuals that supported me this summer and prayed for me. Knowing that you were supporting me helped me in the summer.

