

Deeper Life Ministry Report

To the membership of Strasbourg Bible Camp:

What a privilege it is to see God at work through the ministry of this camp. For decades we can clearly see how people's lives have been touched through the love of Jesus as many dedicated servants of God pour into the people who step onto these grounds.

I love the fact that God is always moving; always leading people and orchestrating events that we can see and many things that He is shaping behind the scenes as well.

Over the last four years I have been blessed to see how Deeper Life ministry has had the opportunity to serve alongside SBC and to see God's promises released through prayer and worship into our community and surrounding areas.

The SBC board has watched this over the years and the vision of what ministry looks like here for the camp and for prayer and worship has expanded over time. *There is a sense that God is leading us to step into new territory, to believe for a new vision of ministry moving forward.*

Last year both the SBC board and Deeper Life Ministry were engaged in talks about how ministry might look like for us together and as we worked, talked and prayed for God's leading, it seemed clear to us that working hand in hand made a lot of sense.

We heard from the Lord that merging the two ministries under a new ministry name in order to see expansion take place as both contribute in their own unique ways was where we were to go. And that is where we are today. . .as you already heard in the chairman's previous report, the decision has been made to create a new ministry called "Deeper Life Ministries", and under this working name we will provide camp (DL camp), prayer (DL prayer) and worship (DL worship) as one ministry entity. We felt that we had been given a unique opportunity to re-brand indicating a new chapter of ministry that leads into expansion and growth.

There are exciting new opportunities that are already showing fruit: For example, we have a growing relationship with Eston Bible College that has brought many young adults onto our grounds for ministry training, and some of those students are expressing interest in becoming involved in internships and working at our camps. This is already expanding our base for quality young adults to serve in ministry here.

We have about a dozen new churches (primarily in the Alliance) where we will be doing prayer and worship ministry and while there will promote the ministry of the camp as well,

increasing awareness of our camps while doing the important ministry of prayer and worship in the process.

We are expecting growth and expansion over the new few years!

I want to express deep and heartfelt gratitude to all the members who are present here today, because of how you have served so faithfully over the years. Your vision has made this new chapter possible.

I want to say a special 'thank you' to the Barber family, and others who worked hard by their side, to see the original vision of camp ministry be established, and also for their willingness to embrace this new ministry chapter of camp, prayer and worship under the new name of Deeper Life Ministries. Your support is a huge encouragement to all of us!

May God receive all the glory for the work He has done and will do in the future as we follow Him!

Sincerely,
Brian Tysdal.