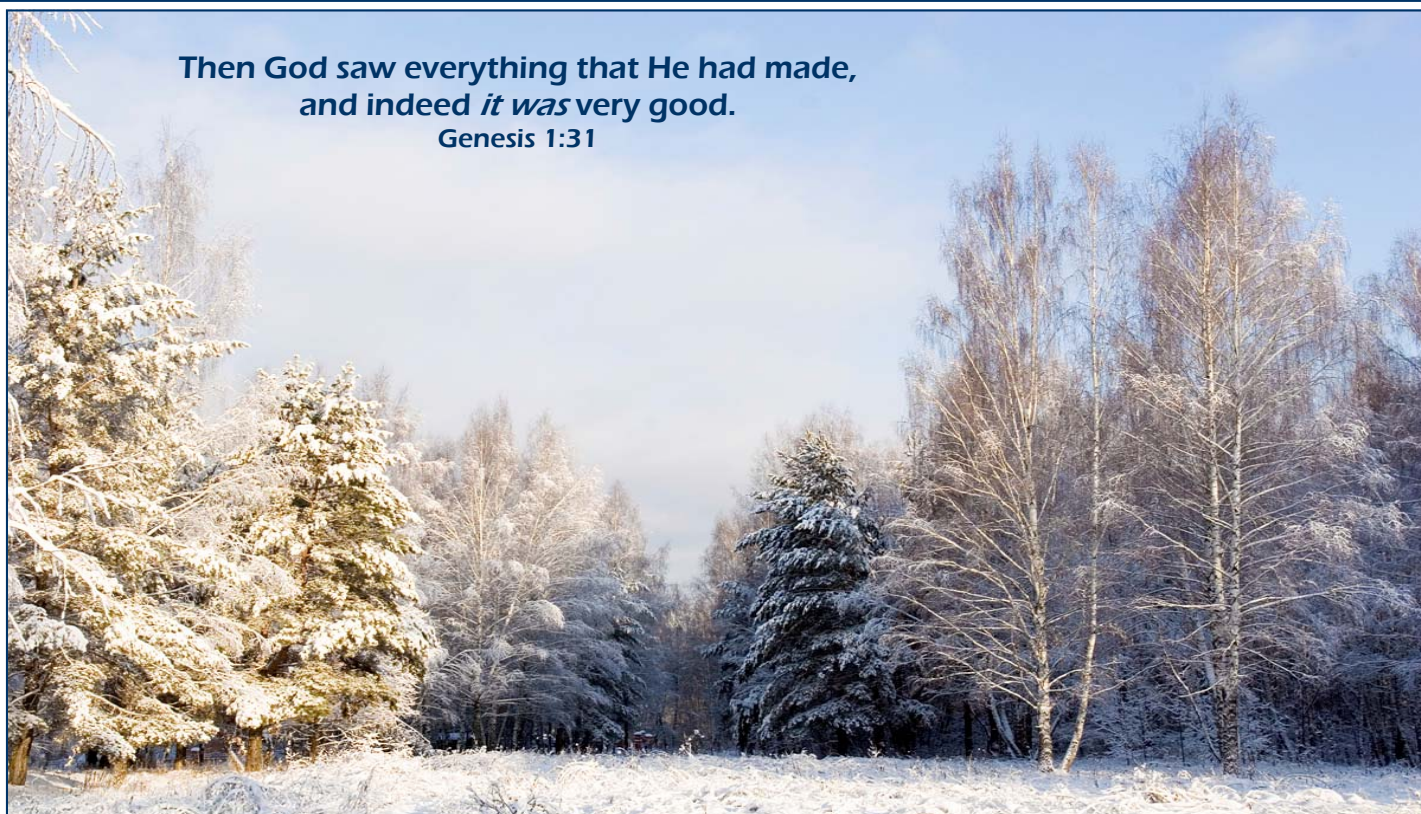


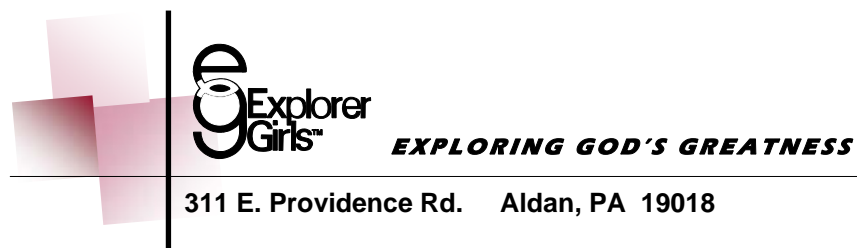
Then God saw everything that He had made,  
and indeed *it was* very good.  
Genesis 1:31



May God bless and keep you and your family throughout the coming year.  
**Merry Christmas!**

The EG Staff,

JK Det Donna Patty  
Chris



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**"Come, ye thankful people,  
come."**

That is the title as well as the first line of a song that is sung around Thanksgiving time. As I was thinking about that one phrase of the song, I asked myself this question—"I wonder how many people are thankful this year?"

My thoughts immediately took me to all of the struggles that I know people are facing. Jobs are uncertain, personal finances are dipping, health issues are concerns, fighting and bickering are prevalent because of the stress of life issues, and people are giving up hope.

The song goes on to reveal this important truth, "God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied." I can say that God is the one who has faithfully supplied in every area of my life. Even in this ministry, God is the one who abundantly provides for us. Right

## JK's Jottings

now, we are experiencing the same struggles as others. The financial situation for this ministry is critical as we near the end of this year. We have to make some very difficult decisions about the future of this ministry.

But through it all, I believe in the provision of my God. **HE WILL** provide all that is needed to keep His ministry operational. Because I believe that, I can say with certainty that I am a thankful person this year. I pray that you can examine your heart and life and find areas for which you can give thanks to God.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving  
and a very Merry Christmas!

JK

✓ the date!  
March 6-8, 2009

### Women's Annual Get-away Weekend!

We are excited to sponsor a Women's Get-A-Way Weekend at beautiful Traber Center in Pughtown, Pennsylvania. Please set aside the date to join us!

### Breathe!

More information about this event will be available soon!

Please note - All women are invited....you need not be part of an Explorer Girls' ministry to attend this special event!

Here's what women had to say...

"I particularly liked the teaching on Saturday regarding journaling with Scripture..."

"I was so inspired by each of the worship times. The singing was awesome."

"I have come home with a renewed spirit in Him!"

"(The weekend) was such a blessing to my heart and a peace to my soul! Looking forward to next year!"

Check out Traber Center at:  
<http://www.trabercenter.org>

He who  
kneels before  
God, can  
stand before  
anyone!



Written by Erin Barnes

**Explorer Girls Camp 2008** was a God Thing! You can feel how special camp is as soon as you drive through those gates of Mt. Gilead. It is a beautiful place to be for the week but what makes it so special is the amazing people that are constantly surrounding you. It makes it very easy to feel God's presence when we all sing and praise God together. Not only did we all grow closer to Jesus, we also had a lot of laughs and great times in each other's company. The cabin dress up night this year topped them all. You might think it is hard to dress up like a miracle but the ideas were so clever, from the "Rod Squad" (the miracle of Aaron's rod) to the "Towers" (Babel) with their crazy hair. Girls were excited about their activities too. You could hear them talking about their archery, riflery and horseback riding achievements at meal times.

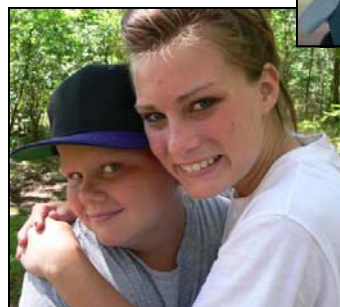
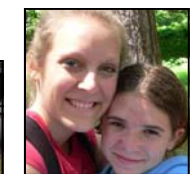
This year not only was I a camper, I was a Junior Leader which was a whole different experience. I got to observe and participate in some of the counselor responsibilities and I had the privilege of learning leadership skills and more about myself from Miss Diane. It was great to see the other Junior Leaders again. We hadn't seen each other since February but picked right back up at camp and quickly became a close knit group again. I had a wonderful role model in Miss Rose as I observed her with her cabin. Miss Rose was my counselor the first time I came to Explorer Girls Camp, and she made me feel so at home. What a perfect person to learn counselor skills from!

It was so hard the last day to know that you are leaving the world of camp. What made it easier was the beautiful singing on the last morning at breakfast. It brought a real focus to why we were there and how great it will be to be together again next year. It was a God Thing!



Kahmeshia Pittman & Christine Beede

Christine writes: I have been going to camp since I was eight years old and keep coming back. Explorer Girls camp is probably the most life changing experience that I go to throughout the year. Every year I undergo a spiritual change for the better and every year I come closer to God. As a future counselor, I know that not only will I be helping the girls grow as I did, but grow myself as I face new challenges. Camp is sooo much fun, there are so many activities to choose and it's almost impossible to choose which one I really want. This year at camp I taught a Creative Writing class where nine girls showed up. Bible time is always engaging and applies to the girl's lives. It applied to mine and that is the way I grew in God. The leaders are kind and so understanding, they do not judge, no matter who you are. That is probably the reason I keep going to camp. I see no reason why I shouldn't return, it is an investment in my spiritual health.



One of our staff recently received a beautiful note from an alumni of Explorer Girls. Here is a portion of that note:  
 "...as I've grown, I've come to realize that the only reason I've been able to become the woman of God I am now is because of the involvement, care, and love of women like yourself in my life. I'm sure I didn't thank you enough as a younger person...so for what it's worth now - thank you!"

**We need your help!**

There are **so many** ways that you can help Explorer Girls!

- We collect items throughout the year to recycle for cash to support the General Fund. Some of those items are: used laser and inkjet cartridges, aluminum beverage cans and old cell phones. Contact us if you have any of these items you wish to donate! Sometime each year we hold a yard sale at headquarters. This has become a well attended event. You can donate "good used" or new items to this sale. All proceeds go toward the General Fund!
- Add GoodSearch to your Internet home page! We receive cash for each search that you make on your home or office computer. Sign up today at:  
[www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com)
- **As with many charitable organizations, the financial crunch has hit us also! Our ministry is totally supported by people like you! If you would like to financially support one of our staff, the General Fund or the camping ministry, please fill out the insert and return it to the Headquarters' office.**
- You can pray for us! Miracles happen through the prayers of God's people. Remember us daily during your prayer time!



Please contact the Explorer Girls office at (610) 626-3332.

**Thanks!**

**Explorer Girls Believes in Miracles!  
 "It's a God Thing!"**

Was our theme at camp August 10th - 16th, 2008!

**We are in the midst of planning for 2009!**

All girls who have completed grade 3 through grade 11 are invited to take part in summer camp.

Any girl meeting the grade requirement, whether in an EG club now or in the past is eligible. Registration forms will be available in February, 2009. See the coordinator at your EG church for a registration form or go on-line to [www.explorergirls.org](http://www.explorergirls.org), to download a form.

We were blessed this year to have a German Exchange Student at camp with us. Here's what Laura had to say:  
 "Of course I can tell you things I liked at camp, but there are so much! :) At first I'm just thankful that I could come to camp and for my amazing cabin! I really liked horsemanship and food! I think the camp food was the best I ate in America! :) and the Bible activities and just talking about God and His presence! It helped me a lot.



Laura Sophie Stoll

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Thank you for remembering your loved ones through your gift to Explorer Girls. May God continue to bless you and your family through the coming year!