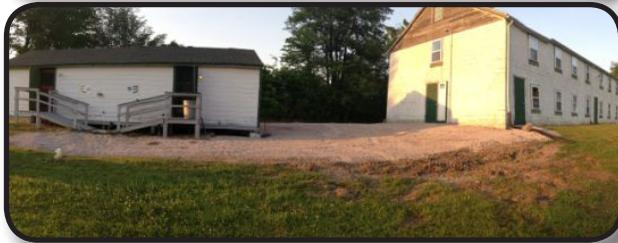


## CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

We made several improvements around the campus this year. One of the most noticeable and well received was the installation of new stone roads behind Cookman and in front of the Boys' Dorm. The Cookman road allows traffic to pass behind that dorm and leaves the basketball court and play area in front of Cookman free of traffic.

In order to install the road, we first excavated behind Cookman to run underground drain lines for the downspouts. We also graded and stoned the area between Cookman and the bathhouse to provide for easier passage between the buildings. The stone in front of the Boys' Dorm gives a mud-free road up the hill to the east end of campus. You will also notice a newly constructed stairway up to the second floor of the Boys' Dorm.

This fall, we did not tackle any major projects due to a lack of funding, but we did make several minor repairs here and there. In the spring, we hope to install new "guts" in all the toilets in the South Bathhouse, and we also need to repair the steam table in the Dining Hall. The Trustee Board has several other projects and upgrades on our working list, which we will pursue as funds and labor are available.



Road and stairway improvements

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*So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."*

—GENESIS 32:30



## IMPORTANT DATES 2015

Please note these dates in your 2015 calendars. Your participation is essential for a successful camp meeting!

### Work Days:

Saturday, May 30  
Friday & Saturday, June 19 & 20  
Friday & Saturday, July 10 & 11

**120th Annual Encampment:**  
Thursday, July 16, through Sunday, July 26

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### WHY IS PENIEL IMPORTANT TO ME?

*by Camp President Dan Segool*



Hello friends and campers. Summertime is now a memory as the leaves change and fall to the ground like rain. We had a great camp meeting this year. In this edition of *The Postings*, I asked some of our campers to weigh in on why Peniel Camp is important to them. Many of you know Mr. Jason, who has served as our Children's Evangelist for five years now. Kelsey Ciha has been on the camp plan for several years and this year served as a counselor. Kelsey is a sophomore at Malone College. Evangelist Larry Leckrone has shared a very timely article with us as well. I appreciate all of you sharing your talents and thoughts in writing. I thought I would also share why Peniel is important to me.

First, a bit of history. I didn't "grow up" at Peniel, as many who read this may have. I did attend some great Christian youth camps as a youngster, but never heard of Peniel until the early 90s. I was invited to come by Debbie Whitehouse. I did come and spent the weekend. At the end of that weekend, I found out that Lori Whitehouse needed a ride back to Youngstown. I was headed back myself, and it only seemed courteous to offer a ride. Now you are probably thinking that sparks flew on that trip home, but that was not the case! However, as time (and a good bit of it) went by, Lori began to see the error of her ways and the rest is history. Of course, once Lori and I were married, I began attending Peniel faithfully.

So, a good starting point for me is to say that Peniel is important to me because of family. Over the years, as I got to know Peniel, I got a new family. I'm not just talking about Lori's family, I'm talking about the camp family. My life has been so

blessed by knowing so many great people through the camp. Even though I see some of you for only a few weeks a year, those times are precious and intense spiritually.

Speaking of spiritual matters, that's a big reason why Peniel is important to me. I'm challenged by God's Word and His Spirit at camp. It is a special time for me to "come apart" and let God work on me for a while. The dynamics of this have changed over the years. Early on, I enjoyed bringing some extra reading material and relaxing. I would bring my football and throw it around with my brother-in-law Ward. These days, I don't do much relaxing at camp, but I still enjoy it! God still blesses me and challenges me in my spiritual life throughout the encampment. Also, I find myself challenged by the personal witnesses of my camp family and the great evangelists that visit with us.

As I reflect upon how my experience has changed over the years, I find myself coming back to family again. Now I'm talking about kids. It has been a blessing to me to see my kids, as well as my nephews and niece, embrace The Lord through Peniel camp. A few weeks ago, I met a family who faithfully attend Indian Spring Camp Meeting down in Georgia. The father told me that his kids would cause a mutiny if they ever missed camp. He said that he could offer them Disney World instead and they would turn him down flat. I know how he feels. My kids can't wait for camp to start. Now, if I offered Disney World, my kids would not turn me down, but they would negotiate another time to go so it did not conflict with Peniel!

Well, I could go on and on about why Peniel is important to me and how it has blessed my life. What about you? We have a Facebook page...why not log on and share a quick thought about why Peniel is important to you? If you don't do Facebook, just email me at [president@peniellholinesscamp.com](mailto:president@peniellholinesscamp.com).

This mailing will be our last mailing for 2014, so from DJ, Courtney, Josh, Lori and I, we wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. We are looking forward to what God will do through Peniel in 2015!

## REVIVAL AND RENEWAL

by 2014 Evangelist Larry Seckrone



The scripture verse, Isaiah 8:22 reveals a tragic prediction that not only pierces the “happy bubble,” but paints the picture of tragic finality. It says, **“Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.”** Sadly, that is the hopelessness of many people in our world today. We don’t have to look very far to hear bad news and feel the uncertainty of tomorrow. ISIS beheadings, Ebola virus, professional athletes accused of domestic and child abuse, politicians’ un-kept promises, spiraling national debt, and a morally drifting culture all glare at us. Without Jesus, where can people find hope? Jesus is the Light, and in Him there is no darkness to fear.

As we guided the bus off the exit ramp from the freeway some time ago, there he was—holding a sign that said, “Hungry and Homeless.” His desperate eyes looked to every vehicle with hope as his hand reached out for help. Disappointed eyes looked away as his head dropped in discouragement. I couldn’t know his true need, but I witnessed his determination as his daylight was turning to darkness. It’s a sad scenario, replicated in numerous places across our country by people that are struggling to find light in their dark world.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Please refer to the enclosed flyer for an important update regarding the financial ministry at Peniel. We need to hear from all campers in this area!

## BE STRONG!

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

—DEUTERONOMY 31:6

Wouldn’t it be great if they could just find a “Peniel Camp” where friends, food, and Christian fellowship become a beacon of “yes” in a world of “no”? Distress, darkness, and fearful gloom, from Isa. 8:22, could actually be replaced with delight, desire, and joyful hope. The Bread of Life can cure their hunger, and heaven can be their assured eternal home. They need not remain “hungry and homeless.”

Many “have no dawn” because they have turned to spiritism and rejected God. They take more stock in horoscopes and mysticism than divine authority. There is no light in them, so they are driven further into the gloom and anguish of a dark mind. It’s no wonder that the True Light, Jesus, dispelled the darkness around Him when He came to walk this earth. Desperate and needy people will never find their way without Him. He responded to that need before they ever asked Him by coming to them right where they were. (Rom. 5:8) He still does. He waits for our response and looks for a heart to call His home. Will you offer Him yours?

Remember, as my now departed evangelist friend, Rev. P. L. Liddell, used to say, “You are not discouraged unless the problem you face is bigger than the God you serve. How big is your God?”

We’re still praying for the leadership and camp family of Peniel. It was a privilege to serve during the 2014 encampment, and God assures us that His Word will continue to root, mature, bloom, and bear harvest. Lord, let it be so.



Find up-to-date photos of fall work day and other information at the “Peniel Holiness Camp” facebook page. Visit us online at [www.peniellholinesscamp.com](http://www.peniellholinesscamp.com).

## WHAT PENIEL MEANS TO ME

Every year I look forward to going back to Peniel Holiness Camp and being able to spend a wonderful and exciting 10 days on the campground with family and friends! I always have a count down until the next camp meeting. I began attending Peniel Holiness Camp the summer going into my sophomore year of high school. Now, I am currently in my sophomore year of college.



Peniel Holiness Camp is very important to me, and I believe that it has helped shape who I am today. From starting off as a camper in the youth program, and now being a part of the staff, I have had the opportunity not only to build many relationships, but also to grow in my own faith, and learn how to be an example and a teacher for the youth. I have learned the true meaning of leadership and what it takes to be a Godly example for others.

Year after year, I have always looked forward to listening to the missionaries sharing what they do and what they have accomplished. Missionary day is important to me because traveling for missions is something that I want to pursue in my future. I have had the opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic, and also to Haiti on my own mission trips. I have learned so much from listening to the missionaries and also received helpful information that will be useful for me in the future when I travel again.

I cannot express enough how much Peniel Holiness Camp has impacted my life and how I will take all of the memories and relationships with me wherever I go. I especially look forward to seeing how God and the influence of Peniel Holiness Camp work in the lives of others and what great things they have ahead of them.

—Kelsey Cika

As a missionary with One Mission Society, Peniel Camp is important to me because it is a training ground for tomorrow’s missionaries. Coming from one of the lost church generations (Generation X), I am sad to find that not many people in my age group attend church, go to camp, or are even interested in missions. Maybe that is one reason I am so passionate about helping kids (and kids at heart) grow their missionary



hearts. From the energetic music to the interactive lessons and activities, kids are encouraged to reach their maximum missions potential today, and not waiting until they grow up. In fact, Peniel Camp encourages kids to put feet to their faith, especially on missionary day. I love seeing the enthusiasm from the kids (and adults) when they

rush all over the grounds asking campers for donations to help the missionaries. This multigenerational interaction is something that can only be experienced at family camps like Peniel. All in all, I believe that Peniel Camp provides people of all ages, but especially kids and teens, a good balance of fun and Biblical learning.

—Jason Campbell  
(AKA: Mr. Jason)

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