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INTRODUCTION

The Chosen International Pathfinder Camporee (CIC) was held in Oshkosh, WI, from August 12–17, 2019 and gathered more than 55,000 Pathfinders from 105 countries. The camporee offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Pathfinders to connect with one another and strengthen their relationship with God. The present baptismal report captures 1) the basic characteristics of those who were baptized, 2) their commitment to God and the church one year later following their baptism, and 3) the impact of baptism on their spiritual growth and overall daily attitude.

METHODOLOGY

Design

The study applied a mixed (quantitative and qualitative) design. Methods used include an online survey, followed by phone calls. All data collected through phone calls were later entered in Survey Monkey.

Measurement/Instrument

This study sought to measure the following variables: 1) possible factors or enablers related to young people's making the decision to be baptized at the Camporee in Oshkosh, 2) the level of retention/participation at the local church level a year following their baptism, and 3) the impact of baptism on young people's spiritual life, daily behavior, and attitudes. To measure these variables, the study relied on three instruments: a youth baptismal survey, a baptismal follow-up survey (parent interview), and a youth baptismal survey (youth interview).

SAMPLING

Youth Baptismal Survey

Candidates were invited to visit the 2019 Chosen International Camporee website. They were required to fill out a survey on the baptismal page of the registration form (original link: <https://www.camporee.org/about/main-stage/baptism> [link no longer active]). Candidates also received a statement card in their baptismal gift package, leading them to the online survey. Of the 1,321 baptisms reported (www.camporee.org), 219 (16%) filled out the survey.

Baptismal Follow-up Survey (Parent and Youth Interviews)

At Oshkosh, cards were included in the baptismal gift package each participant received onsite. These cards explained how to access the baptismal follow-up online. Of the 1,321 baptized youths, the Center for Youth Evangelism (the organization overseeing the camporee) was able to collect parents contact information for 939 youth. Of the 939 contacts, 712 listed a phone number. Invitation messages were sent to all the 712 contacts; 280 responded, and 209 took the survey. Among the 209 surveys, 110 were taken by both the parent and young person; the remaining 99 of them took only one or the other. (See Appendix D for a detailed description of phone call survey procedures). Overall, 204 parents interviews and 103 children interviews were conducted.

DATA ANALYSIS

Once surveys were completed on SurveyMonkey, they were exported to SPSS for analysis and reporting. Given the descriptive nature of the study, the primary analytical tool was simple percentages. We included a few demographic questions for cross-tabulation/chi-square testing to understand the statistical significance of certain associations. Qualitative data were analyzed using Excel. For the sake of this report, all names have been changed to pseudonyms.

KEY FINDINGS

(a) *Basic characteristics of baptized youths.* Of the 219 youths who were baptized at the camporee, 57% were girls and 43% were boys. While 42% were enrolled in Adventist schools and 58% in non-Adventist schools, these youths seem to share some basic characteristics, including:

1. Have been attending an Adventist Church over the past year or longer (99%), and attend every Sabbath (88%)
2. Are active members of a Pathfinder Club at the time of baptism (97%)
3. Mother and father are Seventh-day Adventists (93% and 88% respectively)
4. Mother and father are married (84%)
5. Live with both biological parents (82%)
6. Were engaged in Bible study and/or baptismal class at least three to four times before baptism (81%)
7. Have been involved in a ministry of the Church (78%) or are interested in joining a ministry of the Church (78%)

In addition, a few youngsters decided to be baptized after they experienced God's miraculous healing power. The study records the story of Aiden, who is a leukemia survivor, and Nolan, who had two near-death experiences. Baptism seems to have been for them a way to show gratitude to God by devoting their lives to Him.

(b) *Commitment to God and the church.* The follow up survey showed the unwavering commitment of the newly baptized youths to God and the Adventist Church one year later following Oshkosh:

- 92% of these young people kept their membership at the same church
- 88% attended church services more than four times following their baptism
- 94% continued to be part of their Pathfinders Club

(c) *Impact of baptism.* Overall, youth and parents who participated in the interviews reported significant positive impacts of baptism on youth's spiritual life and daily attitude. These young people tend to be more involved in church ministries, read their Bible more frequently, participate in family devotionals, have experienced an increase in confidence, and show a more positive attitude, in general. A few reported experiencing physical healing. In a nutshell, the youth baptized at CIC 2019 report improvement at three levels: (1) spiritual growth/maturity, (2) positive attitude and increased confidence, and (3) physical health. The following selected testimonies serve as evidence of the impact of baptism on baptized youths.

TESTIMONIES IMPACT OF BAPTISM

Spiritual Growth/Maturity

- **Stacey** - *“After the baptism, she spent more time on reading the Bible. And she became more spiritual. As the daughter of a pastor, Stacey is learning from her father, and dedicates herself to the cause of God. For example, she wrote letters to her friends and church members, encouraging them to be strong and courageous in Christ during the pandemic.”*
- **Natalie** - *“Natalie enjoyed the Camporee very much, especially the pastor’s messages and the theme song. The Camporee and her baptism impacted her so much that she has changed a lot since coming back. She works hard to do a daily devotion. Anytime there is a need for help, she volunteers. She discusses the things that happen in the world with her friends and their families and shares her thoughts about them. She seeks God for guidance on how to do the right thing.*
- **Piper** - *“It [baptism] impacted Piper a lot. . . . After baptism, she felt stronger about her commitment to Christ. She does her devotion every day.”*
- **Abigail and Jon** - *“Abigail and Jon enjoyed their time at the Camporee. . . After baptism, they became more active in the church.”*
- **Josh** - *“After baptism, Josh became more interested in the Bible and church activities.”*
- **Liam** - *“After baptism, Liam has devotional with his families and reads the Bible every night.”*
- **Emma** - *“Although the baptism was not planned ahead and Emma asked for baptism after she was touched by the message in Oshkosh, it was a life changing experience for her. She became more devotional and spiritual after the baptism. She has an early morning devotion every day.”*

Positive Attitude & Increased Confidence

- **Xavier** - *“Before the Camporee, Xavier was very shy and didn’t like socializing or making friends. After he went to the Camporee for only a few days, he told his parents that he wanted to get baptized. His parents thought he didn’t really mean it, so they ignored his request. But after that, Xavier kept asking to be baptized. His parents realized that he was serious about it and believed that it was the Holy Spirit working on him. Since baptism, Xavier has become more confident and more open to others. His feedback from school has also become more positive. Xavier spends more time learning about God and how God is always leading us.”*

- **Samuel** - *“Samuel talks about the Camporee all the time; it impacted him a lot. Before baptism, his parents often had to force him to do homework or devotions. Since his baptism, he does this work without his parents having to remind him.”*
- **Sophia** - *“Throughout the COVID pandemic, Sophia has encouraged others at school to be strong. She believes that God is always there, no matter what, and God has a plan for everyone.”*
- **Logan** - *“Logan was baptized together with the other three children in his family at the Camporee. It was an unforgettable experience for all of them. He was excited to see other Pathfinders from around the world. Following his brother, Logan has become more engaged in church and community service.*
- **Scarlett** - *“Scarlett enjoyed the Camporee and her baptism. She is looking forward to the next Camporee. After her baptism, she became closer to God, and was grown to be a strong leader of the Pathfinders.”*

Healing

- **Derek** - *“The baptism at the Camporee impacted Derek greatly. Derek has Asperger’s syndrome. He was very nervous and felt uncomfortable before he got into the water to be baptized. But when he came out of the water, he felt a sense of calm and peace. It was definitely the work of the Holy Spirit. Since baptism, Derek has grown closer to the Lord and has become more patient with his family members.”*
- **Elijah** – *“Elijah loved the Camporee, and it was a good memory for him. He was impressed by knowing that there were so many people share the same beliefs. He participated within a large group, and then he was separated into a group with four other kids his age. He had fun with them. He felt much better physically after the baptism. He believes it was physical healing. He also maintains a better attitude.”*

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

The three baptismal surveys and the two follow-up surveys helped capture 1) the basic characteristics of those who were baptized, 2) their commitment to God and the church one year later following their baptism, and 3) the impact of baptism on their spiritual growth and overall daily attitude. We have learned that the decision for baptism at CIC was the outcome of a process that included participation in church activities such as Pathfinders, Bible study, baptismal classes, the influence and modeling of married Adventist couples, and personal experiences of God’s supernatural power. Back in their respective churches, the newly baptized youth remain committed to God and the church one year later following their baptism. We have also learned that the baptism of young people has a positive impact on their spirituality and overall attitude.

Recommendations

The study makes the following recommendations to church leaders:

1. *Encourage youth participation.* This study strongly recommends that church leaders encourage youth participation in various church ministries. This will keep them engaged in church life and potentially will lead them to their committing to baptism. Activities that seem to most interest them are those geared toward meeting community needs, such as feeding the hungry, caring for the homeless, helping the elderly living in nursing homes, etc.
2. *Implement Bible study classes with a focus on the youth.* Bible studies and/or baptismal classes for young people contribute to preparing them for baptism and also seem to better prepare them for the appeals made during the camporee. This study shows that eight out of ten newly baptized youth engaged in Bible study before their decision to be baptized.
3. *Enhance family life ministries.* As already shown in the Camporee Survey Report, the type of family environment in which a child grows up significantly influences his/her commitment to God and the church. When mother and father are married and live together, the child is more likely to stay in the church and commit to baptism. This study confirms that assertion, as it shows that eight out of ten newly baptized Pathfinders have parents who are married and live together.

APPENDIX A
FREQUENCIES (BAPTISMAL SURVEY)

1. Have you participated in a baptismal class? (N=218)
 - Yes - 77%
 - No - 23%

2. If Yes, where?
 - At church (N=96) - 44%
 - At school (N=30) - 14%
 - Through the Pathfinder club (N=34) - 16%
 - Other (most of them with parents) (N=46) - 21%

3. Were you engaged in Bible study before your decision for baptism? (N=213)
 - Yes - 81%
 - No - 19%

4. How many times did you meet for the Bible studies? (N=193)
 - Once - 4%
 - Two or three times - 14%
 - Four or five times - 9%
 - More than five times - 73%

5. Who studied with you? (N=197)
 - Pastor - 40%
 - Elder - 11%
 - Youth leader - 19%
 - Parent - 30%

6. Did you take a Bible correspondence course or fill out printed Bible lessons in preparation for your baptism? (N=213)
 - Yes - 58%
 - No - 42%

7. Have you been attending an Adventist Church over the past year or longer? (N=215)
 - Yes - 99%
 - No - 1%

8. If yes, how often do you usually attend? (N=215)
 - Every Sabbath - 82%
 - Most Sabbaths - 16%
 - At least once a month - 1%
 - Less often - 1%

9. Have you been involved in any ministry of the Church? (N= 214)

- Yes - 78%
- No - 22%

10. If so, what kind of ministry? (N=218)

Top 4 ministries mentioned:

- Pathfinders, Adventist Children and Youth ministries
- Community outreach
- Music, choir, dance
- Deacons, junior deacons/deaconesses

11. Are you interested in joining any ministry of the Church? (N=201)

- Yes - 78%
- No - 22%

12. If yes, which one? (N=218)

Top 4 ministries mentioned

- Pathfinder, Adventist Children and Youth ministries
- Deacons, junior deacons/deaconesses
- Music, media ministries
- Community outreach

13. Are you an active member of a Pathfinder Club right now? (N=217)

- Yes - 97%
- No - 3%

14. What is your biological parents' marital status? (N=216)

- Married and living together - 84%
- Separated - 4%
- Divorced - 7%
- One or both have died - 4%
- Unknown - 1%

15. With whom do you live with when you are at home? (N=213)

- Both biological parents - 82%
- Just one biological parent - 11%
- Parent and stepparent - 4%
- Adoptive or foster parents - 2%
- Guardians - 1%

16. What is your father's religion? (N=216)

- Adventist - 86%
- Christian - 6%
- Other - 3%
- None - 5%

17. What is your mother's religion? (N=215)
- Adventist - 93%
 - Christian - 4%
 - Other - 2%
 - None - 1%
18. Your gender (N= 215)
- Female - 57%
 - Male - 43%
19. Year of birth (N=210)
- 92% born between 2002 and 2010 (10 to 18 years old)
20. What grade are you in? (N=214)
- 5th grade - 16%
 - 6th grade - 15%
 - 7th grade - 21%
 - 8th grade - 14%
 - 9th grade - 9%
21. What type of school do you attend? (N=213)
- Adventist - 40%
 - Public - 38%
 - Home - 11%
 - Christian - 5%
 - Other - 6%
22. What is your ethnic background? (N=216)
- Asian or Pacific Islander - 19%
 - Black - 19%
 - Hispanic or Latino - 31%
 - White, not Hispanic - 15%
 - Other - 3%
 - More than one of the above - 8%
 - Prefer not to answer - 5%
23. In what country do you live? (N=215)
- USA - 85%
 - Canada - 4%
 - Other (please specify) - 11%

APPENDIX B
FREQUENCIES—FOLLOW-UP SURVEY
(YOUTH INTERVIEWS)

1. You did attend the Camporee in Oshkosh in 2019, right? (N=113)
 - 100% - yes
2. And you were baptized there, right? (N=113)
 - Yes - 97%
 - No - 3%
3. Were you voted into church membership when you got back? (N=113)
 - Yes - 80%
 - No - 17%
 - Uncertain - 3%
4. Are you still a member of that same church? (N=110)
 - Same church - 92%
 - Different church - 6%
 - No church - 2%
5. How many times did you go to church monthly after the baptism? (N=108)
 - 88% go four times, monthly
6. What church activities or groups do you participate in? (N=102)
 - Pathfinder club activities for most of them
 - Sabbath School and community outreach for a few of them
7. Are you still participating in the Pathfinder Club? (N=109)
 - Yes - 94%
 - No - 3%
8. If no, why?
 - One said he'd completed the Adventure Club and would be a Pathfinder soon.
 - Another says that the club activities stopped during the pandemic.
9. What school grade are you in this year? (N=112)

Top four:

 - 8th grade - 26%
 - 9th grade - 14%
 - 7th grade - 12%
 - 6th grade - 12%
 - There rest were less than 6%.

10. What types of activities do you enjoy the most (school, church, Pathfinder club, hobbies, etc.)? (N=107)

Most popular activities include:

- Recreational activities with friends and/or family
- Learning activities, such as baking, playing piano/violin, reading, earning Pathfinder honors, etc.
- Spiritual activities such as reading the Bible, going to church, learning more about God, listening to Christian music, etc.
- Sports activities

11. Do you have any suggestions to the people planning the next Camporee? To church leaders? Pathfinder Club leaders? (N=110)

To camporee planners:

- The shower room and bathrooms need improvement.
- Sing more songs.
- Have more activities after the worship service on Sabbath.
- The activities should be more organized—many kids got lost.
- More chairs are needed.
- Provide more support for kids that have disabilities.
- More stations should be loaded in the main stage, because some stations were hidden in the corner and were not known to the people.
- Special or unique pins should be designed and provided at the next Camporee.
- Have more activities and give Bibles to the poor, so that the kids will understand more about God.
- To provide more options for the kids to choose and participate.

To club leaders:

- Share information in advance with young people about the many honors offered at the Camporee. One participant shared that she missed out on many honors because she didn't know there were so many available at the Camporee until it ended.
- Have the kids more involved in activities.
- Offer opportunities for Pathfinder clubs to meet each other.
- Better prepare the young people psychology so that they are prepared/not scared to make friends—everyone at the Camporee is friendly!
- Young people should be prepared for cold water in the pool.

**APPENDIX C:
FRQUENCIES—FOLLOW-UP SURVEY
(PARENT INTERVIEWS)**

1. What is the gender of the baptized child? (N=200)
 - Boy - 52.50%
 - Girl - 47.50%

2. Is your child still participating in the Pathfinder Club? (N=199)
 - Yes - 95.98%
 - No - 4.02%

If Yes:

 - How often does the club meet?
 - Nearly half of clubs (48%) meet once per week
 - 4 out of 10 (38%) meet twice per month
 - 1 out 10 (11%) meet three times or more per month

 - How often does s/he go?
 - Nearly half of children (48%) go to the club once per week
 - 3 out of 10 (31%) go twice per month
 - 1 out 10 (11%) meet three times or more per month

 - What does s/he like most about Pathfinders?
Preferred activities of Pathfinders are:
 - Outdoor events where they can connect with others
 - Camping where they can play
 - Fellowship
 - Learning together with their friends

3. What would you say has been the impact on him/her from attending the Camporee and being baptized there? (N=192)
Top 3 impacts:
 - *Spiritual growth*: devotions with family, reading the Bible, going to church, getting involved in church ministries
 - *Positive attitude*: more attentive and obedient to parents, being more responsible at home, doing things without reminders, more desire to learn, encouraging and helping others, more confidence and maturity in taking leadership roles
 - *Physical healing*: there were two testimonies of physical healing experienced by newly baptized Pathfinders

4. How often does s/he attend church? (N=191)
 - Most Sabbaths - 98%

5. What kinds of spiritual or community service activities does s/he enjoy? (N=198)

- Feeding the homeless
- Cooking and packing food
- Cleaning different areas in towns
- Helping at food pantries
- Childcare in church
- Helping elderly in nursing homes
- Distributing biblical literature such as *The Great Controversy* to community members
- Giving out toys
- Providing hotdogs, cookies, and hugs for the homeless
- Other activities include attending Sabbath school, outdoor activities with friends, sports, singing, etc.

6. Is s/he enrolled in an Adventist school? (N= 200)

- Yes - 42%
- No - 58%

7. What would you say is his/her interest in religion or spiritual things at present? (N= 200)

- Very interested - 74.26%
- Somewhat interested - 21.78%
- Not very interested - 4.95%
- Definitely not interested - 0.00%
- I am not sure - 0.00%

8. Would you be willing for me to interview your [son/daughter] on the telephone? (N= 202)

- Yes - 90.59%
- No - 9.41%

**APPENDIX D:
PHONE CALL SURVEY DETAILED PROCEDURE**

- **Step One:** Send text to all the people with phone numbers included in the Excel sheet. Every morning, messages were sent to 20–30 contacts, each with the child’s name.

Invitation message content: Hello, the baptized family in Camporee Oshkosh. Your child [name] attended the Camporee in Oshkosh in 2019 and was baptized there. We are doing a confidential follow-up survey with the parents. My name is XXX, a worker of Institute of Church Ministry at Andrews University. Can I call you today for a brief survey? Or what time is available for you today?

- **Step Two:** The recipients (mostly parents) responded with different kinds of messages. We continued communicating via text until we scheduled a time to do the survey. The scheduled times varied from “now,” “in one hour,” “6:00 pm PDT,” “sometime over the weekend,” or even “next week.”
- **Step Three:** We called the parents at the appointed time and completed the survey. If the children were together with their parents, they took the survey right after their parents. If not, we scheduled another time to have the children take the survey.

A sample of this method:

Contact date: 09/01/2020

10:57 am: **The parent:** Hello. I am available today after 3pm. Thanks.

11:07 am: **Me:** Excellent. I will call you at 3:00 pm EDT. Blessings!

3:08 pm: The parent didn’t answer the phone when I called.

3:13 pm: **Me:** Hello. Feel free to tell me when you’re ready. Then I will call you. Thank you.

3:15 pm: **The parent:** I'm sorry. I am ready. Thanks.

3:15 pm: The parent took the survey. She indicated she would let me know when her child was ready.

Contact date: 09/02/2020

12:08 pm: **The parent:** Good day. This is Katie, Piper’s mom. Piper said she would be able to speak with you around 3:30. Would that time be ok?

1:18 pm: **Me:** Sorry, Katie. I’m not available at that time today. Can we reschedule it to tomorrow?

3:27 pm: **The parent:** Yes! No worries. Tomorrow at the same time would work. Thanks

5:24 pm: **Me:** Thanks for your understanding. 3:30 pm tomorrow👍

Contact date: 09/03/2020

3:30 pm: Katie didn’t answer the phone when I called.

3:31 pm: **Me:** Hello Katie. Is now a good time for me to talk to Piper? Thank you.

3:32 pm: **The parent:** I'm so sorry. Can I call you back? Thanks.

3:32 pm: **Me:** No worries. Let me know when you are available.

Contact date: 09/04/2020

10:52 am: **Me:** Hello Katie. Let me know when Piper is available and willing to take the survey. Blessings.

12:17 pm: **The parent:** Sure! Is 12:30 EST ok?

12:30 pm: I called and Piper took the survey. All info noted.

APPENDIX E: COMPLETE LIST OF TESTIMONIES

- **Olivia** is working to continue her spiritual growth after being baptized at the Camporee. What touched her the most was that while the Camporee was a big event, she felt close to God. She also enjoyed the event because all the people were there for a same reason and shared the same beliefs. Her mom asked her if she wanted to go to the Adventist school. She said she didn't want to, because it was not challenging enough. She also explained that she wouldn't have as many opportunities to stand up for her beliefs and win non-Christians for God if she went to an Adventist school.

Olivia's mom, Karen, also shared a testimony. The day before our conversation, the family arrived home from a 15-state road trip. Gwyneth told to her mom that she really needed a deeper study about the Bible, such as a study on the life of Jesus. She was wondering if there was any Bible classes that she could attend weekly or daily. They prayed about it. And then Karen received a message from me about the Oshkosh survey. She believed that God had heard their prayer, and God was talking to her through me. I suggested that they asked their pastor if there is any Bible worker working in the district.

- Since baptism, **Josh** has become more involved in the Bible and church activities.
- **Liam** was excited to participate in the Camporee and was proud to be a real member of the church after the baptism. It was his first year in Pathfinders and his first time at the Camporee. Since his baptism, Liam has devotional with his family and reads the Bible every night.
- Although her baptism was not planned ahead of time, **Emma** asked to be baptized after she was touched by the message at Oshkosh. It was a life changing experience for her. She has become more interested in devotionals and spiritual things since her baptism. She now has an early morning devotion every day.
- **Noah** has been more positive and active since attending the Camporee and his baptism there. He was excited to meet other youth at such a large group gathering. He was blessed to participate in all kinds of activities at the Camporee.
- **Ava** enjoyed the Camporee very much. She was baptized at her home church after she came back from the Camporee because she wanted to be more prepared through Bible study. She made the decision to get baptized by her own, after everything she experienced at Camporee. Ava has always been a good kid. Her parents shared that they feel blessed to have Ava and her brother.
- Before the Camporee, **Sophia** grew in faith and asked for baptism. Her mom didn't do anything to push her to get baptized because she wanted her children (both Sophia and her brother) to make that decision for themselves. Sophia insisted on getting baptized as she grew in faith. Sophia didn't tell anyone about her decision except her pastor and Pathfinder director until she got baptized at Camporee. Sophia's mom said it was

amazing that she has such a faith in Christ in her age. Throughout the COVID pandemic, Sophia has encouraged others at school to be strong. She believes that God is always there, no matter what, and God has a plan for everyone.

- Both **Isabella** and her brother, **William**, were baptized at the Camporee. She's a little older and a bit more mature than William. However, since baptism, their parents haven't seen any significant changes or impact on their children. Therefore, they wonder if it was good to have them get baptized at young age.
- **Charlotte** was amazed to get to know so many kids from around the world that share the same beliefs. It was the first time that she had attended such a big, international event. The Camporee impacted her and made her desire to know more about God.
- **Elijah** loved the Camporee, and it was a good memory for him. He was impressed by knowing that there were so many people share the same beliefs. He participated within a large group, and then he was separated into a group with four other kids his age. He had fun with them. He felt much better physically after the baptism. He believes it was physical healing. He also maintains a better attitude.
- **James** attends a small country church, and he is the only teenager in the church. It was his decision to get baptized. He received support from his pastor, learning and accepting Adventist doctrines. James is very warm-hearted and is active in helping his community, helping a neighbor when he hurt his leg and delivering gardening materials to the neighbors. Because of James's testimony, an elderly lady decided to get baptized.
- **Amelia** enjoyed the Camporee very much. Since her baptism, she has spent more time taking Bible related classes to learn more about God. Amelia enjoyed all different kinds activities at Camporee, especially her baptism. She told her parents that she learned how to pray. She prays and reads the Bible more often than before. She also enjoys going to church more.
- **Benjamin** changed a lot after experiencing the Camporee and his baptism. He has become more attentive and obedient. He spends more time in Bible study. Because of witnessing the brother's big change, Benjamin's sister decided to join the Pathfinder club.
- **Mia** is a member of First Baptist Church. She is always friendly to others. She likes to meet people and make new friends. This is one of the reasons she goes to Pathfinders and decided to be baptized at the Camporee.
- **Lucas** is a good kid. After baptism, he continued to take group Bible study classes from his pastor; he is still connecting to the group.
- **Harper** loves Pathfinders, and she enjoyed attending the Camporee and being baptized. She has been much better behaved since her baptism.

- **Mason** changed day by day after he was baptized at the Camporee, although there has not been a big change overall. He reads the Bible more often. He goes to church at least three times a week with his parents to do different kinds of ministries.
- **Evelyn** and her sister loved the Camporee, especially the preaching. Being baptized was an important experience for her. After her baptism, Evelyn changed a lot. She has become more mature and more willing to do the will of God.
- **Ethan** is the only child in his family, and he likes to participate in activities that involve cooperation, such as Pathfinders and the Camporee. After attending the Camporee and being baptized there, Ethan felt that all the coursework he did became more meaningful to him. He experienced and established his own relationship with God. His experiences at the Camporee were part of the process for him to experience God.
- **Abigail** enjoyed her time at the Camporee. She was excited to see the big Adventist family from across the world. After baptism, she has become more active in the church. She has always been a good and spiritual kid and now has a desire to go to an Adventist school.
- **Alexander** loved the Camporee, and he was excited to get baptized while there.
- **Henry** was surprised and excited about what he experienced in the event. He enjoyed it very much. Regarding his baptism, Henry changed a lot in the beginning. However, in the long run, the impact of the baptism on him has elapsed.
- **Ella** asked to be baptized many times before the Camporee. However, her parents wanted her to learn what it really means to get baptized, which is a sincere commitment to Jesus. The parents encouraged her, and wanted her to be sure that she should follow Jesus daily. She learned and has improved in those areas after baptism.
- **Jacob** was excited to see so many Adventists from across the world, even though he had seen a lot in Argentina. He has become more spiritual since his baptism. He has also started to have his own devotional. He has Jesus in his heart.
- **Elizabeth** enjoyed the group at the Camporee. She has experienced positive changes since her baptism. Her baptism was not just a one-time event. She has gradually changed in the long term, and she has become more spiritual.
- **Daniel** loved the pins and the environment at the Camporee. It was definitely eye-opening for him to see so many kids from across the world. His baptism was an exciting moment for him. After baptism, his parents ordered books to read with him. He loved learning about the Controversy. Through studying, he has learned more about Christianity and the purpose of the baptism.
- **Logan** was baptized together with the other three children in his family at the Camporee. It was an unforgettable experience for all of them. He was excited to see other

Pathfinders from around the world. Following his brother, Logan has become more engaged in church and community service.

- **Camila** enjoyed her time at the Camporee. She was excited to see the big Adventist family from across the world. Since baptism, she has become more active in the church. She is always a good and spiritual kid and has a desire to go to Adventist school.
- **Luna** really enjoyed the Camporee. Her parents feel that she changed a lot since her baptism and spends more time studying the Bible.
- **Avery** is the youngest of four children. They were baptized together at the Camporee. It was an unforgettable experience for all of them. Avery was excited to meet Pathfinders from across the world. Following her brother, Avery has become more involved church and community service.
- **Mila** planned to get baptized at the Camporee; it was her dream to be baptized in her Pathfinder uniform. She enjoyed and cherished her experiences at the Camporee and her baptism. Elder Mark Finely attends the same church as Gisselle, and she is involved in evangelistic meetings.
- **Aiden** was diagnosed with leukemia in February 2018, but God healed him. Aiden was canvassing in a GYC program. One day, he walked for two hours, and then found he couldn't get up. After experienced different tests, he was diagnosed with leukemia. He went through chemotherapy as needed, but he didn't use as much medicine as the doctor prescribed. His mother prepared him natural herbs, had him eat a natural diet, and gave him a lot of water to drink. Every time the doctor was surprised when he heard from the family that Aiden didn't use as much medicine as he had been prescribed. Aiden was healed by God's grace through prayers, faith, and natural medicines.
- **Owen** enjoyed the special moments at the Camporee when many kids at his age, with the same beliefs, were together. Even now, he often watches the videos recorded in Oshkosh and sings the songs. He will remember it forever. After his baptism, Owen became more spiritual and responsible. He loves to participate in family fellowship.
- **Aria's** excitement about God has increased since her baptism, and her general spirituality keeps growing.
- **Scarlett** enjoyed the Camporee and her baptism. She is looking forward to the next Camporee. After her baptism, she became closer to God, and was grown to be a strong leader of the Pathfinders.
- **Samuel** talks about the Camporee all the time; it impacted him a lot. Before baptism, his parents often had to force him to do homework or devotions. Since his baptism, he does this work without his parents having to remind him. He received a Pathfinder version of the Bible with many pictures in it, and he enjoys reading it. In the family, there is a morning devotion every day, and Samuel participates in this time with his parents.

- **Matthew** was baptized at the Camporee. Since returning home, he often tells the children's stories and Bible stories at church. He continues to grow.
- **Joseph** was happy to attend the Camporee and be baptized there. After baptism, he has spent more time on reading the Bible and now knows more Bible stories. When the family has worship, Joseph is willing to pray. He has become more spiritual.
- **Levi** was impressed to find out that there are so many people who share the same beliefs.
- **Penny's** decision to get baptized was made prior to the Camporee. She was excited about it. While her parents haven't seen a significant change in her since baptism, she maintains a good relationship with Christ.
- **Mateo** enjoyed the Camporee and his baptism. However, his parents have not witnessed much change in him since baptism. The event appears to have had very little impact on him.
- **David** was excited to be surrounded by so many children his age from different nations at the Camporee. He realized that the Adventist family is not just made up of the little church he attends. He also realized the importance of baptism. He enrolled in ministry at his church and serves as a young deacon. He has a vision in ministry. The baptism impacted him a lot.
- **John** was excited to get to know so many kids from around the world share the same beliefs. It was the first time that John attended such a big, international event. The Camporee impacted his desire to know more about God.
- The Camporee impacted **Layla** greatly. She has set a goal to be part of the play at the next Camporee. Since baptism, she has tried her best to not miss any Sabbath School lessons. She also diligently watches the worship service online during the pandemic.
- **Wyatt** was baptized at the Camporee, along with his two brothers. He is the oldest among the siblings. He liked the events at the Camporee, especially the meetings in the nights, which made him understand more about the Bible. Since baptism, Wyatt has become more available to help and offer prayers for others.
- Since baptism, **Carter** has been better able to focus on his beliefs. There has not been a major change in him, but he has become closer to God.
- **Julian** enjoyed the events at the Camporee, meeting the kids from all over the world, and getting baptized with them. Before the Camporee, his parents reminded Julian that baptism means the commitment to Christ. Julian was sure of that when he was baptized.

- Since attending the Camporee, **Chloe** continues watching videos and singing songs from Camporee. Since her baptism, she thinks more about others, talks more about God with her friends, and has become more mature in her relationship with God.
- Because of the preaching and messages at the Camporee, **Luke** decided to get baptized. The preaching at the Camporee was presented in a way that is easier for him to understand.
- This was the second Camporee that **Grayson** attended. After being baptized, there was not much change in his character, because he has always been a good child and is very respectful. During the pandemic, there is a little negative change in him because the church is closed. However, he still prays with his family a lot.
- The Camporee was a great opportunity for **Victoria** to learn more about God and to meet children from all over the world. After her baptism, she has become more confident and spends more time reading the Bible. She often asks questions about the Bible and is glad to participate in family worship.
- **Isaac** still talks about the Camporee and its impact on him. He was eager to be baptized. After baptism, he understands more about the Bible and is more involved in online church worship. He is excited to go to church. He also dedicates more time to prayer.
- **Jayden** really enjoyed the Camporee and continues to watch the videos from it. He has always been a good kid. After his baptism, he became more mature and has a deeper relationship with God.
- **Theo** was really impacted by the Camporee and continued talking about it and his baptism for a long time. After being baptized, Theo changed a lot. He now wants to be a pastor in the future. He spends time reading the Bible and learning about God from different websites. He also likes to listen to the music and watch the videos from Oshkosh.
- The Camporee was a life-changing experience for **Gabe** and his siblings. Gabe was excited to witness such a massive group of Adventists together. Although there was not a significant change in Gabe since baptism, the experience was pure joy for him—a lifelong memory. The Camporee and the baptism helped him see that the Adventist Church is a worldwide big Church, not just a small church.
- **Dylan** will remember his experiences at the Camporee forever. After his baptism, Dylan changed in many aspects. He has become more sincere in worship services and thinks more deeply about the Bible. He has also started taking responsibility for his behavior.
- **Eleanor** was rebaptized at the Camporee. Since being rebaptized, she has been more involved in church activities and is more spiritual and mature.

- The Camporee had a positive impact on **Leo**. His baptism influenced him to some extent. For example, he now participates in worship voluntarily while before, his parents had to beg him to do so.
- **Grace** is still excited about her experiences at the Camporee. However, while her baptism impacted her for a while, the impact seems to have faded away in a long run. She thought it was amazing to see so many Adventists from around the world. At the Camporee and her baptism, Grace felt joyful to follow Jesus at that moment.
- **Nora** will not soon forget her experiences at Oshkosh. Her brother asked to be baptized after he witnessed Nora's baptism.
- The Camporee was an eye-opening event for **Riley** because there were so many people with an Adventist background from all over the world. Her baptism also had a big impact on her.
- **Lincoln** enjoyed seeing so many kids who share his same beliefs. He is really a thinker, and since his baptism, he has started to think more deeply about the Bible.
- The Camporee was the best experience that **Jaxon** has ever had. He will never forget his baptism. He decided he wanted to get baptized when he was the age of 10, but he waited to actually do so until the Camporee, two years later. Since his baptism, he has been more into church and has a stronger feeling that he is a part of the church.
- This was the first time **Zoey** went to the Camporee. She really enjoyed it and was filled with happiness. She did Bible studies before the Camporee, but didn't know when she should get baptized until she heard that there was an opportunity for baptism at the Camporee. So, she decided to get baptized there.
- **Asher** was excited to experience many different aspects of the Camporee. He is ready for the next Camporee. After baptism, he has become more disciplined, and he studies the Bible more often.
- This was **Hannah's** first experience at a Camporee. She really enjoyed it and has continued to watch videos from the Camporee and her baptism over and over again. Since her baptism, Hannah has continued to grow in Christ.
- The Camporee was the first time for **Christopher** to experience a big event of this kind. He was excited to meet other kids from all over the world. He liked the devotions, the honor activities, and his baptism. His father is a pastor and had the privilege of baptizing Christopher. Since his baptism, Christopher has continued devotions and Bible lessons with his father. By God's grace, he is continuing to grow.
- This experience allowed **Josiah** to see that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a worldwide church. His experiences at the Camporee impacted him, but not in a significant way. He hasn't changed much after the baptism.

- **Hazel** enjoyed meeting other kids from all over the world at Oshkosh. She liked the devotions, the honor activities, and her baptism. Hazel was baptized together with her younger brother. Her father is a pastor, and he baptized both of them. After the baptism, Hazel has continued having devotions and Bible lessons from her father.
- The Camporee was the first time **Lily** participated in this kind of international event, and she was surprised. Since her baptism, she reads the Bible regularly and tries to memorize more Bible verses. She felt in her heart that the Holy Spirit was calling her to be baptized. Her two older sisters were baptized years ago, which encouraged her to get baptized. After she asked to be baptized, she engaged in Bible studies with the pastor. Thus, she was ready at the Camporee for baptism.
- **Andres** enjoyed the Camporee and being baptized there. However, his mom said there has not really been any lasting impact on him. He is the same as before.
- **Thomas** keeps growing spiritually. It is evident that he is continuing to grow in Christ. He has become more open about who he is and what he loves. Although he is still very shy, he is willing to pray before the church or the family members.
- **Ezra's** father is a pastor, and he was baptized by his father. Since baptism, Ezra has become more serious about his beliefs. He has also become more mature. He has a desire to know more about prophecy and has experienced an overall flow of growth. Ezra was excited and surprised to see so many kids from different nations. He really enjoyed the Camporee.
- **Hudson** loved the music and the messages preached at the Camporee. After the baptism, his commitment to Christ has increased.
- **Isaiah's** name was not on the sheet list of "Completed Baptisms." However, his father, Ryan, asserted that he was baptized at the Camporee 2019 with his other two children.
- **Ellie** loved the Camporee. She has grown closer to God since her baptism, although she was already very spiritual before the baptism.
- **Nathan** enjoyed the music and preaching at the Camporee. Since baptism, his commitment to Christ had increased.
- **Violet** enjoyed the Camporee, and she is already preparing for the next one. Since baptism, she prays more for others.
- **Adrian** enjoyed the Camporee. While there, he learned more about Jesus. Since his baptism, he spends more time reading the Bible.
- The events of the camporee impacted **Christian** a lot. Since his baptism, he has been closer to God and is more willing to fellowship with the Pathfinders.

- **Maverick** really enjoyed the Camporee. Although there has not been a significant change on him, he has become more active in Pathfinders. He has also expressed interest in becoming a leader of his Pathfinder club.
- **Colton**, together with his sister, was baptized at the Camporee. He was excited to experience the event. He comes from a Catholic family, but he and his sister have learned from their Pathfinder director and their pastor, and thus have accepted the Adventist message.
- **Elias** enjoyed the event because he could interact with so many kids from across the world. Since baptism, he is more into the Bible, and he has introduced the Gospel to his friends.
- **Aaron** loved the experience in Oshkosh. He literally re-watched the video recorded in Oshkosh. After baptism, his leadership role in Pathfinders has improved. In the church, he has learned how to do the Audio Visual. He is also more involved in youth group.
- **Eli** will never forget his experience at the Camporee and his baptism. Before the event, he was a little hesitant to attend and be baptized. However, his mind was opened by everything that happened at the Camporee. Since his baptism, his attitude has become more positive.
- **Landon** was excited about all the activities at the Camporee, especially the evening programs. The family ordered a DVD from the Camporee, and Landon has watched it several times. He was scheduled to be baptized at Oshkosh, but he was baptized earlier at summer camp. Both attending the Camporee and being baptized have impacted him in a positive way.
- **Jonathan** loved the music, especially the song “I am Chosen,” and the sermons at the Camporee. Although there was not a significant change after his baptism, he is closer to God and talks more about Jesus.
- **Nolan** has had two near-death experiences, and was saved by God. As a result, he wants to devote himself to God. His family has five children, most of whom are homeschooled. Because of the homeschooling experience, his older sister went to college and studied independently. Nolan was excited to give life to Jesus through baptism at the Camporee. He is very spiritual. He is also the “Pathfinder of the Year” in his club. He engages in worship fellowship at home.
- **Hunter** enjoyed the Camporee and his baptism. Although there has been no significant change in him, he is always growing.
- **Cameron** was excited to attend the Camporee and saw so many Pathfinders from around the world. Since baptism, he spends more time in the Bible and has become more disciplined.

- **Connor** enjoyed his time at the Camporee with his friends. He loved the music and the sermons. Although there has not been any significant changes since baptism, Connor is closer to God and talks more about Jesus.
- **Stella**, together with her brother, was baptized at the Camporee. She was excited to experience the event. She comes from a Catholic family, but she and her brother have taken lessons from their Pathfinder director and the pastor and have thereby accepted the message of Adventist.
- **Aurora** enjoyed the Camporee and baptism. Since her baptism, she has begun to learn more about Jesus. She also loves others a lot more.
- **Natalie** enjoyed the Camporee very much, especially the pastor's messages and the theme song. The Camporee and her baptism impacted her so much that she has changed a lot since coming back. She works hard to do a daily devotion. Anytime there is a need for help, she volunteers. She discusses the things that happen in the world with her friends and their families and shares her thoughts about them. She seeks God for guidance on how to do the right thing.

Natalie's mom, Emilia, was a Pathfinder counselor at the Camporee. She shared a testimony with me. Many kids in the club were ready to quit the club and didn't want to attend the Camporee. However, after they came back from the Camporee, many of them changed significantly, even the ones that hadn't been baptized there. One girl changed her mind about quitting the club and began to enjoy the activities in the club. Another girl was recently baptized in the church—all because of the impact of the Camporee.

- **Everly** was excited to meet friends from different places. She learned more about God. Since baptism, her whole attitude has significantly changed. Also, Everly has become one of the church board members. She is active in the church.
- **Leah** was excited to attend the Camporee. She was baptized, along with her other two older siblings. This experience impacted her a lot. She has been more into praying since being baptized. She also has become bold in displaying her belief to friends who haven't been baptized.
- **Santiago** was excited to be baptized at the Camporee. He liked the messages preached at the Camporee. His parents were actually surprised when Santiago asked to be baptized. Since his baptism, Santiago has been more involved in the church.
- **Aubrey** enjoyed the Camporee, especially the evening service and the storyline about Daniel and David. She can't wait for the next Camporee! Her baptism at the Camporee was the highlight of her life. She has become closer to God since her baptism.
- **Jeremiah** was baptized with his sister, which was unforgettable for both of them. Since baptism, Jeremiah has become more spiritual. He has enjoyed the Pathfinder version of

the Bible very much and reads it a lot. He likes to pray for others. Church members often ask Jeremiah to pray for them. Jeremiah's parents spend time teaching their children how to deal with things they don't understand and teach them that God is in control. During the pandemic, when the church was closed, his parent selected some Christian movies, such as "I Still Believe" and "Overcomer," for their children to watch on Sabbath, which helped the children build a strong faith toward God.

- The Camporee helped **Willow** gain an interest in drama. Since her baptism, she has become more mature. She also helps more with Sabbath School at her local church. She enjoys learning about the Bible.
- **Addison** is the second oldest among the four children in her family, and has a twin sister. Both girls were baptized at the Camporee. It was an unforgettable experience for all of them. Addison hasn't changed much since baptism but she tries to follow her sister's change and become closer to God.
- **Lucy** was baptized at the Camporee. Baptism has grown her relationship with Christ. Since baptism, she was willing to take on the role as a leader of the Pathfinder group.
- **Audrey** loved the Camporee and has mentioned many times that she can't wait for the next Camporee. Since baptism, Audrey has grown closer to Jesus. She has also been excited and willing to participate in communion.
- **Ezekiel** was baptized at the Camporee, together with his older brother. He was very excited to see so many young people from across the world shared the same belief. Since baptism, Ezekiel has been more obedient to his parents. Also, he has become more spiritual. For example, Ezekiel always waits for his mom to come home and have evening worship together. His mother has been humored that Ezekiel is like a "police officer," making sure that every family member engages in worship.
- **Angel** has changed a lot since attending the Camporee and being baptized there. He carries a Bible wherever he goes. He also is more open and talkative to others. He engages in worship music at church. The Camporee and baptism made a difference and influenced him in a positive way.
- **Bella** has been more involved in church activities since attending the Camporee and being baptized. She continues to grow in Christ gradually, although no significant changes have been made.
- **Nova** was baptized with her two other siblings at the Camporee. She has been more into praying since being baptized. Wherever she goes, she prays first. She is beginning to understand that praying is not to show her faith, but just to talk to God.
- **Brooklyn** enjoyed the Camporee and being baptized there. She is already looking forward to the next Camporee. However, her mom said there was not really any impact on her daughter; she remains the same as before.

- **Roman** is always ready to talk about his experience at the Camporee. His parents say it's hard to quantify the impact of the event on him because Roman has always been a good kid. His parents do feel he is closer to God since baptism.
- **Easton** talked nonstop about his experiences at the Camporee for almost six months. He really enjoyed it. Although there was no remarkable change, Easton has definitely been closer to God since his baptism; his spirit was opened after baptism. It is always God who led Easton through the journey. He enjoyed his experience at the Camporee and his baptism, which was his own choice. Easton cherishes the Bible he got from Oshkosh.
- **Paisley** talked about her experiences at the Camporee for a long time. She grew and was made more mature by her baptism. She now spends more time participating in church activities, such as telling the children's story and engaging in Sabbath School.
- **Miles** and his brother were excited to attend the Camporee and see a broader picture of Pathfinders. The experience was eye-opening for both of them. They are good kids and fourth generation Adventists. Although there was no significant change in them after baptism, they have grown closer to Adventist beliefs.
- **Robert** was touched by the messages preached at the Camporee. His parents were totally shocked to hear that he wanted to get baptized on the second day at the Camporee. Robert had rejected his parents many times before when they had asked him to get baptized, but this time, the decision was completely his own. Robert was baptized by his favorite pastor. His parents say he has always been an amazing kid.
- **Savannah** really enjoyed the Camporee. Her parents are not Adventists. Savannah and her other two siblings were invited into Pathfinder fellowship. After her baptism at the Camporee, Savannah regularly attends the church and has become happier than before.
- The Camporee provided **Claire** with more global awareness. She asked to be baptized for a long time, but her parents hesitated for a while, because they wanted to make sure Claire was serious about it. Claire continued to ask to be baptized and was finally baptized at the Camporee. Since baptism, she hasn't really changed a lot; her parents say that she has always been a good kid.
- **Skylar** enjoyed the Camporee and the baptism, which impacted her a lot. She is now the master guide in her Pathfinder club. She was baptized with her other two siblings. Since being baptized, she spends much more time in prayer.
- **Isla** is still talking about her experience at the Camporee, and says she would never forget it. She loves the Bible she got from the Camporee and reads it every day.
- **Jameson** enjoyed his time at the Camporee, specifically his baptism and looking for pins. He was baptized together with his younger brother. Both boys feel that they will never forget their experiences. The baptism impacted Jameson to some extent; he has become

more mature and spends more time reading the Bible, although his parents say no significant changes had been noticed. During his interview, Jameson talked a lot about the Bible.

- **Nicholas** enjoyed all the events at the Camporee. He was excited to see 50,000 people from all over the world. He will never forget that he got baptized with his two brothers. Before the baptism, Nicholas was shy and was reluctant to pray in front of the church. Since baptism, he has become more confident and is willing to pray. He has also become more obedient to his parents.
- **Genesis** enjoyed the Camporee. Since her baptism, she spends more time in the Bible and applies Biblical principles to daily life.
- **Naomi** enjoyed the Camporee and her baptism her a lot. Since her baptism, she has become a mentor to younger children in the church. In school, Bible class is her favorite class.
- **Elena** enjoyed her time at the Camporee. The baptism was important for her and her two brothers. Her baptism set a good example for them to follow. Elena has always been a polite and lovely girl. She is happy to offer help and prayer to others. Since baptism, she continues to take Bible lessons.
- **Cooper** was baptized, together with his daughter, at the Camporee. He hadn't planned to be baptized there, but because of the work of the Holy Spirit, he decided to be baptized.
- **Caroline** was greatly impacted by the Camporee and her baptism. She has always been a good kid at home and in the church. Since her baptism, she feels more strongly that she is a part of the church. She feels that she is right at the passage, where she is walking with Jesus on the path of life. Caroline has a heart for others. For example, she often goes to the nursing home to play the violin and piano for them. She also likes to take care of little kids for the parents in the community and feed the homeless in the corner of the streets. On top of that, she is very interested in Biblical history (specifically in the Old Testament) and enjoys learning about the lives of the patriarchs. She often spends time studying the Bible by reading different versions of the Bible, and comparing the life in the ancient to that in modern time.
- **Ian** was surprised to see how big the Adventist world is, which he didn't expect. However, attending the Camporee seems to have caused little spiritual change in him. His parent have not only seen that Ian is not closer to God, but is further away from the church. (This may also be because the church went through a transition period and didn't have a good Sabbath School teacher to attract the youth.) In addition, Ian didn't have friends in Pathfinders; he was the only one in his Pathfinder group.
- **Carl** and his brother were excited to attend the Camporee and see a broader picture of Pathfinders. It was an eye-opening event for both of them, because the Pathfinder club is small. They have always been good kids and are fourth generations Adventists. Carl

learned a lot through the Camporee and baptism. His parents try to eternalize the impact on him by reminding him of the importance of baptism and having daily devotions with him. His parents know that baptism is just the beginning, and they are eager for the Lord to guide him on a journey of faith. Carl was also excited to experience all kinds of activities at the Camporee, especially baptism. After baptism, he has been more confident to say that he is saved by Jesus. He also shares the Gospel with his friends.

- **Maranatha** enjoyed the Camporee and baptism. Since being baptized, she has been more obedient to her parents. Her baptism impacted her daily life. For example, even her eating habits have improved after baptism.
- **Ana** loved every activity at the Camporee, especially the honors and the cooking messages. She was excited to see so many children from all over the world. Since baptism, although there has not been a significant change, she has shown that she is more disciplined.
- **Maya** enjoyed the Camporee. Since her baptism, she spends more time on taking Bible-related classes to obtain more knowledge about God.
- **Valentina** loved the Camporee, and she can't wait to go again. Actually, she continued to stay in Pathfinders so that she would be able to go next time. Her parents haven't noticed any change in Valentina since her baptism, likely because she has always been a good kid and had already accepted Jesus as her Savior before baptism.
- **Axel** wanted to be baptized long before the Camporee, but his father suggested that he wait and be baptized at the Camporee. Since baptism, Axel has gotten more involved in church activities and spends more time sharing the Gospel with his friends.
- **Lisa** has become more active in her church since attending the Camporee and being baptized. She also knows more about the Bible and is closer to others than before.
- The baptism at the Camporee impacted **Derek** greatly. Derek has Asperger's syndrome. He was very nervous and felt uncomfortable before he got into the water to be baptized. But when he came out of the water, he felt a sense of calm and peace. It was definitely the work of the Holy Spirit. Since baptism, Derek has grown closer to the Lord and has become more patient with his family members.
- The biggest impact on **Jackson** and his sister was the play depicting the story of Daniel. It impacted them greatly because it turned a Biblical story into a play that the children could easily understand.
- The Camporee and baptism brought joy to **Dominic** and his two siblings. It was a life-changing experience for him. Dominic was also excited to witness such a massive Adventist group all together in one place. Although there has not been a significant change in him since baptism, Dominic feels more strongly that he is one of God's. His father is a Methodist, and his mother is a Seventh-day Adventist.

- The Camporee and the baptism impacted **Luca** in a positive way. He was baptized with the other two siblings. Since baptism, Luca has paid more attention to Christianity and has worked to develop a closer relationship with God. Although Luca is an introvert, he likes to pray for others if he is asked.
- The Camporee and subsequent baptism impacted **Austin** in a positive way. He was baptized, along with his two siblings. Since being baptized, Austin pays more attention to Christianity. He also is working hard to grow closer to God.
- **Kennedy** was baptized with her other two siblings. Compared to her siblings, Kennedy is more upfront and has taken initiative to do things like praying and discussing spiritual topics. Since baptism, she pays more attention to Christianity. However, Kennedy has concerns about living forever, such as, “What does it really mean to go to heaven?”
- The Camporee and the baptism impacted **Ivey** a lot. She was proud to be baptized there. Her two older brothers’ baptism at the Camporee in 2014 influenced her and made her want to be baptized at the Camporee in 2019. Her parents say that she has always been a good kid and likes to participate in worship services at church.
- **Ariana** always wanted to get baptized but her parents thought she was too young—until the Camporee. Ariana was touched by the appeal at the worship, and asked to be baptized. Her parents agreed. She likes to go to church since her baptism.
- The Camporee and baptism were eye opening events for **Jordan**. He realized that there were many kids who have the same value as him, which he doesn’t see in his school.
- **Adam** found the Camporee and baptism to be very encouraging. Since being baptized, Adam has become more involved in church activities.
- Before the Camporee, **Xavier** was very shy and didn’t like socializing or making friends. After he went to the Camporee for only a few days, he told his parents that he wanted to get baptized. His parents thought he didn’t really mean it, so they ignored his request. But after that, Xavier kept asking to be baptized. His parents realized that he was serious about it and believed that it was the Holy Spirit working on him. Since baptism, Xavier has become more confident and more open to others. His feedback from school has also become more positive. Xavier spends more time learning about God and how God is always leading us.
- The Camporee impacted **Jose** greatly. He was baptized in 2016, but when he attended the Camporee, he felt that he wanted to be rebaptized. Since being rebaptized, he has become the class pastor at his academy. He is closer to the Lord.
- **Aaliyah** decided that she wanted to be baptized on her own. She has changed a lot since baptism, especially when she worships in the church.

- The experience at the Camporee and the baptism ceremony impacted **Jace** a lot. He has improved considerably since baptism. Jace lives alone with his mom and is a good kid.
- The impact of the baptism at the Camporee was great for **Cora** in the beginning. Initially, her relationship with God seemed to be developing. However, in the long run, the impact has faded away. Still, Cora loved the experience at the Camporee,
- **Everett** experienced a positive impact at the Camporee. After he was baptized, he began to grow close to God.
- The impact of the event on **Madelyn** was great. She still talks about the Camporee. Since her baptism, Madelyn has become more involved in church activities. For example, she has volunteered to play the violin in the front of the church more often.
- **Declan** has always been a spiritual kid. Since being baptized, he has become one of the deacons in the church. He has a heart to serve the church.
- The impact was great on **Alice**. During the Camporee, she kept connecting with Jesus. Since baptism, Alice has been faithful and has grown closer to the Lord. She participates more in church and community activities than before. And in addition, she wants to be a pastor in the future.
- **Kinsley** has always been a spiritual kid. She enjoyed the Camporee and her baptism. Since being baptized, she has become more mature and spiritual. She actively participates in family worship and prayer.
- The Camporee's impact was huge on **Evan**. Since his baptism, he has been more active in all kinds of church activities. For example, he is more vocal in Sabbath School class.
- The Camporee was a great experience for **Hailey**. She has become more faithful to Bible study and church worship. She even reminds her parents to do family worship when they are too busy or forget about it.
- The most significant impact on **Gaby** is that since being baptized, she has developed closer relationships with people around her. She is also more passionate about the church and her beliefs. She offers more help to others in the church and at school.
- **Gianna**'s whole family went to Camporee in 2014, and her older sister was baptized there. In 2019, the whole family again went to Camporee, and Gianna, together with two other friends, were baptized. It was an important moment for her. She spent two years preparing for baptism. Her parents feel it will continue to influence her in a positive way for years to come.
- To **Kayden**, being baptized is a sincere responsibility. Thus, his baptism at the Camporee was a magical moment for him. Since being baptized, Kayden has become more independent and confident. And more importantly, he has become more spiritual. His

mother went to Oshkosh to witness Kayden's baptism, even though she was weak from giving birth to a new baby just five days before his baptism.

- For **Sarah**, being a part of Pathfinders has not been an easy journey. For a while, she even hated Pathfinders—not because she didn't like the activities, but because of problems with other club members. To be honest, the Camporee was a dreadful experience. However, since her baptism, she is more willing to experience spiritual things.
- **Parker** was excited to be baptized with his two other siblings at the Camporee. It impacted him a lot. At the Camporee, he also learned how to cook and other skills.
- **Wesley** will never forget his baptism at the Camporee. Although the water was extremely cold, he felt blessed when he got baptized. Since baptism, Wesley has become more aware of his decision/commitment to God. He takes more responsibilities as a baptized Christian.
- **Kai** learned a lot from the Camporee, especially new cooking skills. He was excited to be baptized with his two other siblings at the Camporee.
- **Braden** enjoyed everything about the Camporee. Since his baptism, he has experienced some changes and is closer to God.
- **Quinn** and her brother were baptized together, and they were really involved in the activities at the Camporee. Quinn enjoyed the experience so much that she often spends time re-watching videos of the Camporee. The preaching of the story about Daniel touched her and impacted her a lot.
- **Weston** enjoyed attending the Camporee; this was his third Pathfinder Camporee! He was excited to meet other people and trade pins. Since his baptism, he keeps up with everything, including spending more time on reading the Bible and prayers.