



Dear Friend of Sugar Pine,

Miracles still happen, and for every life-change moment that takes place at Sugar Pine, there are a host of family and friends, devoted church staff/ volunteers, camp staff, and ministry partners like you who make these miracles possible. **Don't get me wrong, Jesus is the one who changes lives, but he chooses to include you and I in the story.**

The following story in Luke 5:18-26 is simple, and remarkable. People of faith took their friend to Jesus, and because of their faith, he was healed and his sins were forgiven.

*Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. **When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.***

When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." *The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.



Would you take up a corner of the "mat" and join us in these life-change moments at Sugar Pine?

Many campers come to Sugar Pine on a "mat." There are needs in their lives that only Jesus can meet. **There are also those who have made this moment possible – who have picked up the "mat" and are a part of the story.**

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There are four corners to the Sugar Pine "mat." **The first** are family and friends who send their loved ones to camp. **The second** is the local church who shepherds those they love throughout the year. **The third** is Sugar Pine, dedicated to providing

a beautiful space where people can see God's creation and hear His voice clearly. **And the fourth** are our ministry partners, whose financial faithfulness keep Sugar Pine moving forward.

We are praying that 2023 will be a year overflowing with miracles at Sugar Pine. As we prepare for this, our goals are to complete our new dorms at Main Camp AND to have Timber Mountain fully repaired/improved and back in operation by summer. It will take approximately \$175,000 to realize these goals. All of this provides the beautiful, distraction-free setting for God to step into the story and for lives to be changed!



Please consider how you might participate to make life-changing stories possible at Sugar Pine in 2023 with your financial support and faithful prayers.

We are very grateful for your love and support of Sugar Pine. I would be delighted to share our plans and progress with you. Please contact me any time, or even better, come up for a visit. Sugar Pine is blessed with decades of amazing memories. We are excited to create even more together in the coming year!

Blessings,

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P.S. Watch for Timber Mountain work day opportunities coming in 2023!

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