

# Note From Andy for August



Hey guys!

Well ... here we go again! School is coming at us as fast as my new friend "Buffalo Bill" came at me at the zoo.

I'd like for each of us - students and teachers alike - to look upon this new school year as a great opportunity to go on a "9 MONTH MISSION TRIP." Jesus tells us in Acts 1:8 before He ascended to Heaven:

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

Jesus is telling us here that He wants us to be witnesses for Him all over the world and to all people. This command can seem really big, but I want us to drill down to right where we are in our schools. God has placed us each where we are for a purpose, and that purpose is to share The Gospel with those around us! To that end, my prayer is that each of us would view this year as going on a mission trip for the next 9 months, and we plan to prepare and equip you as we start back to school and as we go throughout the new school year.

August is an exciting time as it is almost time for CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN! Our theme this year is "So Much More," and we're going to spend the weekend talking about how we are so much more than what the world says about us. I love that we have this retreat during the back-to-school month as it puts us into a mindset for God going into the new school year.

One challenge as we get ready for school to start back: Don't let all the craziness of school distract you from your walk as a Christian! It's easy to get sidetracked with studying, homework, band, athletics, etc., but remember to MAKE GOD YOUR FIRST PRIORITY!

Love you guys!

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