HALSETH HAPPENINGS
MARCH 2026

Timber Bay
MENTORS FOR LIFE

A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS

When we arrived at the southwest corner of camp's 360 acres, there was **no trail to be seen**. (pic on right)

A few boys I mentor had come during a WorkCrew camp to clear an old fence line trail—but years of neglect had buried the rusty barbed wire and path under fallen trees and thick brush. What was once a clear trail had become almost impossible to find.

As we worked, I was reminded of the many teens we serve. Some have grown up in **difficult family situations**, where years of pain and neglect leave their lives feeling just as tangled and overgrown as that old fence line.

One student recently put it this way:

"I spent six months in treatment for my anger issues, but since coming to Timber Bay, everything has started to change."
— Jay, Timber Bay student

"Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
— Isaiah 43:18-19

Jay can't change his past, but with **God's help**, his future can be different. Like clearing that forgotten trail, it takes time to remove old habits and unhealthy patterns—but a **new path is possible.**

Because of **you**, students like Jay are discovering **Jesus—the ultimate Way Maker** —who brings hope and makes a way where there seems to be none.

Thank you for helping us make new paths possible for students like Jay.

Note: Name changed to protect identity

OH DEER!

Last month, Jenni and Rachel came to camp to help serve in the kitchen for the day. On their drive home late that evening, they suddenly struck a deer on the front driver's side of our Timber Bay vehicle.

Thankfully no one was hurt, and the damage is repairable. The vehicle is still drivable, but we have a **$1,000 deductible** to cover the repairs.

If you would like to help with this unexpected expense, you can mail a gift or give online at **timberbay.org/give/halseth**. Thank you!

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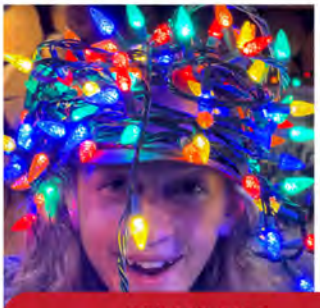
2026 WINTER MINISTRY PHOTOS



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- Mentoring on the slopes
- Middle School Winter Camp
- High School Winter Camp
- Christmas WorkCrew Camp
- Community Outreach

PRAISE

- We've had three successful camps in the past three months. The gospel has been proclaimed. God is good!

PRAYER

- Pray for "M" and a time we can meet for mentoring. Here's a text from his mom;

"M" struggles to leave the house. Even for school he can only go a few hours at most. Between cancer, the Order for Protection, domestic violence and bullying he incured in 8th grade, he just really struggles to leave. He is in therapy and we recently signed up for DAP, the Domestic Violence Project. I am really praying someday he can leave for more than a couple hours at a time."

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