

## Tavia Ethredge's Camp Testimony

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I got my “New Life” in Christ here at Camp New Life and so have many others.

Although most kids have to go somewhere away from home to go to camp, I don't have to go anywhere. I live on the camp, right here at Camp New Life..

During the summer months my family and I have a camp for at-risk kids who live in the inner city of Jackson, Mississippi. Camp New Life is in Simpson County. The kids greatly respect my dad, who is the camp director.

My family, volunteers, and I start to get camp ready a couple of months beforehand, doing anything from cleaning each building and everything in it to menu planning and food purchasing to yard work.

Camp days consist of devotions, swimming, horseback riding, crafts, fishing, basketball,

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boating, and delicious meal. Evenings and nights are for chapel, hayrides, ice cream, bonfires, and devotions. After the last chapel on the last day we gather for a group photo and sad “good-byes”.

The kids enjoy camp tremendously, and it is rewarding for us as well as for the volunteers.

Spreading the gospel is our goal. Although we know every camper will not respond, we are excited about making camp for them all.

I'm glad that I don't have to go to camp. It comes to me! I absolutely love it.

At Camp New Life you also can get a “New Life” in Christ.