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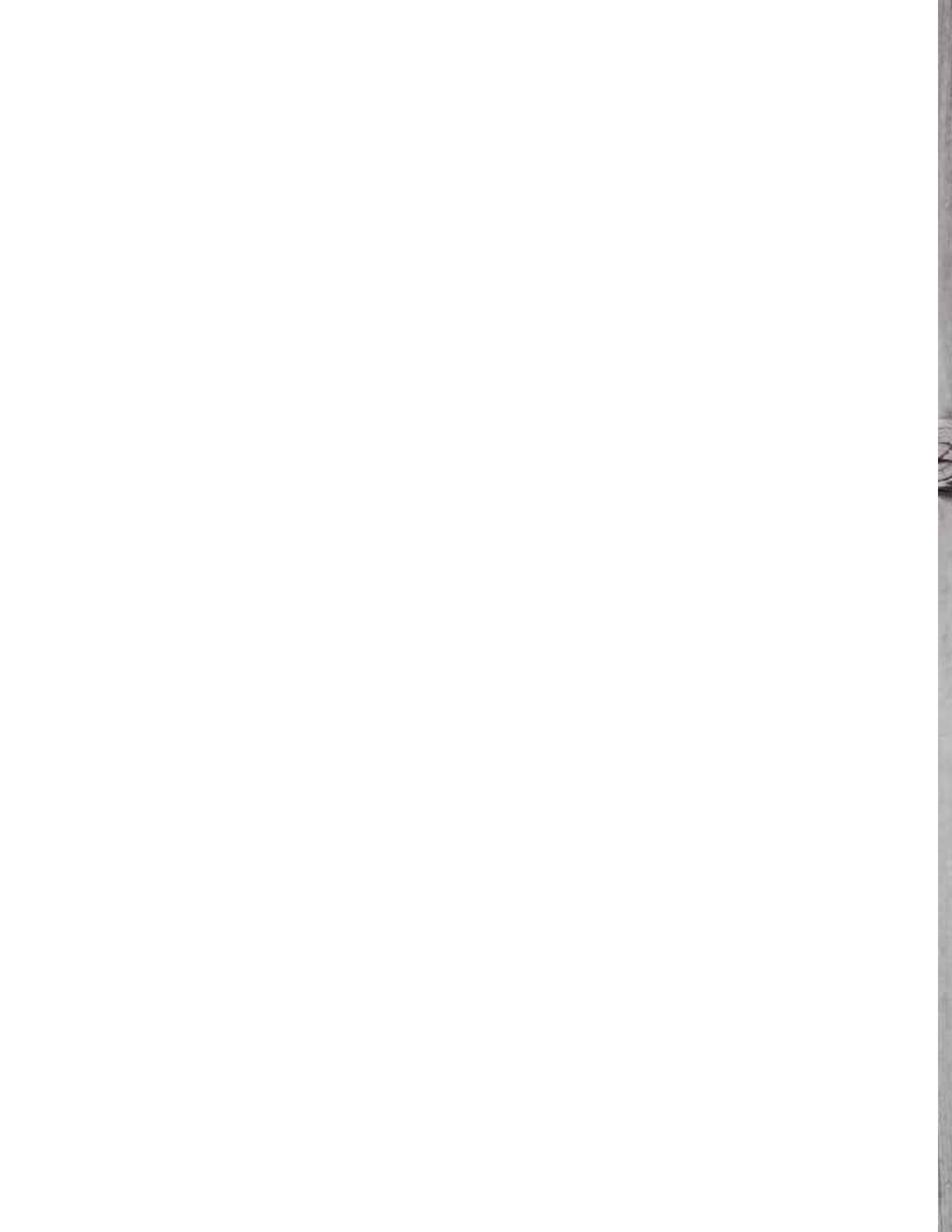
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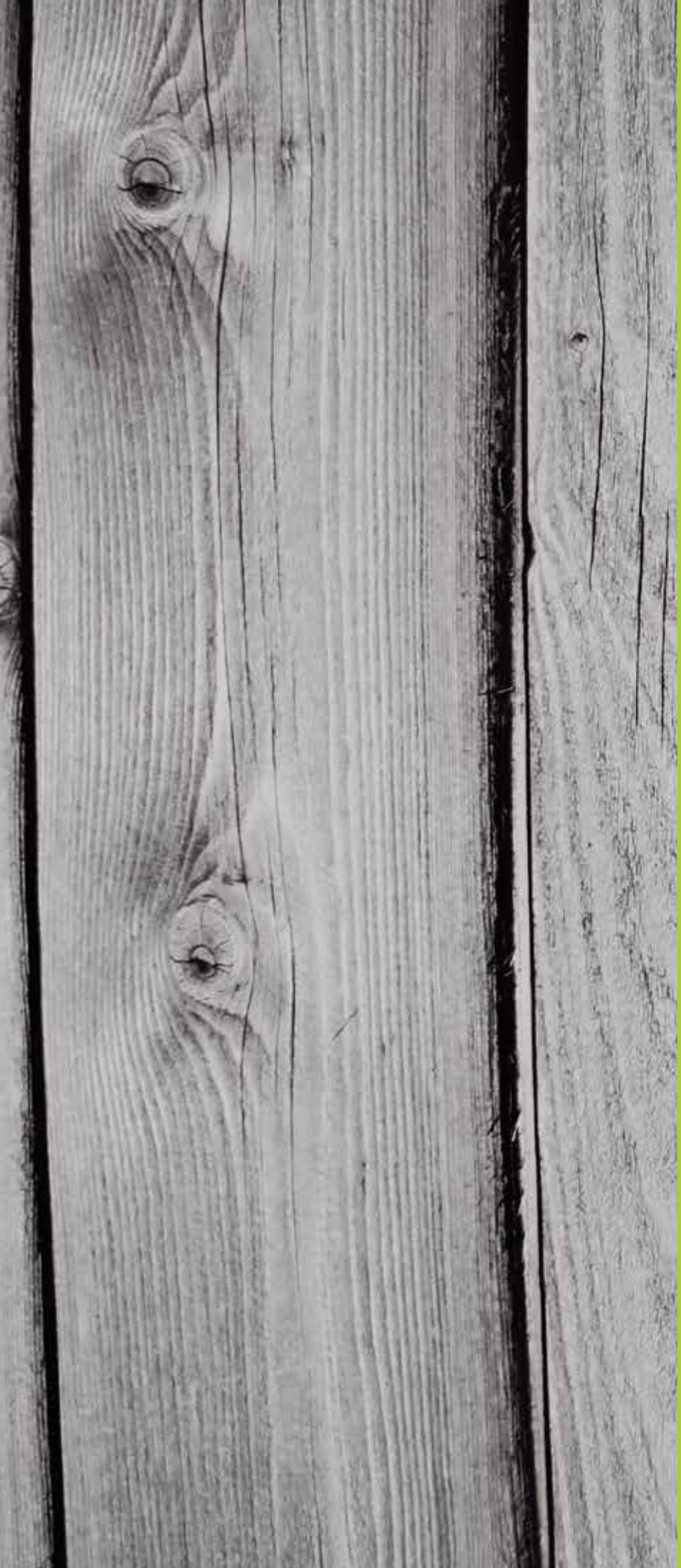
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WHAT A PRIVILEGE TO BE CO-LABORERS WITH GOD!

We believe that it is an honor to serve God in the camping ministry. One of our goals is to provide a camp program that will reach young people, strengthen families, and serve local churches. This goal would be impossible with a “one size fits all” mentality to camp.

As you will discover, we offer many types of camps that are designed to fulfill different needs. We would like you to think of Ironwood as a giant toolbox, a toolbox that has many tools. We understand that you won't be able to attend every camp or use every possible option. Our hope is that you would find a few of the camps helpful, which would enable us to have the privilege of serving you.

This book is designed to give you a greater understanding of the resources available to you and your ministry.

We hope we can help!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Brock".

Sam Brock, Director





WHAT'S INSIDE

Philosophy—what we do is important, but WHY we do it is crucial.

Available camps—the many tools options at your disposal. Camps are available for youth, adults, families, and church and school groups.

Facility—three camp facilities and over five hundred acres give you many options

Getting registered—everything you need to know to get signed up for your camp experience

Custom Camp—looking for something specific? Design your own camp to meet your needs. The minimum is just fifteen people!

FAQS—answers for the questions most often asked by newcomers



ABOUT US

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Who We Serve

Our guests and the families and churches we serve are all extremely important to us, yet our primary constituent is the Lord Jesus Christ. **Our goal is to honor and glorify Him as we preach the gospel and as we accomplish the purpose He has called us to.**

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake... that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

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The Facility

The facility at Ironwood is comfortable and conducive to our purpose, all the while **pointing to our God, the Creator of all, and testifying of the gospel and His wonder-working power.**

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh. Ecclesiastes 12:1

Ironwood is a place of decision for the Lord Jesus Christ. The total package of camp includes the preaching and teaching of the Word, a ministry philosophy based on participation rather than entertainment, one-on-one time with both counselors and home church leaders, cabin group challenges, and the elimination of distractions. With a focus on the spiritual impact of sowing and watering the seed of the Word, campers are given every opportunity for the Spirit to give the increase through the decisions made.



The Program

The Ironwood program and activities are managed for safety and are appropriate for the age of the campers, yet **they are creatively unique and filled with fun, adventure, new experiences, and opportunities for skill development—all building memories that last a lifetime.**

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 1 Corinthians 13:11

And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15



◀ **Walt Brock**, co-founder of Ironwood



The Staff

Our staff and leadership team are dedicated to the Lord and are what makes Ironwood “unduplicate-able.” We love our campers, focusing on them as individuals, and believe it is our privilege to serve and minister to them.

But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: so being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own sould, because ye were dear unto us. 1 Thessalonians 2:7–8

OUR HISTORY

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. Isaiah 46:9

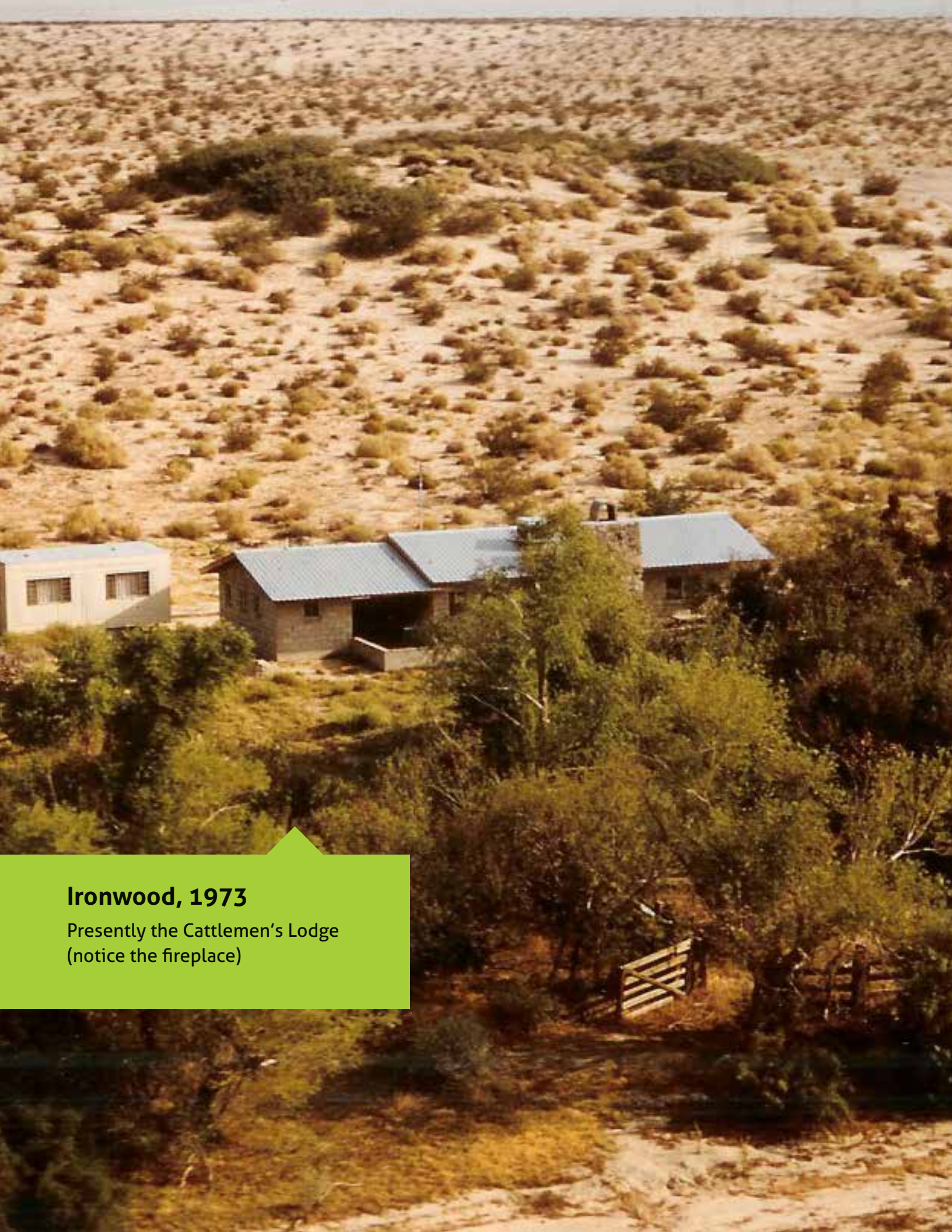
HOW IT ALL STARTED

A historical overview of our ministry and facility is important as it brings understanding of why we do what we do. It also spot-lights the miracle working God who has brought us where we are today. We would be presuming greatly on His mercy if we did not daily acknowledge Him as our source of strength, wisdom, material blessing, success with campers, decisions, and even life itself. From the beginning, "To God be the Glory" has been our theme song.

Chuck Chastain and Walt Brock, with the help and support of their wives, Sarah and Betty, founded Ironwood. Early in 1972, these two men met together on numerous occasions to discuss and pray about beginning a camp ministry. In the spring of 1972, the Chastains and Walt looked at this property. Through prayer for wisdom and help, investigation, periods of despair, and periods of optimism;

God answered prayer and allowed them to assume control of the property on January 1, 1973.

When the owner of the property would not sell to a non-profit corporation, Walt Brock, Chuck Chastain, John Brock, and Lee Brock formed a partnership called Triple B-C Ranch to purchase the property. In 1973, they also formed a non-profit corporation called Fundamental Christian Endeavors Inc. (FCE), to operate the camp. After several years, John and Lee were unable to continue to participate with the Triple B-C Ranch, but stayed on the board of FCE. In 1986, after the land was completely paid off, Triple B-C Ranch donated all of the land and assets to FCE and was dissolved, making it possible for Ironwood Camp (FCE) to become sole owner of the entire 185 acres and all the facilities.



Ironwood, 1973

Presently the Cattlemen's Lodge
(notice the fireplace)