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The Summer has Come to an End

Eight weeks of camp have come and gone so quickly. It feels like just yesterday Nathan and I were getting camp ready the weekend before, in the complete dark at 11:00 PM. All those days of hard work and the summer flew by so quickly. All that effort put into those eight weeks is completely worth it. Every drop of sweat, every muscle ache, every prayer is worth it to bring the Word of God to the children. This year, across Waynesboro, Dublin Mills, and Path Valley Good News Camp, we had a total of 1,107 children attend. Of those 1,107 children, 93 made professions of faith. This is what makes every bit of work worth it, so these children can know Who Jesus is. That's the center of it all. Camp has so many fun activities, games, and crafts, but all of it is centered around our Savior.

So many people go into making camp possible; over 100 people give their time to Good News Camp. I would like to thank our three paid teachers: KT Swope, Cassie Turner, and Caleb Shipe. Each of them spent their entire summer teaching and doing whatever odd tasks I assigned them to do. I want to thank our three Jr staff, Mae Turner, Lexi Rose, and Olivia Vaughn; each of them stepped up when needed. I want to thank each of our volunteer teachers from this summer; we had many new and returning teachers. Thank you to each missionary who took time out of their busy schedule to come and speak about their ministry. Thanks to every single Jr counselor and helper who took time to engage with the kids in their group and help them grow spiritually at camp. Lastly, thank you to Emily Kilcup, our amazing chapel leader these past four years; she has been a blessing and an amazing coworker. She truly has had a huge impact on these children and our counselors. Without all these people, camp would not be possible; the impact that we have would not be possible. God has blessed us with the ability to hold this camp year after year; all the honor and glory belong to Him. Thank you all for your continued support and prayer throughout the year

-Colin Donatto

Starting in September, we will be offering a Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 course. In this course, you will learn how to lead a child to Christ with confidence, make Bible verse learning engaging, teach Bible lessons that are both fun and clear in presenting the Gospel. You'll learn classroom management techniques, and how to organize and conduct spiritually enriching classroom activities.

The dates for the course are Mondays: September 21, 28, and October 5, and Thursdays: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. The times in September are 4:30-8:30 PM, and 4:30-7:30 PM in October

The cost for the course is \$145 and includes all materials. The deadline to register is September 3rd

If interested, contact Diane Pomroy, course coordinator, at 717-860-5589 or cefpatt@gmail.com.



Children of God

At the beginning of August, I was given the amazing chance to go on my first-ever mission trip to a little place in South America called Bogota, Colombia. I was given the privilege of joining Paramount Baptist Church in their international ministry there, and we were able to minister to many different people while there! We assisted in a homeless shelter, providing broken people with food, water, clothing, and gospel stories, and we also helped with a VBS, doing music, crafts, games, and Bible lessons, and encouraging them in Christ!

However, despite all these incredible things that we had the chance to do, what really struck me from this whole week was when we visited an indigenous people's shelter. Now, for some background, the people indigenous to Bogota had been kicked out of the city simply because the citizens of Bogota disliked them for being different, and for their protection, the indigenous people groups had been put into shelters by the Colombian government. However, when we entered the shelter through the fortified gate, what I immediately noticed were the holes in the walls and the bullet holes in the windows. Despite the tall brick walls and barbed wire, they still lived a very rough and dangerous life.

As my group walked through the little streets of this shelter-prison, I saw people and families, all timid and shying away from us newcomers. We set up our stuff in a central area of the shelter, and slowly people started coming out. At first there were 5, then 10, then nearly 50 people emerged from different parts of the shelter! Most of them spoke a different language from us, but some spoke Spanish, and we were able to communicate! We quickly put together a VBS for the people, teaching lessons in Spanish, doing crafts, snacks, and giving them stuffed animals, and even singing a song we'd learned in their native tongue just five minutes before we'd arrived at the shelter! Though these people had been mistreated and lived incredibly difficult lives, when they began coming out to join us I saw smiles on their faces, and many of the kids would run up and hug us. They owned barely anything, so in its place they offered us kindness. In a place full of darkness, I saw so much light, and I thank God for this life-changing experience.

While on this trip, my Spanish-speaking brother in Christ, David, said this to me while we visited his church, "Though we speak different languages, we are all one in the Lord." Then later, written upon the wall of the homeless shelter, was the verse Matthew 18:14, which says, "In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish." The thing that the Lord kept showing me through this whole entire trip, through the people we impacted and even the team I got to work with, is that every single person is loved by Christ. Every person you meet is a child in the eyes of our Lord and Savior and someone whom He wants to be saved. There is no person so far gone that our God cannot reach out and bring back in a heartbeat. His love is far more than we could ever imagine, and for that, I thank God.

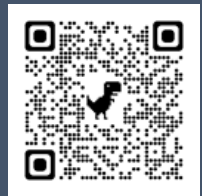
~Caleb Shipe
Good News Camp Staff

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