



RE-CHRIST

CONCEPTS

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Pray for our summer reading program July 6 – August 5 (workers and students)

Pray for the back to school bash with Rocky Creek Creative Ministry Team July 17-18

Pray for summer soccer camp July 19-22 (weather, workers and students)

YDC NEWS

Continue to pray for the residence that they will hear the Word of God and understand that the Lord loves them and wants to bless them. Pray that spiritual leaders will rise up within the units and that they will show the other residence the true way to live and have peace.

Hello RE-CHRIST Supporters

It has been a couple of months since Ashley wrote you but the Lord has been moving in our lives and keeping us very busy. During the month of April the kids at the apartments had spring break and we had a couple of teams from Virginia and Texas come to visit and host block parties with the children at the Valencia and Corner's apartments. For three straight days the youth from Virginia and Texas devoted their spring break to loving on some kids in Norcross. Thanks to Tim Cummings, Whirlwind Missions, for organizing the teams. Also during spring break Ashley and I hosted movie days with pizza for the elementary school students at the Corners apartments and took a few middle school students to Six Flags Over Georgia. Mentor moments like these are precious because we are able to just have fun with the kids and they get to see the kid in us. Thank you for giving financially to RE-CHRIST so that we are able to do these types of events with our students.

No mission is complete without servants who are willing to give of their time to complete the task of the mission. At the end of April, actually May 1, we held a volunteer appreciation day at our home. We served our volunteers a good old fashion southern Low Country Boil, grilled vegetables, smoked salmon dip, chocolate covered strawberries, and homemade blueberry cobbler alamo. Not only did we eat well but it was a blessed time of fellowship as all 25 (or most of them) of our weekly volunteers got to interact with one another and share ministry success with the entire group. Our intent was to show appreciation for the great work each our volunteers do and to help them visualize mission as a whole. It is easy to be a volunteer and on one specific day and miss how the larger picture works. We know our Lord was glorified in this gathering.

Often times I over look the Youth Detention Center mission in my reports; it is not that God is not at work in this area because truly we see him at work every week, but it is very difficult to measure the transformation of these troubled youth because of the nature of the mission at the Youth Detention Center.

Our main mission at the YDC is to clearly present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to allow people an opportunity to respond. Due to state rules and regulations it is near impossible work out long term discipleship



PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR PCBC YOUTH BEACH CAMP MAY 28- JUNE 4 (ASHLEY, OTHER LEADERS, AND STUDENTS- PHILIPPIANS 2 WILL BE THE STUDY).
- 2) PRAY FOR MINISTRY DIRECTION (MATT WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING MAY 28-JUNE 4)
- 3) PRAY FOR VBS- JUNE 7- 11 (30 STUDENTS ARE GOING FROM OUR APARTMENT MINISTRY)
- 4) PRAY FOR MONTANA TRIP JUNE 17-27 (MY MOM, ASHLEY , AND I WILL BE TRAVELING TOGETHER TO HOST A VBS FOR RURAL MONTANA)

Pray for effective summer networking with local area churches

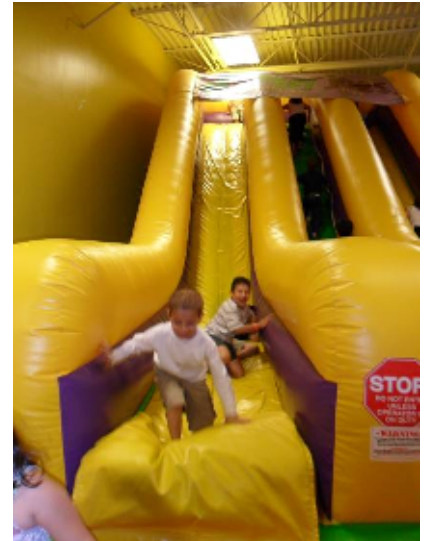
Pray for planning of West Africa trip Nov 6-18th (Matt, Dennis & Jay)

Pray God supply all of our resources according to His glory and riches

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relationships, but I know my God is in control and that He Shepherds over His flock, amen! On April 17th we were able to have a cookout for the entire Youth Detention Center to display over love for the residents and staff in a practical way. There were probably 60 residents, 10 staff, and 15 volunteers presents as we served up the Word of God and hotdogs and hamburgers with all the southern picnic fixins. Continue to pray for this facility. Pray for the residents to find a local church home as they come into a relationship with Jesus, pray the same for the staff. Pray also for the new changes that will be coming soon from a new administration that may possibly restrict volunteer teams who share the Gospel. Pray that our ministry team stays in full and is able to continue to win souls for Jesus!



Many other things took place in April, but in order to keep moving forward in a timely manner and without writing a major essay I will move into the month of May. The month of May has been filled with high school graduations of our Wednesday night youth discipleship groups, meetings for summer mission trips and Vacation Bible School. We attended another Rocky Creek Baptist Church in Greenville, S.C. yearly mission conference and we have closed out another school year with celebrations for the kids and for me, I have completed yet another semester of school. I have only 6 more classes to complete before obtaining my Master's in Evangelism and Church Planting through Liberty University. A major highlight from my last semester of school was receiving a score of 99 on a 20 page term paper written on Communicating the Gospel through Culture. By far this was the toughest semester for me in my theological studies and to be awarded with high marks on a closing paper which brought my grade from a B to an A makes my struggles of perseverance all that much more rewarding. Thank you Jesus!

Enough about me, let's get back to the ministry. This past Monday we were able to take our K-2 grade kids to a place called Money Joe's. The pictures are self explanatory to the amount of fun the children had at Monkey Joe's. Thanks to the Simpsonwood Methodist Church Bible study who financed our trip. On Tuesday night we closed out or ESL program with a Mexican fiesta. I cooked the meat and all the students brought the sides and deserts. I have eaten many Mexican meals but this was by far the best. I cooked skirt steak marinated in chipotle and jalapeño rub with fresh lime juice and cilantro, pulled short rib pork with caramelized onions and a sweet stew with cilantro and



fresh limes, and grilled rotisserie flavored chicken breast. The students brought authentic Mexican guacamole, fresh tomatoes, lettuce, and onions. We also had some fresh, spicy taco sauce to cover the handmade tortillas that served as the base for our tacos. For desert a lady made a Mexican cheese cake and we topped that off with a fresh fruit salad which another lady made. However the best thing about the entire evening was the sweet fellowship. Several of our friends came to join us and spoke English to our students. Ashley prepared questions from our lessons and our friends went

around for two hours talking and loving on our students. We were all having such a good time that Ashley and I had to interrupt everybody so that we could be dismissed. Pray our students continue to practice their English over the summer and that we have twice as many students in the fall.

In a couple of hours we will be taking the winners of our rewards program out to lunch at Chick-Fil-A and bowling. We are giving a special reward to 5 students who consistently attending the after school program this year, excelled in Scripture memorization and Bible stories, always had a positive attitude, and were diligent workers of their school assignments. Although the close of another school year is sad, it is also one of the most rewarding times. This has been a season of refection on how God has blessed all of us at RE-CHRIST over the past school year and it is a reminder of the great things He has in store for us in the years to come. We could not do any of this without your prayer, physical, and financial support. There are numerous eternal rewards being built up in heaven through the work of RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES and we are proud that you can be part of this reward. Ashley and I both hope you enjoy the pictures and are blessed by this testimony. This is all about you Jesus and may all the praise honor and glory be yours oh Lord!



Brother in Christ
Matt Johns

Enjoy the pictures from the past few months!



