

MISSIONS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE SHORT TERM MISSIONS COMMITTEE

AROUND THE CORNER

ATTENTION CHURCHES, CHURCH PLANTS AND RESTARTS!

The Short Term Missions Committee is searching for ministry/service opportunities around which an interchurch team could be developed. If you have/or are developing a VBS program and would benefit by assistance from additional manpower we need to hear from you. These team(s) would be developed for 2011 and beyond and would be focused on ministry with the possibility of some light maintenance on a case by case basis.

If there is anyone in your church that would be interested in participating on this type of team, we need to hear from you, too.

Please contact the Short Term Missions Committee through

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● *People's EC Church* in East Weissport sent seven teens and two adults on a week-long mission trip to the city of **York, Pennsylvania**. The short term missionaries worked with inner city children in York sponsored Day Camps. The teens also worked in an inner city food pantry where they assisted in community clean-up, helping children, and organization.

– **Pastor Ken Ogden**



● *Bethesda Youth Ministries* did a short term mission trip with Reach Workcamps in **Michigan City, Indiana**. We had a team of seven ladies and 2 chaperones. It was a long drive for the team leaving from Bethesda but they came back inspired and spiritually charged from their service.

– **Pastor of Children & Youth, Todd Wolfe**



● This summer Josh Good led 6 teens to **Centralia, Illinois** for a Work Camp week with "Group Work Camps Foundation". We had a great time! We worked mostly on painting and deck/wheel chair ramp construction. The theme of the week was 'undeserved', from the story of the prodigal son, talking about how none of us is deserving of God's love...but He gives it to us freely!

– **Josh Good, youth director at Trinity EC (Terre Hill) and Bridgeville EC**





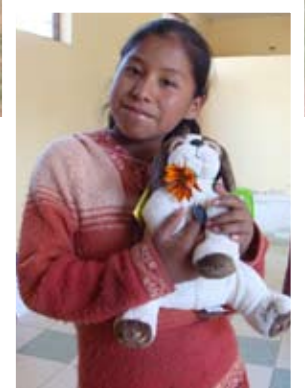
● A group of 16 people from the Great Lakes area, traveled to **Punta Gorda, Belize**. Our mission was to encourage Miss Jane Heck by working alongside her in the many ministries she is involved with in PG. We did a variety of projects including: beach clean-up, Miss Jane's Bible clubs and Sunday School classes, painted the Nazarene church and hostel, built benches, remodeled window shutters, painted benches, ministries at the Methodist school, and built a bridge. The team members: Dina Frye, Abby Frye, Nicole Shaffer, Tad, Garrett and Matthew Kerr, Jordan And Leah Saunders, Hannah Jacobson, Kenny Paoli (**Dixon Bethel EC Church**), Kyra MacKenzie (**Afolkey EC Church**), Kyle McIntyre (Winnebago EC Church), Pastor Dave Bailey and Danny Theobald (**Hooppole EC Church**) Hannah Kelly from McHenry, IL and Norman Patrick Murphy Estrada from Punta Gorda Belize (now a Moody Bible Institute student).

● Summer staff for **Twin Pines** camp included: Mike Ackerman, Hannah Becker, Brandi Beltz, Libby Crow, Lydia DeWire, Nick Economopoulos, Beck Evans, Cindy George, Zack Good, Noah Grubb, Forrest Henry, Cyrus Hilliard, Andy Kuhns, Courtney Kuntz, David Lindenmuth, Matt Logan, Emily Marks, Rachel Mauro, Carolyn McMahon, Rachel Miller, Amber Minnich, Stephen Outland, Emma Renz, Caleb Sizemore, Leah Sizemore, Joanna Spall, Drew Timmer, Martin Tam, Josiah Tobin, Alyssa Wingenroth

● Twelve people representing the Rock Climbing Clones Youth (Rock C2 Uth) from **Hope Community Church, Fogelsville, PA** had the pleasure of doing home repairs for four families in **Myrtle Beach, South Carolina** with Team Effort Ministries during the week of July 18-24, 2010.– **Denise Kalisz, Uth Leader**

● Kristina Blantz of **Annville Zion EC**, was part of a Shining Light ministry tour in **California**. The team of young men and women from the midstate area used song, dance, drama and multimedia/special effects to share the hope of Christ in youth detention centers throughout southern California, and with inmates inside San Quentin prison. Kristina describes it as an "awesome, life-changing experience."





● **Missions Trip to Cuzco, Peru with e3 Partners**
July 6-16, 2010 | Boyertown EC Church

We always wonder...will this 2010 missions trip be amazing like the ones we have been on before? Will we meet incredible people that we will never forget? Will we see God do miraculous things in front of our eyes? Will we have stories we can't wait to tell when we come home?

Yes, yes, yes, and yes! Every answer is "Yes!"

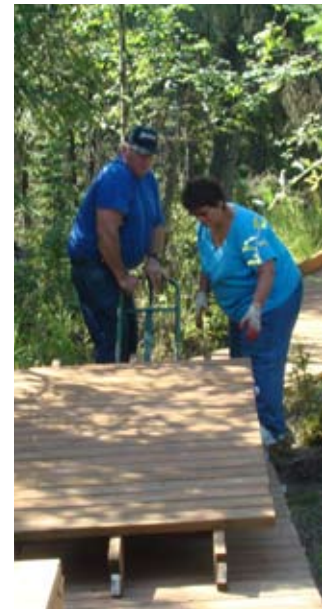
Doors and hearts are open in Peru to hearing about how God has changed our lives and can change theirs, too. The people in Peru have very little in material things, but they have their hearts open to the really important things in life. Trinity E.C. sent 10 teens and young adults along with 5 adult women. We were part of the North American team of 38 who worked with 9 Peruvian pastors in different neighborhoods in the large city of Cuzco, Peru under the leadership of e3 Partners. The main language spoken in Cuzco is Spanish, with some older people speaking only Quechua, a native language of the Andes. We worked with a translator and a Peruvian believer doing door-to-door and street evangelism, discipleship lessons, cell meetings, training the nationals, and church planting.

Over 1400 people began a new relationship with God through neighborhood evangelism. Over 140 people went through discipleship lessons in their home or in a new church plant in their neighborhood. A children's ministry program was held at each location while the adults had their Bible study. At one new church alone, they had over 70 children one afternoon! The children loved Woofi (the stuffed animal we bring) and his Bible stories. Thanks to a donation from the Because We Care Ministries, the Woofi puppies stayed with the churches, along with all of the supplies from the children's ministry. Each church can then continue to offer a program to the many children in their neighborhood.

Please pray for the new believers, the church plants, and the pastors in the Cuzco area. The work that our team began in July is continuing with the pastors, nationals, Bibles, children's supplies, and discipleship materials in the neighborhoods of Cuzco.

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?"

—ROMANS 10:14-16 NLT



● The Global Ministries Commission sponsored three work teams to **Alaska**. The **first work team** consisted of leader Charlie McCrone (*Steelstown*), Autumn Gerlach and Laura Steager (*Willow Street Community Church*), Curvin Martin and Elvin Weaver. They served at **Victory Bible Camp** outside of Anchorage during the last two weeks of May.

Two teams went to **Camp LIWA** outside of Anchorage. The **July work team** consisted of brothers Russ, Dale and Bob Jones (*Williamstown and Muir churches*), Edie Miller, Will Barris and Daye Phillippi (*Knox Church*), Dora Copinger (*Baltimore Rosedale*), John Haub (*Plymouth Meeting*) and Lauren Jones (*Kutztown*.)

The **August work team** consisted of Russ, Dale and Bob Jones, Edie Miller, Jim Brenneman and Keith Reed (*Bridgeville*), Steve and Elizabeth Gingrich (*Palmyra*), Bill, Debra, Randy and Carrell Heim (*Pitman Zion*) and Craig and Luke Wilson.

The first team worked almost a week on the boardwalks and the second week on the cabin. The second team finished the porches and steps on the cabin. Some of the group worked on the remainder of the boardwalks and built the Gazebo. There was about one-half mile of boardwalk laid through the efforts of the two teams at Camp LIWA.



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