

# missions shortstops

A NEWSLETTER OF THE SHORT TERM MISSIONS COMMITTEE



● **The People's EC Church**, East Weissport, sent eight teens and three adults on a short term mission trip to **Newark, New York** near Lake Ontario. The team worked in different ministries, including working with elementary age children, clearing trails at a cancer center, and helping at local nursing homes. All reported that each ministry was a blessing to their lives. Team included Hannah Bartron, Abby Bartron, Hunter McCabe, Lacie McCabe, Alex Ogden, Dan Edmunds, Matthew Perry, Jon Smith, Sharon Rabuck, Doug Bowman, and Pastor Ken Ogden.- **Rev. Ken Ogden**

● My name is Nate Daback. I belong to **Trinity EC Lighthouse** church in Limerick, PA, under the direction of Rev. Ralph Owens. This Summer I took a missions trip to **Baja, Mexico**. I went with a group called Global Expeditons. I didn't know anyone else who was going, but this gave an opportunity to meet new friends. We built houses for the poor, held a vacation Bible school for the children, witnessed in the community, and performed a Christian play. It was an incredible experience, one that I would recommend for other 17 yr. olds like myself.



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- Tamaqua Youth Ministries, of **Bethany EC Church**, Tamaqua, went on a Missions Trip to **Bear Branch, Kentucky**, where they worked with Big Creek Missions. 15 youth and 4 leaders served the people of Appalachia in one of 3 areas, children's ministry, community outreach, or construction. Children's ministry included leading day camps, backyard clubs, and working with local children's programs. Community ministry included assisting with community outreaches, and working with local agencies and ministries to spread the gospel. Construction included working on home renovation projects for those in need.  
– **Pastor Kevin Roberts**

- **Zion EC Church** in Myerstown cooperated with New Dawn Community Services to rehab a home for use by missionaries David and Conce Roof. The Roofs had requested housing in the ELCO school district so their son Andrew could re-connect with friends during their year furlough. Zion church members cleaned, painted and completely furnished the two story home owned by NDCS, which provided new carpet and the paint.

**Front row: Nick Hollenbach, Josh Nemeth, Victoria Priester, Cheyenne Johnson, Francesca Gerace, Anthony Iacoviello, Peter Conforti. Second row: Miranda Woodard, Caitlin Metzger, Jack Nemeth, Nasya Sullivan, Tyler Hollenbach, Antonetta Gerace, Stone Valentine. Back row: Paul Nemeth, Cheryl Nemeth, Danette Roberts, and Pastor Kevin Roberts. Missing from the photo is: Nathan Gerace**





● From July 9th - 15th, a group of Sr. high teens & adults from KNOWN Student Ministries (**Trinity EC Terre Hill & Bridgeville EC Churches**) completed a short-term mission in **Belize, Central America**. The team, which partnered with **Hope EC** (Fogelsville PA) church youth group, spent the week doing Vacation Bible School in the town of Punta Gorda (southern Belize) and in the surrounding villages, as well as leading morning & evening church services, and serving the local community. Having been preparing for this short-term mission for nearly a year, the team was very excited, prepared & eager to serve. Through interactions with local children and adults, the team was truly blessed as they strove to be a blessing. The unanimous ‘word of the week’ for the group was “intentionality.” Intentionally focusing on the needs of the local people, intentionally working to help the people of Belize, intentionally listening for God’s voice, intentionally following Jesus’ lead, intentionally stepping out of comfort zones, etc. etc. Praise the Lord! Coming home, the team was tired (of course), but energized & changed. No longer were they just Lancaster County Christians, but world-wide Christians. And having teenagers with this global perspective who are passionate about Christ is invaluable. In the days & weeks since the Belize mission, the group has tried hard to bring the same level of intentionality back to their daily lives – what a challenge! But also a testament to the fact that the mission field never ends, it’s just the location that changes.

– Josh Good, youth pastor

● “Team Braveheart” which consisted of Mary Jane Sterling, Katie DeGeorge, Jared Rabold, Dana Dunbar and Cathy Arroyo, led Vacation Bible Schools, known as Holiday Clubs, in **Tillicoultry, Scotland** this summer for a week. The team from **Ebenezer EC Church**, Jim Thorpe went with SCOT Ltd. (Scotland Christian Outreach Teams.)





- This past summer, 31 youth and 9 adults traveled with the youth ministry of **Mohn's Hill EC Church** to **Bear Branch, Kentucky** to serve with Big Creek Missions from July 23-30. It was a privilege to serve the people of Clay and Leslie Counties in one of three ways: construction (providing home repair), children's ministry (running day camps), or community service (helping with food distribution, visiting nursing and veterans' homes, etc.). To learn more about serving with Big Creek Missions, feel free to contact **Pastor Jeff Berger** at [jeff@mohnshill.org](mailto:jeff@mohnshill.org).

- 3 teens from **Brownstown** went on a work team with the Mohn's Hill Church to **Kentucky**. - **Keith Miller, pastor**

- **Mohn's Hill** - Beth Good, Katrina Noll and Zach Good served for eight weeks of their summer at Twin Pines. Lisa Matz served at several Christian camps in the **western US** with a traveling group from Ecola Bible College. Ginny Hart served as a teacher at Lake Beauty Bible Camp in **Long Prairie, Minnesota**. Lisa Buckles helped with administration at Camp Sankanac in **Spring City, PA**. Bob Pawling served with Child Evangelism Fellowship.



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