

SHORT STOPS – FALL 2012

Lititz Trinity - This past summer, from July 8-14, 13 youth and 5 adults traveled to Broadalbin, NY for a mission project through Reach Workcamps. They spent the entire week repairing homes and encouraging the residents in this local area. For more information on Reach work camps: go to www.reachwc.org or contact Pastor Ryan Taylor at ryant@ptd.net [photo]

Sinking Spring Community - A group of 20 adults and teenagers traveled to Somerville, Tennessee to minister with Group Workcamps. While on the trip, the group members joined together with over 400 youth to help locals with home repairs such as painting, roofing, and deck and ramp construction. A wonderful time was had by all as we enjoyed the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to those in Somerville. – Rev. Matt Hill, youth pastor [photo]

East Weissport -Teens and adult leaders from People's EC Church in East Weissport served on a one week short term mission trip in Manassas, Virginia through Group Work Camps. While there, the team worked on community beautification projects, church revitalization efforts, and also worked with children who had disabilities. The teens and adults presented their experiences to the congregation during a special Sunday morning celebration service. –Rev. Ken Ogden, pastor [photo]

Grace Community, Willow Street – **Nicole Lapp** traveled to Maranatha School for the Deaf located in Hill Top, Jamaica for a ten day trip along with a group of ten from Timberline church. During their time there they built a fence around the school property, assisted the school teachers, performed puppet shows for the school and community, and shared God's love with the children and everyone they met. While sharing God's love with the children Nicole received a great understanding on why missions work is so important and how such a small act of love and compassion can impact an entire community. [photo]

Sarah Sweitzer -This summer I went on a missions trip to Guatemala with Wycliffe Bible Translators. I went with a group of about 12 girls and together we learned all about bible translation by encouraging missionaries already in Guatemala and by living in villages with host families that have been blessed with having the bible translated into their language. Through this missions trip God changed my view on missions and showed me that I don't have to travel out of the country to share His word. [photo]

Terre Hill - **Jeff Swartz** and his daughter **Megan** worked at Camp LIWA outside Fairbanks, AK this past summer. Megan was especially impressed with the teamwork exhibited and the amount of work accomplished in a short period of time. [photo]

Grace ECC Kutztown -**Bill Chatten and Lauren Jones** traveled to Armenia July 22-August 7 with the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia. They helped impoverished Armenian families build and renovate homes.

Leah Crow traveled to Panama July 7-15 with Susie Shellenberger, the former founding editor of BRIO magazine. Leah and her team ministered to people there through drama in parks, schools and poverty-stricken neighborhoods and churches.

Christiana Mauro served as site director at Youth Works in Washington DC throughout the summer.

Rachel Mauro went to Sandy Cove this summer to be a counselor at The Marsh Day Camp. She led Bible studies and skits and worked with campers.

Stephen Welsh spent 11-12 weeks this summer on Urban Ministry in Alaska with CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). He worked with homeless, soup kitchens, and helped to launch a CRU ministry at University of Alaska.

Jon & Terri Yeakel traveled to the Czech Republic to present the gospel to kids and parents as they came to a baseball camp with Push The Rock Ministries, July 5-15.

Pastor Adam Roberts and Youth Pastor AJ Martel took a group of **7 youth and 5 leaders** to Canyon Falls EC Church in Beattyville, KY, July 7-14 to lead a week of Vacation Bible School. A number of children responded to the gospel and some great relationships were built! [\[photos\]](#)

Mohn's Hill - This past summer, 23 youth and 4 adults traveled with the youth ministry of Mohn's Hill EC Church to Bear Branch, Kentucky to serve with Big Creek Missions from July 21-29. We were privileged to have youth from Brownstown EC Church, Palmyra EC Church, and Reich's EC Church as part of our group. We served 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, please visit their website at www.bigcreekmissions.com or feel free to contact Pastor Jeff Berger at jeff@mohnshill.org. [{photo}](#)

Boyertown Trinity - A team of 12 from traveled to Honduras to work with Ed and Val Schubert in the village of Zambrano during July and August. The team lead a four day VBS for about 80 kids in the Los Pinos community. The children were loved, fed, taught and played with, and many of the children accepted Christ when the Gospel was presented using Woofi the Missionary Puppy and the EvangeCube. A one day retreat was also held for about 50 local women. Honduran speakers and worship leaders taught the ladies and lead the group in praise, and one lady gave her heart to Jesus for the first time. Lunch and many practical gifts were part of the fun and excitement of the day. The team was blessed and honored to interact with these ladies and spend many hours in prayer over their minds and hearts. While the team was only able to spend 9

days in Honduras, one member, Amy Friedlund, spent six weeks living and working with Ed and Val, completing a second internship in long-term missionary work.

In early July, a group of 45 men, women and teens from Boyertown Trinity attended the Christian Endeavor Life Builders Work Camp in Pine Grove, PA. The team was able to help many different families in the community to clean out and rebuild their homes and properties after Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee left behind much flooding and destruction. Families and team members were blessed by the interactions, and a clear Christian witness was presented through the generous love of unified, joyful labor. – Kathy Friedlund (photos)

Two work teams went to Camp LIWA near Anchorage, Alaska this summer to serve through their willing hands and hearts. The first team, headed by Rev. Bill McElroy of Steelstown St. John's E.C. Church, included Lester and Kathy Henry (Knox Grace), Jeffrey and Megan Swartz (Trinity, Terre Hill), Dean Youndt (Mohn's Hill) and Cindy Yutz (Ebenezer, Brownstown.) (photo)

The second team consisted of Kathleen Luthor, Bethanie Shoemaker, Kathy Walck and Kieran Geiger (Horizon, Allentown) April Leisey, Michael Reed Sr. (Riverhill, Clarion), Keith Reed-team leader (Zion, Bridgeville), Douglas Lorah (Zion, Bridgeville), Frederick & LaRue Schmidt (St. Matthews, Emmaus) and Richard Steigerwalt.