

## SHORT STOPS

Fall/Winter 2016

**First E.C. Church, Palmyra, PA** – Jay Johnson led a work team of 22 people from our church and neighboring churches to Victory Bible Camp in Alaska for a two week mission trip. Victory Bible Camp ministers to youth through a variety of camps and provides year round Christian programs. Victory Bible Camp began with 40 acres and now includes 389 acres and can host groups of up to 300 people.

Our group spent two weeks (May 21st - June 4th) working on different projects to prepare the camp for the incoming groups of campers. We renovated Alpine Lodge to include a Chapel and Activities Room with a sound booth and improved stage area. Much painting was done inside and out as well as some wiring and carpeting. There was painting of fences and railings, demolition of decks, building of new decks, resurfacing deck area of boat docks, firewood cutting and splitting, dry walling and many more smaller projects too numerous to mention.

Our mornings were special with group devotions as well as private time of worship before breakfast. The full-time staff made all of us feel very welcome and appreciated! God is truly good and we would like to recommend Victory Bible Camp to all church groups.-

*Jay Johnson* [Photos](#)

**Faith EC Church, Lancaster, PA** - Tyler Kime, Matt Latschar and Oliver Marvin all backpacked through Western Europe with Live 10:27 Ministries, learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and sharing the Good News with any whom they crossed paths with.

Joel, Michelle and Connor Kime traveled to South East Asia. Connor spent a week in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, working with Harvest Bible Chapel KL, an international church pastored by Michelle's brother-in-law. Joel and Michelle were in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, working with Imagine Goods, the company founded by Aiyana Ehrman and Michelle to empower survivors of trafficking through employment. – *Rev. Joel Kime*

[Photos](#)

**Trinity E.C. Church, Harrisburg, PA** -Group Missions Trip. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of July three youth advisors and I, accompanied by 7 teens journeyed to upstate New York. We had a great time bonding with one another during the long 4 hour trip.

Once we arrived and unloaded everything we were met by the Group Leaders, and also the other youth groups which came from Pittsburgh PA, Halifax PA, southern VA, even as far as Solon, Iowa. Our youth served in nursing homes, playing games with the residents and conversing with them. We also served in a shelter for abused and battered women and children, our kids brought so much laughter and joy to the women and children there.

Then there was a beautiful resort called “Sugars” for children with terminal illnesses who are at the end of their short lives, a place that they can come take refuge and transition to God in a peaceful, beautiful setting. Our kids and staff painted homes and benches, cut grass, pulled weeds, planted flowers, built memorials at the trail of hope, fed and played games with less fortunate children, interacted with those young and elderly that needed to know Christ loves them.

*Director of Youth & Family Ministry -Chuck Lamon*      *Photos*

**Sinking Spring Community Church, Sinking Spring, PA** - Our summer mission trip to Ocean Isle, NC with Christian Endeavor had a team that consisted of teens and adults. Trip dates were July 17-24, 2016. We did some renovations on homes including flooring, plumbing, and trim work. We ripped out old carpet and linoleum, removed and replaced door trim, installed new laminate flooring, installed new carpeting, faucet replacement, and building relationships with the home owners and conducting Bible studies with them. Here is a list of participants from our trip:

Abby Bentz, Christine Burrus, Olivia Burrus, Andrew Forbes, Craig Murray, Lindsay Sanger, Tim Sanger, Dana Schultz, Kathy Schultz, Ally Snedeker, Cassidy Snedeker, Cameron Brichta, and Garrett Brichta. – *Rev. Tim Sanger*      *Photos*

**Ebenezer EC Church, Jim Thorpe, PA** – Church member Mary Jane Sterling made her seventh trip to Scotland this summer for two weeks in June. She and Rev. Marie Terry of Christ Redeemer Church in Coaldale spoke and gave testimonies at various events. Mary Jane also played the accordion at several events. She is coordinator of SCOT (Scotland Christian Outreach Teams.)

**Bethesda EC Church, Reedsville, PA** - From July 23-30, Bethesda Youth Ministries worked with Big Creek Missions, Bear Branch, KY. Fifteen students and four adult chaperones ministered in three different areas -- children's ministries, community outreach, and construction -- helping individuals and families in the northeast Kentucky area. A hats-off to this vital and valuable ministry in the Appalachian area. –*Rev. Mark Brooks*      *photo*

**GMC sponsored team** – A team of 14 members from various EC and non-EC churches spent August 6-20 at Camp LiWa near Fairbanks, AK. GMC sponsors a team each year to help out this Christian camp, which depends on volunteer help for special projects and getting the camp ready for fall and winter programs.

**Grace EC Church, Schuylkill Haven, PA** - July 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grace Youth Ministry sponsored a mission trip in which 22 students and adults gave up their July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and spent a week ministering to the community of Leslie County, Kentucky and the surrounding area. Working with Big Creek Missions, located in Bear Branch, Kentucky, the team had the opportunity to participate in children's ministries, various community ministries, and construction projects for local residents. Living in a refurbished Elementary School for a just under a week, the team joined over 200 other believers from across the United States for a high impact July 4<sup>th</sup> week of missions. From daily worship and devotional time, serving at the Big Creek facility, to jam-packed days at each ministry site, the team had the opportunity to bring some joy into the lives of many kids and families struggling with life in the area. The trip certainly left an impact on the team from Grace Church, and we're grateful to have played a role in what God is doing in that area of Kentucky – *Rev. Ted Rathman (photo)*

**Zion EC Church, Annville, PA** - Frank Wampler joined 9 men from the United Christian church for the trip to Monterrey, Mexico from April 9-16, 2016. The theme for this trip was "Everybody has a Story" "but mine is not about me" based on Galatians 2:20. We worked on a house that Time Ministries purchased to house visiting missionaries and workers. Doug Gibson, who grew up in the Annville UC church has been in Mexico for approximately 25 years. He started a church in Monterrey and ministers to the local people there. We worshipped there on Sunday – *Frank Wampler (photo)*