

SPRING 2013 SHORT STOPS

Lititz Trinity- is sending a work team of 15 youth and adults to Johns Island, SC from July 21-27 to participate in a Reach workcamp. – Pastor Ryan Taylor

Brownstown Ebenezer-Justine and Austin Eldridge and Ben Imhoff will be joining the Big Creek, Kentucky Work Team from Mohn's Hill during the upcoming summer. – Rev. Keith Miller

Reichs E.C. -Kim & I are going on a Missions Trip to Uganda in April. We will be traveling with Samaritan's Purse representing Operation Christmas Child. We will be distributing shoeboxes, which we call "Gospel Opportunities" to the children of that poor and impoverished country. We will be traveling to 2 distribution sites each day, where we will take part in a program that presents the Gospel to the children, and then we will have the wonderful privilege of giving the shoebox gifts directly to the children. We were given this opportunity to go because we are the Area Coordinators for the Greater Lancaster PA Area OCC Team. You have to be invited to go on a Distribution Trip by Samaritan's Purse, and it is a special honor and privilege to be asked. We are very humbled and thankful that the Lord has given us this wonderful opportunity. We will be leaving on Saturday April 27 and we will return on Saturday May 4.- Rev. Dan Blank

Trinity EC (Manheim, PA) will send a work team of youth and adults as volunteers to Twin Pines camp from June 9-11, 2013. This is the six year they will be helping to clear trails, grade walking paths, or help with painting projects at Twin Pines. -Pastor Jeff Schell

We are going to the Dominican Republic in July. We are going to help a missionary couple in Santiago. We do VBS, visit an orphanage and do outreaches with them. We also help build their home that is beside a discipleship center also under construction. We have double the amount of college students this year that are going to the trip with us. – Rev. Juan Morales, The Gathering (church plant) Millersville [photo](#)

People's EC Church in East Weissport -Nine teens and four adults will be travelling to Newark, New York to work in the community as short term missionaries. The trip is planned from July 21-July 26. Be in prayer for them as they share the gospel message through word and deed.-Pastor Ken Ogden

Akron Grace EC Church - in July 2012, 18 adults and youth from traveled to Costa Rica with the goal of sharing the love of Jesus. This missions team, along with Christians from other parts of the US and Canada, ministered to the people of the Marovia area of Costa Rica in many different ways. Much of the week was spent teaching and visiting with children in the public schools. The team was able to present VBS style children's programs, do small work projects, and perform short skits and

games in order to build relationships and share the gospel of Christ. Other parts of the week included a visit by the men to a local men's rehab house, a park clean-up, and worship and fellowship with the local church. This was especially powerful as the local Costa Rican church was truly on fire for the Lord and was so welcoming and gracious to the team. Many of the youth and adults were able to share their testimonies and short visual lessons of what Christ has done for them. Though language was at times a barrier, the gospel of God's love proved universal and was able to be communicated through smiles, hugs and handshakes, a simple game of pickup soccer, a skit or song, or a worship time. From the planning and support raising to the traveling and ministering, this trip ended up being a faith building and kingdom building experience for all involved!-Bridgett Wealand,

Harrisburg Trinity E.C. -In the summer of 2012, the youth group of 15 members went to the Pocono Mountains to serve for a week. The theme of the week was Modern Day Parables and they had a wonderful time learning about some of Jesus' greatest teachings. They served a VBS in Bushkill, PA throughout the week and volunteered at a pregnancy center. At the center, they were privileged to clean it from top to bottom as well as experience a presentation about the center, learning about their wonderful ministry. God is definitely doing great things in the youth group of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church! We will be taking a group to North Carolina this summer to work with Christian Endeavor. – *Ryan Martin, youth pastor*

Reedsville Bethesda EC Church:

Week of April 21st -- Bethesda will be sending a work team of 10 adults to work with a group from Grace Community Church, Willow Street, through MDR -- Mennonite Disaster Relief. Destination -- Staten Island, NY; Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding efforts.

Week of July 14th -- Bethesda will send a work team composed of 12 students and 3 adults to North Carolina through Life Builders, CE. – *Mark Brooks, Associate Pastor*

The Global Ministries Commission is once again sponsoring two work teams to Camp LIWA in Fairbanks, AK. The team dates are July 20-August 3, and August 3-17. Both teams are now filled. Keep this opportunity in mind for next year!