

SPRING 2015 SHORT STOPS

Grace Community Church of Willow Street:

1. DOBRENI, ROMANIA (sponsored jointly with Lancaster Evangelical Free Church)
 - June 17 – July 1
 - **Purpose and mission:** The team will travel to a privately run orphanage which is home to approximately 20 children. The team will be responsible for conducting a 2 week Vacation Bible School style program consisting of Bible lessons and craft activities for the children. Lessons are typically held in the morning with afternoons free to spend time playing with the children. Evening worship time is also held with the children several times each week. On Sundays we attend local churches. The team may also visit families in the local village. A day of sight seeing is typically planned as well.
2. CANYON FALLS, KENTUCKY
 - June 20 – 27
 - **Purpose and mission:** This team will travel to the Appalachia region of Kentucky to work and minister in a number of ways at the Canyon Falls EC Church and the surrounding community. There will be maintenance and repair work on the homes of economically disadvantaged families as well as some repair projects to the Canyon Falls church buildings. The team will also deliver food to homes throughout the community, and a three day Vacation Bible School will be offered at the Canyon Falls E.C. Church.
3. IRELAND
 - July 17-28
 - **Purpose and mission:** This team will travel to Irish towns to do evangelistic outreach ministry among youth. The outreach will include athletic and social activities as well as times of worship, Bible teaching, and drama. The focus will be relationship building and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. The team will work with and through Adventures in Mission, a mission that is actively ministering throughout Ireland. – Rev. Mike Sigman

Faith EC Church, Lancaster PA -A group of 12-15 from Faith Church will traveling to Kenya to serve at Rift Valley Academy with Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus from July 27- August 6, 2015.

Some individuals from Faith Church will also be participating on a discipleship and outreach backpacking trip through Europe with Live 10:27 Ministries in July/August 2015. – Rev. Joel Kime

Bethany EC Church, Tamaqua PA - Tamaqua Youth Ministries are going on a missions trip to Big Creek Mission in Bear Branch, KY. While there they will be doing

construction, children's ministry, and community outreach. The trip is June 14th thru the 20th. Currently there are 23 people registered to go. – Rev. Kevin Roberts

St. Paul's EC, Reamstown, PA - On the evening of June 16, 2014, 11 people from Northeastern Lancaster County embarked on an adventure which would prove to be life-changing for all involved. They spent the next 7 days on the grounds of the Children's Village in Cyvadier (Jacmel), Haiti. The Hands and Feet Project is a mission based on providing care to orphaned and abandoned children in Haiti with the love of Christ. While in Haiti, the group was able to paint the outside of a building, help with laying a foundation of what will become living quarters, install central airconditioning, repair plumbing, and most importantly, love on the children and full-time missionaries who reside in the village. During some periods of free time the group got to experience the open-air street markets, Port of Jacmel, swimming in a beautiful cove, and worshipping on the beach with other long-term missionaries. Members of the team experienced growth, emotional and spiritual as individuals and as a group. – Scott Kimbel ([photo](#))

People's EC Church, East Weissport, PA - This summer, the week of July 12th, ten Short Termers will travel to Nashville TN to work in the community as an outreach of Group Work camps. Among the tasks they will undertake will be working in nursing homes, daycare centers, construction projects, and homeless shelters. The team, five adults and five teens, are hoping that, through their efforts, people may come to know the love of Jesus. –Pastor Ken Ogden

Trinity EC Church, Manheim, PA - has a Mini-Mission Work Trip planned for June 2015. This four day trip will be to Twin Pines Camp in the Pocono Mountains to assist in preparation for the summer camping season. Our group is expected to be up to 12 Youth and adults who will clear trails for emergency vehicles, paint, rake and do general clean-up as the Camp requests. The purpose of the trip is to provide an opportunity for our Teens to do something constructive for others while expecting nothing in return in a Christian fellowship venue. – Loren Gochnaurer

Trinity EC Church, Lititz, PA - will be taking a group of teens and adults to Newfane, NY from July 5-11 to work on repairing homes as part of a Reach Workcamp.-Rev. Ryan Taylor

Grace E.C Church, Akron, PA - This June, Ablaze youth group will be going to Alcora, Spain to serve God in an amazing way. There will be 9 High School students and 5 youth leaders going to help serve with missionaries B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Alcora, Spain. Our team will be running an English camp for the week we are there. The theme of the camp will be American Sports. Hosting English camps is one way the Whitakers build relationships with the local people and how they can start sharing about God and His great love for them. We are very excited to be God's hands and feet in Spain. Our

prayer request as a team is for God to use us for building His Kingdom and for God to stretch us and help grow our own spiritual walk with Him. (photo)

Zion EC Church, Pitman, PA - is organizing a team to work with Men for Missions in Haiti the week of August 1 to 8. Anyone interested in joining a team who will be building a home for Haitians affected by the 2010 earthquake can contact Deb Heim at 570-648-3087 or debheim53@yahoo.com by April 15.

Bethesda EC Church, Reedsville PA - July 5-10 -- Local Work Camp -- Bethesda Youth Ministries will be working with the Schuylkill Haven School District and Schuylkill Haven Borough to create this local work camp opportunity. Both exterior and interior work at the SHSD and throughout the borough will be implemented by students in 6th - 12th grades in addition to adult chaperones.

July 18 - 26 -- Trinidad Connection -- six (6) students and two (2) adults will be traveling to southern Trinidad in order to do children's ministries with local churches. This group will be working with Brad and Maxine Waldman of Caribbean Children's Ministry Network.