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A monthly newsletter from Reach Ministries Int'l

It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Hello Reach,

As usual, we here at Reach Workcamps have had it pretty rough this month. For the past two weeks, we've been forced to live a barbaric, sub-human existence in true medieval style, as the local water supply has been "disadvantaged" due to inclement weather. Apparently, freezing rains have increased the levels of E. coli. Well, that's how the local news guy puts it anyway. At this rate, the E. coli will begin learning at a geometric rate and become self-aware at 2:14 am, next Tuesday. So the end result is a boil-water advisory.

We decided that was uncool, so instead we spent the entire month eating nothing except cold, dry Ramen Noodles! Needless to say, we're looking forward to workcamp this summer where we get hot and delicious meals. One camp is already full, but there are eight more to choose from. We've included lots of information in this newsletter to help you make your decision.

In Him,
The Reach Workcamps Staff
(Mike, Paul, Heather, Annie, Neil, and Joel)

Hurricane, West Virginia...

If you want to attend the July 18th - 24th workcamp in [Hurricane, West Virginia](#), you better hurry up and register. We are going to close this workcamp at 450 participants and we currently have 341 registered, so don't delay!

Youth Leader Spotlight... with Brian Greenleaf

RW: What separates Reach from other organizations?

BG: Reach is a professional, well organized workcamp that uses Christ's models of servanthood and relationships as their motivation. Every detail is accounted for from the time you arrive, to the evening programs, to everything that takes place at the



2010 Schedule...

JUNE 6 - 12
GREELEY, CO*

JUNE 13 - 19
SOUTH WEBSTER, OH

JUNE 20 - 26
GALVESTON, TX*

JUNE 27 - JULY 3
LOCKPORT, NY

JULY 4 - 10
WARRENTON, VA*

JULY 11 - 17
WINDSOR, ME

JULY 18 - 24
HURRICANE, WV*

JULY 25 - 31
HURRICANE, WV
MICHIGAN CITY, IN*

**Combination Jr. and St. High
Camp is FULL*

June 6-12	Greeley, CO* (39)
June 13-19	South Webster, OH (313)
June 20-26	Galveston, TX* (48)
June 27-July 3	Lockport, NY (232)
July 4-10	Warrenton, VA* (87)
July 11-17	Windsor, ME (FULL)
July 18-24	Hurricane, WV* (341)
July 25-31	Hurricane, WV (147)

worksite. The workcamp gives each person, student and adult, every opportunity to impact and be impacted.

RW: How does Reach both challenge and encourage your youth?

BG: By giving them the opportunity to get out of their comfort zones and serve in a very practical way. Students are challenged to do things most have never done before. Through prayer, encouragement, and a little bit of structure, students are able to begin wrapping their minds around the very heart of Jesus. They begin to see what He sees, feel what He feels, and love what He loves. What a joy it is, as a leader, to witness this in the life of a teenager.

RW: Anything else you would like to share?

BG: A real practical result of one of these camps came after the 2008 Monroe workcamp. A few weeks after returning, two of our senior high student leaders, Brendan Marasco and Cady Merchant, began a ministry to the elderly of our church. Although the idea was there prior to Monroe, I believe the workcamp was a driving force to get the ministry up and running. Brendan and Cady organized a group of teenagers from our youth group and began paying visits and sending cards to many of our shut-ins and older members of our church.

[Click here](#) to read more about their ministry and to see Brian's entire interview.

July 25-31 [Michigan City, IN](#)* (10)

*Indicates combination Jr. & Sr. High Workcamps (the # in parenthesis is how many are currently registered)

October's Trivia Answer...

The October trivia question was...

How many total pictures were taken this past summer at all the Reach Workcamps?

The correct answer was 26,538 pictures. That's like taking 72 pictures a day for an entire year!!!

Jim Lemire of Menads, NY, had the closest guess with 26,668 pictures and he will get a free Reach T-shirt! Way to go, Jim!

November's Trivia Question...

What is the most trouble your youth group has gotten into during a youth group activity?

Whoever e-mails us first at workcamps@reachwc.org with the funniest answer (that we can reprint in next month's newsletter) will win a free Reach T-shirt. We will take answers until November 20th. Good luck!

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Fundraiser of the Month...

Car Wash!

Having a car wash is one of the most well-known fundraising techniques... mostly because it works! A car wash is a great way to raise some funds with little more than soap, water, and some willing hands. It's a good idea for you to begin advertising before the day that you actually plan on holding the event.

Make your carwash stand out by adding a theme! Have a Hawaiian theme by wearing tropical shirts and playing island music. Don't be afraid to decorate and serve snacks and drinks that have a Hawaiian theme (Hawaiian Punch, anyone?) for a donation! Hand out leis to everyone who makes a donation! .

Do you have an idea for us to share with your fellow readers? Email Joel (jminter@reachwc.org) and you might be featured in a future newsletter.

Reach Devotion...

Have you ever been asked what you would do if you won the lottery? It seems like we have all thought about it at some time or another. I feel as though I've been asked so many times throughout my life that I now have a prioritized list of things that I would do with that money! It's really easy to think of what we would do with exorbitant wealth, even though most of us will never see that kind of money.

Have you ever been asked what you would do with an overabundance of wisdom? Probably not. Even though I've thought a whole lot about being wealthy, I've never even really considered the possibility of being extremely wise. If we look at 1 Kings 3, we see a man who has the opportunity to attain the wealth that he's probably dreamed about. God offers King Solomon the chance to ask for anything he wants, and God promises to fulfill that wish. Instead of something predictable though, Solomon throws us for a loop with what he asks for.

"So God said to him, 'Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for-both riches and honor-so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.'"

Solomon could have asked for a lot of good things, like protection of his people or family, but instead he asks for a discerning heart to help him rule. God is so pleased that Solomon requested wisdom that He promises Solomon riches, honor, and long life.

Money is certainly important in our everyday lives, but it's not the most important thing. Every week we spend about forty hours earning money. How many hours do we commit to growing in wisdom and discernment?

In Him,
Joel Minter

[Email Joel](mailto:jminter@reachwc.org) with thoughts of this devotion.



We look forward to serving with all of you this summer at a Reach Workcamp! Please call us at 1-888-REACH-WC (1-888-732-2492) for more information about Reach Workcamps or check us out on the web at <http://www.reachwc.org>.

Blessings,
The Reach Staff

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