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A monthly newsletter from Reach Ministries Int'l

It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Merry Christmas Reach,

I said, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!" Maybe the abundance of "Happy Holidays" and "Seasons Greetings" can be a little disheartening this time of year. After all, Christmas is about Jesus! But truth be told, it's our job as believers to share the Gospel message of love, joy, and redemption. This Christmas season, be looking for ways in which to spread that life-changing message. And have a very Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas,

The Reach Workcamps staff
(Mike, Paul, Heather, Annie, Neil, and Joel)

P.S. Looking for a way to get into His word this Christmas season? Try following a reading plan for the month such as "[Rediscovering the Christmas Season](#)."

Give A Gift "In Honor" or "In Memory" of Someone Special...

Imagine the joy your family and friends will feel when they receive a beautiful card telling them that you have given a gift of eternal value in their honor or in memory of a loved one.

It's simple and life-changing. Simply make a donation and we'll mail a personalized card to your

Neighbor Notes...

This past summer, Reach Workcamps was in Michigan City, Indiana. We've heard compliments from many of the neighbors that were served in that community and we wanted to share these with you as a reminder of the lives we're impacting.

- "I was really grateful."
- "They made it fun and got to know the family."
- "They're really friendly and

friends or relatives.
Reach Workcamps is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. [Donate now "In Honor" or "In Memory" of someone special.](#)

And The Winner Is...

Two weeks ago we attended the National Youth Workers Convention in Nashville, TN and met lots of great youth leaders in search of various mission trip opportunities. During the convention we held a drawing for a for free Cordless Tool Set and Ellen Van Horn from Paw Paw, Michigan was the lucky winner. We hope to see Ellen and her youth group at a Reach Workcamp this upcoming summer.



2011 Schedule...

Please call the Reach Office to check on availability or to register your group. You can also check our [website](#) for up-to-date numbers of campers interested in each location.

inquisitive and wanted to talk about how our town is."

Read more about the lives changed in this [newspaper article](#) from The News Dispatch!

Here's how the article starts, "MICHIGAN CITY - Students from as far away as Pennsylvania and California scrambled into white vans adorned with signs that read "Honk for Jesus" at 8 a.m. each day this past week.

It was off to work on a job that didn't pay money. Instead, these workers laid out their own cash to refurbish homes in the community.

The buses lined up outside Barker Middle School each morning, and climbing aboard were students ranging from seventh grade to high school seniors. They were working with Reach Workcamp, which sponsors a week-long mission of service to needy communities."

Reach Trivia...

November's trivia question was: **What is the combined age of all the Reach Full-Time staff and their immediate families (wives/husbands and children)?**

The correct answer is 371 years and Ricky Hargett from Monroe, NC guessed 375. He was the closest and will be receiving his free Reach T-shirt.

December's trivia question is in regards to the convention we attended this past month. Here it is:

How many youth leaders stopped by our booth and registered for our free tool give-away?

Whoever e-mails us first at workcamps@reachwc.org with the closest answer will win a free Reach T-shirt. We will take answers until

JUNE 12 - 18
KANAWHA CO., WV*

JUNE 19 - 25
ANDERSON CO., TN

JUNE 26 - JULY 2
ANDERSON CO., TN*
NEW OXFORD, PA

JULY 10 - 16
CAIRO, NY*
PETERSTOWN, WV

JULY 17 - 23
PETERSTOWN, WV*

JULY 24 - 30
JOHNSTOWN, NY*

** Combination Jr. and St. High*

- June 12-18 [Kanawha County, WV*](#)
- June 19-25 [Anderson County, TN](#)
- June 26 - July 2 [Anderson County, TN*](#)
- June 26 - July 2 [New Oxford, PA](#)
- July 10-16 [Cairo, NY*](#)
- July 10-16 [Peterstown, WV](#)
- July 17-23 [Peterstown, WV*](#)
- July 24-30 [Johnstown, NY*](#)

*Indicates combination Jr. & Sr. High Workcamps

Note: Each camp location website listed above now includes how many campers are interested in that particular camp.

Signup For The Hotlist...

If your group is interested in a particular workcamp, [get on the Hotlist](#) for that camp. The Hotlist is simply a way for us to keep you updated if a camp begins to fill. The Hotlist does not hold any spots or guarantee availability, but it is free to sign up.

Reach Devotion...

December 20th. Good luck!

Need \$100?

Did you know that if you recruit a new youth group to attend a Reach Workcamp, we'll give you \$100? It's our way to say "thank you" for your recommendation. You may earn as many \$100 rewards as you can.



Hey College Students...

Are you looking for summer employment AND a life changing way to serve youth this summer? Applications are due in by December 31st. [Click here](#) to find out more.



We hardly have to wait for anything these days. We have the best technology at our fingertips that brings us the latest news, TV shows on demand, and instant communication with anyone we want to talk to. I admit to checking Amazon.com today to see why my package hasn't been delivered yet. Amazon was kind enough to remind me that the promised delivery date isn't until December 3rd.

600 years before the birth of Christ, the book of Isaiah was making promises of a Savior to come. It was written during an extremely tumultuous time for Israel and Judah. God's people were divided and suffering under the rule of evil kings warring against each other and paying tribute to heathen gods. Isaiah tells them about a Savior to come, but uses some interesting names when he does:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this." - Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

Every year we sing Christmas carols that contain many additional names and titles for Jesus, and if you're like me, you probably don't give them too much thought. This year, I encourage you to pay attention to the names that you use for Jesus in the songs that you sing this year. Think about what they mean for you, and then try to imagine what Jesus's birth must have meant for those who waited for 600 years.



In Him,
Joel Minter

[Email Joel](#) with thoughts of this devotion.

Youth Leader Spotlight... with Jayne D.

RW: How many Reach Workcamps have you attended?

JD: 4 (Oliver Springs, Marlette, Weston, Anderson County) and this summer we will be heading to Cairo, NY.

RW: Why is it you continually choose to serve with Reach Workcamps?

JD: The organization of the entire camp just can't be beat! From the moment we arrive on Sunday afternoon, horns honking and folks hanging onto the sides of the cars, to nightly programs, and worksite reflections, and job responsibilities, and fellowship - every aspect of Reach touches lives! It truly is a blessing to watch our youth grow closer to one another while they grow closer to Christ.

RW: Who have been some of the most memorable neighbors you've served? And what about the most memorable home repairs?

JD: Each Reach has been life-altering for me, so it is a blend of cherished memories. It took me a year to be able to listen to "Who Am I?" without tears (my



first mission song in 2004). Miss Joanne's home in Marlette, Michigan (2006) needed new flooring and drywall due to black mold from the winter's flooding. She worked right beside us each day, and joined us for devos after the first couple of days (she turned her life to Christ that week!). I am desperately afraid of heights, and I nearly choked in Weston, WV (2007) when I found that my group project was to repair a roof. With the support of my team, I not only climbed the ladder by Thursday but I stayed up there most of the day! Anderson County, TN (2009) had me back with another roofing project as part of a triple team - we completed a roof, porch, gutters, 70' drainage trench, indoor ceiling, drywall, and a good amount of painting.

RW: What are some of your favorite things about the evening programs?

JD: Each night when we get ready to gather for the program, it's fun to watch the "silly slides" of the day's activities, but the powerful part is when the theme song plays and we quietly see Christ working through us at each work site. Thursday night's intense program and Miracle Fridays will always be my favorites - talk about being Christ's Hands and Feet! Wow!

RW: What changes have you witnessed in your youth after attending camp?

JD: They have an open willingness to serve that they didn't have before. When I ask for one to volunteer for a job, two immediately stand. The complaints and dragging feet are a thing of the past. They are no longer intimidated or embarrassed about showing open emotion with one another, or their families, or their friends not in youth group. I didn't think it would be possible for them to get closer to each other, but they have. Of course, 1500 mile road trips to Reach camps kind of make that a requirement!

[Click here](#) to read Jayne's entire interview.

We look forward to serving with all of you in 2011! Please call us at 1-888-REACH-WC (1-888-732-2492) or [email us](#) for more information about Reach Workcamps or check us out on the web at <http://www.reachwc.org>.

Merry Christmas,
The Reach Staff

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