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A monthly newsletter from Reach Ministries Int'l

It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Happy New Year Reach,

Welcome to 2011! Perhaps as you're examining your New Year's resolutions, they seem similar to last year's...and the year's before that...and the year's before that. Well, maybe you can find a bit of truth in F. Scott Fitzgerald's observation that, "...the test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function. One should, for example, be able to see that things are hopeless and yet be determined to make them otherwise."

It's easy to see the hopelessness and frustrations at times, but we pray in 2011 especially, the Lord gives you the encouragement, diligence, and opportunities necessary to help you and those around you thrive in His name.

Happy 2011!

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

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 friends or relatives.

Neighbor Notes...

My name is Kimberly Kilburn and I was a very blessed individual that had my home drastically improved by the members of Reach Workcamps.

The reason for writing this letter is not only to thank you for my beautiful home improvements that I appreciate from the bottom of my heart, but to say thank you for helping to rebuild my faith with God. Let's just say that God and I have been on a roller coaster ride for most of my life.

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

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.

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
JOHNITOWN, 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



To give everyone a short description of what I'm talking about, I'll start by saying when I was 12 or 13 I stopped going to church with my parents and started hanging out with the wrong crowd. The wrong crowd made me cool and I thought since I was popular now, God didn't matter because I had all the cool friends I could see. Never once did I imagine then that I had given up the coolest friend that I can't see for the cool ones I could.

On February 8th, 1993, I was given all my time that had been suspended so I was on my way to a Virginia prison for 14 years and I was 18 years old.

Needless to say, growing up in a Baptist family, I turned to God thinking He'd save me and open the gates to prison and let me out! That didn't happen!

[Click here to read the rest of Kim's story and the impact that Reach Workcamps had on her.](#)

Reach Trivia...

December's trivia question was:
How many youth leaders stopped by our booth at a recent convention and registered for our free tool give-away?

The correct answer was 737 youth leaders and Matt Humble from St. Cloud, MN, guessed 729. He was the closest and will be receiving his free Reach T-shirt.

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.

January's trivia question is:
What Christmas movie was recently watched over the lunch hour at Reach Headquarters because a Reach Staff Member had never seen it?

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 January 20th. Good luck!

Reach Devotion...

It was almost two thousand years ago that Jesus ascended into Heaven and promised to return. Throughout Scripture, we're reminded of this promise and even told that the day is coming soon! In the grand scheme of history, I suppose that two thousand years could be considered a small fraction of time. Yet with every year that passes, I find myself wondering how many years can pass while still considering it "soon."

Peter reminds us that even though two thousand years may seem like a very long time to us, our timeline is most certainly not the same as God's:

"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." - 2 Peter 3:8-9 NIV

Even though I am greatly looking forward to the coming of the Lord, this verse helps keep my impatient attitude in check. Jesus's return is stayed because of His desire to see all of mankind saved. And I think that's a pretty good reason to wait patiently.

In Him,
Joel Minter

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



Youth Leader Spotlight... with Bev P.

RW: How many Reach Workcamps have you attended?
BP: [I have attended 2 Reach Workcamps.](#)

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

BP: Reach was the first work camp I've experienced in my ministry (and I've been doing Youth work camps for 15 years) where I felt like I could be a full participant in the experience rather than always having to be 2 steps ahead of the group to make sure everything is ready for the next piece of the program! I also appreciate the balance of church youth group time and work crew time... the balance between the two have kept my kids from getting on each other's nerves by the middle of the week!



RW: What have been some of the most memorable home repair projects you've completed at workcamp?

BP: My first Reach experience put me on a small team to replace a roof for our neighbor. I was very wary of having a team without any of "my kids" on it...but I quickly saw how fast our team clicked and how close we all became! The combination of youth and the project put this particular workcamp on my "Top 5" list!

RW: What are your thoughts on the evening programs?

BP: I absolutely love the evening programs! The opportunity to worship each night in an atmosphere that is leading youth and adults to further their faith walk has been amazing! The staff leading the programs are authentic and no matter where someone is on their journey, there is something during evening programs that is specifically for them!

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

BP: Reach has been a vital piece of our youth ministry program. Reach has been an entry point for some youth to enter our youth ministry and has allowed our group to become very close knit. The first year we went on Reach I led all the evening devotions, but this past summer, I had kids asking me if they could facilitate!!!

[Click here](#) to read Bev's entire interview and see more pictures.

We look forward to serving with all of you this summer! 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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