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It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Dear Reach,

Do you ever find yourself thinking that you will be happier whenever certain conditions change? Such as, you think things will get better when you get that new job, or when a certain class will be over, or when the weather gets warmer (or colder), or when you have that new car, or when the summer is over and things slow down. The Reach Staff is currently reading "The Life You've Always Wanted" by John Ortberg and it has recently encouraged us to live in the current moment. Take each day to look around at the blessings in our lives. Don't get caught up always looking toward tomorrow and miss the celebrations of today.

We are so blessed to be serving in this ministry and it's our prayer that you feel blessed by it. Enjoy the newsletter and all the happenings around our headquarters.

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

September's Trivia Answer...

September's trivia question was...

"What was the total number of workcampers at all nine 2008 Reach Workcamps?"

The answer was 2664. Zach Carruthers had the closest guess of 2,693 workcampers and will be receiving a free Reach T-shirt for that guess. Way to go, Zach!

October's Trivia Question...

With the addition of Joel Minter to the Reach Workcamps staff, what is the new current total number of workcamps attended by the six full-time staff members?

Whoever e-mails us at workcamps@reachwc.org with the closest answer will win a free Reach T-shirt. We will take answers until October 20th. Good luck!

Welcome Aboard...

A new face has graced our presence at the Reach Office. Joel Minter started working here September 1st after the long drive from New Jersey. You may recognize Joel from Summer Staff this past summer and also in 2006. Joel will be our Director of



Communities as he deals with all the schools, lumberyards, trash companies, and other people in the communities of our workcamps.

Find out more about Joel on our [Full-Time Employee page](#).

Reach Blog Site...

Want more information about the happenings of Reach Workcamps than this once-a-month newsletter? Check out the [Reach Blog](#). It's mostly just Paul's random thoughts and things going on in lives of the Reach Staff. Are you curious which 2 staff members hiked a 14,000 foot mountain, who was in a dangerous car accident, or who has a plant that grows over an inch a day? Find out in the [Reach Blog](#).

2009 Schedule...

June 14 - 20	OAK RIDGE, TN*
June 21 - 27	ANNVILLE, PA*
June 28 - July 4	NIAGARA FALLS, NY*
July 5 - 11	NIAGARA FALLS, NY* PETERSTOWN, WV*
July 12 - 18	PETERSTOWN, WV
July 19 - 25	HURRICANE, WV*
July 26 - August 1	HURRICANE, WV* CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH*
* Combination Jr. and St. High Camp is FULL	

June 14-20	Oak Ridge, TN* (88)
June 21-27	Anncville, PA* (226)
June 28-July 4	Niagara Falls, NY* (35)
June 5-July 11	Niagara Falls, NY (28)
July 5-11	Peterstown, WV* (65)
July 12-18	Peterstown, WV (110)
July 19-25	Hurricane, WV* (0)
July 26-Aug 1	Hurricane, WV (20)
July 26-Aug 1	Cuyahoga Falls, OH* (15)

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

Reach Devotion...

Autumn is such a wonderful time of year! Nature just seems to come alive with colors as the trees change from green to vibrant reds, oranges, and yellows. Relief from the hot, humid weather of summer has finally come in the form of cool breezes, and we can spend time outside without worrying about heat exhaustion. Though, there's nothing quite like the sensation you get as you walk into your home and the aroma of warm apple pie greets your nose and gives you that warm, fuzzy, "I'm home" feeling. Aromas like that seem to just flood our entire surroundings and engulf us.

It's undeniable that smells, good or bad, have a powerful effect on people. The right smells can change someone's entire demeanor! Isn't it interesting, then, that Paul compares us to an aroma in II Corinthians 2:14-15?

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." 2 Cor. 2:14-15

As we go throughout our everyday routines, I wonder if people recognize us as the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ. Does the way we live produce the fragrance of Christ to others? When people are around us, do they sense the presence of God and know that He surrounds us?

How great also to know that we are a pleasing aroma to God because we have Christ in us! God absolutely delights in us, because when He sees us, He no longer sees sinful beings, but Christ within us! What an encouragement to know that we please God simply by having a relationship with Him through Christ.

In Him,
Joel Minter

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

Reach News...

- **2009 CAMP LOCATIONS** - Find out more information about each of the [2009 Locations](#), such as things to do in each area and local restaurants.
- **ON-LINE GROUP INFORMATION** - Once you register for camp, view your group's current registered campers and print forms on-line with our web features that aren't available anywhere else in the industry. [LOGIN NOW](#).
- **ON-LINE HANDOUTS & FORMS** - We've recently added more of our handouts, forms, and information to the website for you to print out for parents, pastors, meetings, etc. [Check 'em out!](#)
- **REACH WEAR** - Forget to buy cool Reach Merchandise at camp or maybe they didn't have

your size? [Check out the full supply of Reach Wear.](#)

- **20,000+ PICTURES** - Check out our website for [all pictures](#) that were taken during the 2008 Workcamp Season.
- **DONATE TO REACH** - Making any on-line purchases soon? Be sure to join [iGive](#) to raise money for Reach Workcamps with every purchase. It costs nothing to join and works behind-the-scenes while you shop.

We look forward to serving with all of you in 2009! 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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