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A monthly newsletter from Reach Ministries Int'l



## It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Hello Reach,

Things are flying around the Reach office these past few weeks. We've hired all 14 Summer Staff, the set for our program is almost completely built, we've reached capacity at 4 of our workcamps, and we already have 160 homes scheduled to be repaired.

We are so thankful that God continues to send campers our way. We know that times are tough across our great nation, and unfortunately the first place many people cut back spending is with tithing or donations. We are blessed that many of you have a different approach. Think about how much more of an impact we can have on a low-income family this summer by giving our time and resources. During these tough times, that sounds like a great investment.

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

### February's Trivia Answer...

February's trivia question was...

**"How many light bulbs are in the Reach Office?"**

The answer is 282 light bulbs! Dennis Beitz, from Ft. Myers, FL, was the *brightest* one as he had the closest guess of 140 light bulbs and he'll be receiving a free Reach T-shirt.

### Four Camps FULL, Five Still Available...

Camps keep turning **red** in the list below as they fill up. The next camps to close will either be the June 14-20 week in Oak Ridge, TN or the June 28 - July 4 week in Niagara Falls, NY. Don't be left in the cold, register now!

### Youth Leader Spotlight... with Donn Truax

**RW: This being your first summer serving with Reach,**

### March's Trivia Question...

We are constantly listening to new artists and songs to keep our program and slideshows on the cutting edge. So...

**How many CD's are in Reach's music library?**

Whoever e-mails us first at [workcamps@reachwc.org](mailto:workcamps@reachwc.org) with the correct answer will win a free Reach T-shirt. We will take answers until March 20th. Good luck!

### 2009 Schedule...

**what was it like at the beginning of the week?**

**DT:** I've done a lot of mission trips in other countries and overseas. With Reach, it was good to work in our own country and be reminded that there



are needs everywhere. I went into the experience with an open mind and felt so welcomed by the staff and the community.

**RW: Were there certain things that made it easy for you as a rookie to Reach?**

**DT:** It was great to have the interaction with other youth leaders and adults at the camp. All of the written information that Reach mails out early in the year was also helpful to prepare the kids for their trip as well as their parents who are about to send them across the country. For me, the more information, the better. It helps to get a clear idea of what to expect for the week.

**RW: How is Reach unique from other organizations?**

**DT:** The experience truly combines outreach with in-reach. During the days, we are serving and working hard. In the meantime, there are bands, speakers, and opportunities to grow in faith and live that out constantly.

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

**DT:** When the youth came back, it was obvious they wanted to serve in their hometown. Now that they have worked in another state, they want to continue carrying that out where they live. For many campers who were experiencing this for the first time, they felt as though God had really worked in their life-that this experience was a stepping stone in their faith.

[Click here](#) to see the entire interview.

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\\*](#) (336)  
June 21-27 [Anncville, PA\\*](#) (FULL)  
June 28-July 4 [Niagara Falls, NY\\*](#) (312)  
July 5-11 [Niagara Falls, NY](#) (FULL)  
July 5-11 [Peterstown, WV\\*](#) (220)  
July 12-18 [Peterstown, WV](#) (FULL)  
July 19-25 [Hurricane, WV\\*](#) (FULL)  
July 26-Aug 1 [Hurricane, WV](#) (173)  
July 26-Aug 1 [Cuyahoga Falls, OH\\*](#)  
(123)

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

## Volunteer and Troubleshooter Needs...

At each Reach Workcamp there are behind-the-scenes volunteers that help the camp function. Volunteer jobs include helping during program, handing out break pop and ice, organizing workcrew totes, photo guiding, making lemonade, taking out trash, selling T-shirts, and other duties as needed. We also need worksite Troubleshooters, which are experienced carpenters, contractors, or handymen that visit multiple sites and assist with the work projects.

We are always looking for quality people with a heart to serve. This [application](#) gives you a brief description of each position.

We really need *volunteers* at [Niagara Falls #1](#) and [Peterstown #2](#).

We really need *troubleshooters* in [Niagara Falls #1](#), [Hurricane #2](#), and [Peterstown #2](#).

We are *NOT* accepting anymore

volunteers or troubleshooters in [Annville, PA.](#)

## Fundraiser of the Month...

### Coffee House

Got talent in your youth group? Time to make it known! Host a coffee house in your church's gym or at a local venue where the youth can display their talents. They can play an instrument, sing a song, or just read a poem that they wrote. This coffee house could be themed for the time of year, like Christmas or Valentine's Day. If you don't have a very large youth group, maybe some talented church members or children would volunteer some of their talents.

This event can be as simple or complex as you like. Have people in your church volunteer to bake and bring goodies for the night. Of course, it wouldn't be a coffee house without coffee! Have a few different flavors of coffee and creamers available for purchase. Does someone own a cappuccino maker they could lend you? Does someone work at Starbuck's and know a thing or two about coffee? You may be able to sign them up to help make individual drinks! Don't forget to take a moment to explain what you're raising funds for!

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

## Reach Devotion...

While visiting my hometown in New Jersey, I decided to take a little trip to Ocean City. Even though it was February and not exactly beach weather, I thought it might be nice to catch the sun rising over the Atlantic Ocean, and boy was I right! I was able to witness one of the most stunningly beautiful sunrises that I had seen in a long time. The sky was mostly clear, but it had just the right amount of clouds to capture and reflect the colors that came with the sunrise. The waning three-quarter moon was still high in the sky to the south, still brilliantly white despite the sunlight. I was even able to see beauty in the normally bothersome seagulls as they perched on the pier and soared above the waves.

Often when I'm seeking God and spending time with Him, I open up my Bible and start reading. Scripture is a clear way for God to reveal Himself and remind us of His promises, but that Saturday I was reminded that God is not limited to the words He inspired so long ago. Every day God's glory is displayed in the oceans and the mountains, the trees and the plains, the sunrises and the sunsets. When was the last time you took a moment and let God speak to you through His creation? We serve a God whose glory is displayed all around us. During this busy time of year, pause and listen as the heavens declare God's glory.

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat."*

- Psalm 19:1-6 (NIV)

In Him,  
Joel Minter

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



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