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A monthly newsletter from Reach Ministries Int'l



It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Hello Reach,

You know how you look forward to the Christmas season every year and all the joy it brings? Sure, there's a lot of work leading up to Christmas like planning trips, making lists, shopping, and wrapping gifts, but then the day comes and you get to take it all in and spend time with your family and loved ones. But before you know it, you're back to your normal routine and Christmas is in the rear view mirror. You can look back and enjoy the memories, laugh at the stories, and maybe dream ahead to what the next Christmas season will bring.

It may seem like a weird comparison, but that is what the summer workcamp season is like for us full-timers. The nine camps that occurred in the eight week span is what we work all year preparing for. We each have stories about amazing Miracle Fridays, heart-felt workcamper sharing, and our favorite neighbors. We get to celebrate all that happened this summer, but we also get to start planning and dreaming for 2010.

The 2010 Program is already starting to take shape and trips are already scheduled to locate our next set of neighbors. Is this the year you come to a Reach Workcamp and change someone's life? Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

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

Youth Leader Spotlight... with Dave Winner

RW: How many Reach Workcamps have you attended?

DW: I've attended 5 Reach Workcamps starting in 2002. I have missed workcamps in 2004 & 2008 to attend our denominational camp, so our church has been a part of Reach for a long time, even though we missed some years.

RW: Why do you choose Reach year after year?

DW: After our first Reach Workcamp, our teenagers decided they wanted to return to Reach again the following year. Before that we were trying different workcamps each summer. I



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*

June 6-12
June 13-19

[Greeley, CO*](#) (25)
[South Webster, OH](#) (40)

think there are three reasons I keep going back:

1. The message is driven with drama and not a speaker.
2. It is a camp bathed in prayer and my teenagers can feel it.
3. Reach respects teenagers and calls them to do great things.

RW: What is one of the most memorable home repair projects you have completed?

DW: In Butler, Pennsylvania, we made a wheel chair ramp for a man who had not been out of his house for about two years. He was an awesome guy and to know that we were making a way for him to go outside again, it felt truly special. Also, I got to work with power tools, and that is always fun.

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

DW: I think they always come home with a deeper understanding of how blessed they are, but also it causes them to be more aware of those around them. I think they also have more confidence in life because of what they did at Reach.

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

June 20-26	Galveston, TX * (0)
June 27-July 3	Lockport, NY (0)
July 4-10	Warrenton, VA * (12)
July 11-17	Windsor, ME (37)
July 18-24	Hurricane, WV * (40)
July 25-31	Hurricane, WV (132)
July 25-31	Michigan City, IN * (0)

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

September's Trivia Question...

Are you ready to jump back into Reach Trivia? Since we're still recapping all that happened this summer...

How many homes were worked on this summer by Reach workcampers?

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

Get On The Hot List...

If you know what camp your group wants to attend, but you don't have any money yet, [email us](#) to get on the Hot List and we'll keep you updated if the camp begins to fill up. The Hot List does not guarantee any spots, it simply lets us know you are interested.

Fundraiser of the Month...

Competition!

Make an appeal to people's competitive nature! Hold any kind of contest with an entry fee and grand prize. Think about your town and how you could tie its uniqueness into a competition. A town called Frankfurt could have a hotdog eating contest, and a Baltimore group could have an eating contest with crabs.

Also consider "treasure" hunts around your neighborhood. Place people in groups or have families join together to compete in a scavenger hunt. One variation of this is to have the teams take digital pictures of objects to prove that they were found. Use your imagination to think of different objects, and don't make them too obscure. Using historical landmarks around town is a good idea because the objects are permanent, fairly well-known, and promote education about the community!

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...

I was reading from the book of Acts this morning about when Jesus ascended back into Heaven. He had just told His apostles in Acts 1:8, "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." John describes the

rest of the story...

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky?" (Acts 1:9-11 NIV)

Jesus had not even been gone for 5 minutes when the two men dressed in white arrived. The apostles had just said good-bye to their friend, their teacher, their messiah. Think of all they had been through with Jesus. All the meals they shared. All the people they saw Jesus heal. It had only been about 40 days prior that they saw Jesus hanging on the cross. And now these two men dressed in white were already urging them to move on to the next stage in their lives. The two men dressed in white were part of Jesus' plan.

Look back at what Jesus told His apostles. *"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Jesus didn't want the story to end with His apostles. There were more people that needed to hear about what He had done. The two men dressed in white were the apostles' reminders of this.

When I returned home from a workcamp this summer, I found myself simply reflecting on the life-changing stories of which I was a part. People would ask me what workcamp was like and all I would say was, "It was cool." or "It was a lot of fun." But I think I have a bigger responsibility than that. I was a part of sharing Christ's love to many families in need and I helped present the Gospel to numerous youth who were thirsty for His truth. For me to keep those stories to myself does not promote Christ.



What's your story? Who needs to hear about your relationship with Christ or about your workcamp experience? We are all witnesses to Christ's work, but we are also an integral part of His plan. It's a good thing to reflect upon Christ's work in your life, but what a story you have to share!

In Him,
Paul Richardson

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

Thanks again for such a great summer. We love being a part of this ministry and we look forward to serving with all of you in the future!
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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