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

Hello Reach,

Since the last newsletter was published, lots has happened around the Reach Office. Two staff members are a year older, one staffer has a new puppy, one staffer is in a new house, and one more camp is full. And who knew January could be so exciting? We can't wait to see what February brings, besides this great newsletter, of course!

Happy reading,

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

### Trouble Deciding???

Are you like Brett Favre? Do you have trouble deciding things? Let us help you make the important decision about where to go for your summer mission trip. If you've never been to a Reach Workcamp before, we want you to have this FREE REGISTRATION for your youth group. We believe in our workcamps so much that we know you'll want to come back in future years. This FREE REGISTRATION can be used for you to come check out a Reach Workcamp on your own, or maybe use it as a scholarship spot for a youth that can't afford to come. Either way, we hope you take advantage of this \$399 value. [Click here to register.](#)

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## Youth Leader Spotlight...

with Pam Renfro

**RW: How many Reach Workcamps have you attended?**

**PR: 10.**

**RW: How did you first hear about Reach?**

**PR:** One of the youth council members at our church was given the task to research mission organizations as we felt that was a next step in development of our youth ministry programming. After careful research and comparison, Reach Workcamps was overwhelmingly recommended as the organization we should work with and through.



**RW: What is your favorite part of Reach?**

**PR:** Relationally speaking, I really enjoy three areas of Reach. First, the ability to spend significant time with our youth and adults in a setting away from our day to day life. Secondly, I enjoy the relationships with my work crew and neighbor. Watching the relationships blossom is indescribable. Third, I enjoy the relationships with the Reach Staff. The staff are great people to work with and are wonderful role models for the youth in our group. My other favorite component of Reach is the organization of the workcamp. Everything is so well planned, organized and implemented. To be honest I have taken ideas and implemented them in our ministry - especially the "Crew Bins" method of organizing small group programming.

**RW: Share a bit about some of the neighbors you have served over the years.**

**PR:** Doris Foose in PA is probably my most memorable neighbor experience. What Doris desired most was companionship. We spent time everyday having coffee and talking and sharing our life stories. The work project, though important, was truly secondary to the relationship.

**RW: Is there anything else you would like to share?**

**PR:** The number of youth/young adults who have gone on to incorporate service to others in their lives is incredibly high in our group. We have young adults who are involved in Teach America, the Peace Corp., several have participated in mission trips during their college years, Summer's Best Two Weeks camps, and

many volunteer their time and talent on a regular basis. Our daughter Megan is currently serving a year working at an orphanage in Uganda. Certainly our youth ministry program supports young people *being* the church in an active sense, but I don't believe that the desire to serve would have been nearly so profound were it not for their experience at a Reach Workcamp.

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

## 2010 Schedule...

<b>JUNE 6 - 12</b>	<b>GREELEY, CO *</b>
<b>JUNE 13 - 19</b>	<b>SOUTH WEBSTER, OH</b>
<b>JUNE 20 - 26</b>	<b>GALVESTON, TX *</b>
<b>JUNE 27 - JULY 3</b>	<b>LOCKPORT, NY</b>
<b>JULY 4 - 10</b>	<b>WARRENTON, VA *</b>
<b>JULY 11 - 17</b>	<b>WINDSOR, ME</b>
<b>JULY 18 - 24</b>	<b>HURRICANE, WV *</b>
<b>JULY 25 - 31</b>	<b>HURRICANE, WV</b> <b>MICHIGAN CITY, IN *</b>
*Combination Jr. and Sr. High Camp is <b>FULL</b>	

June 6-12	<a href="#">Greeley, CO</a> * (61)
June 13-19	<a href="#">South Webster, OH</a> (FULL)
June 20-26	<a href="#">Galveston, TX</a> * (119)
June 27-July 3	<a href="#">Lockport, NY</a> (386)
July 4-10	<a href="#">Warrenton, VA</a> * (259)
July 11-17	<a href="#">Windsor, ME</a> (FULL)
July 18-24	<a href="#">Hurricane, WV</a> * (FULL)
July 25-31	<a href="#">Hurricane, WV</a> (235)
July 25-31	<a href="#">Michigan City, IN</a> * (104)

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

## January's Trivia Answer...

The January trivia question was...

**How many items of clothing (hats, t-shirts, shorts, etc.) did Reach buy to stock the Reach Outlet Store last summer?**

The correct answer was 2805 items. We had two people tie for the closest answer! Both Sunshine Trucks of Manassas, VA, and Matt Haid of Buffalo, NY, guessed 3000 items. Looks like we have to send two free t-shirts this month!

## February's Trivia Question...

Reach held it's first Disney Give-A-Day, Get-A-Day volunteer opportunity in January for volunteers from the community to come to the Reach Office and help complete various tasks. This month's trivia question is about that day:

**How many volunteers came to Reach's first Disney Volunteer Day?**

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

## Reach Workcamps' Sporcle

Do you Sporcle? Do you even know what Sporcle is? According to sporcle.com, they are mentally stimulating diversions. Couldn't you use a mentally stimulating diversion right now? Jeremy Duncan, a Reach Summer Staffer, has created a few Sporcle trivia questions for your entertainment. Challenge your Reach knowledge and see how you compare to other workcampers. There are five different quizzes! [Start now!](#)



## Walt Disney Give-A-Day, Get-A-Day Promotion...

Reach Workcamps is proud to announce its participation in the Disney "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" promotion. Reach Workcamps, in collaboration with Disney and the HandsOn Network, is excited to offer a free ticket good for one day admission to any Walt Disney World® or Disneyland® theme park to any campers or volunteers who participate in a Reach Workcamp this summer.



For more information, [click here](#). To search for Reach volunteer opportunities on the Disney website, use the city name of each workcamp. Signup will not begin until 60 days prior to each workcamp.

## Reach Devotion...

When great tragedy strikes, it's sometimes hard to reconcile with our understanding of God. It's hard to comprehend how a God that we know to be loving and omnipotent could stand by and allow the death and destruction of so many people. I wish that Scripture would just explain every disaster to us, but search as I may, I cannot find a concrete answer. Matthew 5:45 says, "He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

What I do find in Scripture, though, are passages explaining who God is and how He feels about tragedy. God does not delight in the suffering of His creation. He is repeatedly called the Deliverer and constantly delivers us from suffering and affliction, even to the point that He sent His Son to die to save us from the ultimate suffering.

*"But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield." - Psalm 33:18-20 NIV*

As the people of Haiti suffer in the wake of the earthquake, I pray that God will reveal Himself and deliver the Haitian people from their pain and despair and bring them peace. As Christians, it is our responsibility to show Christ's love to them in their time of anguish. There are many ways to help, such as through [World Vision](#) or



[Compassion International](#), and I encourage you to do so, but even if you are unable to help that way, please remember to pray for all of the people in Haiti. They need a Deliverer.

In Him,  
Joel Minter

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

## Fundraiser of the Month...

### Church Punch Card

This is a great fundraiser because it doesn't require a lot of volunteers to run! Create a giant grid with dollar amounts ranging from \$1 to \$100 in each square (See below). Ask for church members to donate certain amounts and cross them off as they are donated. The idea is to get one donation for each dollar amount.

This idea will allow almost everyone to get involved, as there is probably an affordable amount for everyone! Kids can even help out with some of the smaller amounts. If each square is donated, then you will have raised over \$5,000.00!! Your youth group's biggest role in this one is to generate enthusiasm in your church body!

\$1.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
\$11.00	\$12.00	<del>\$13.00</del>	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$17.00
\$21.00	\$22.00	\$23.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	<del>\$27.00</del>
\$31.00	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00
\$41.00	\$42.00	\$43.00	\$44.00	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$47.00
\$51.00	\$52.00	<del>\$53.00</del>	\$54.00	\$55.00	<del>\$56.00</del>	\$57.00
\$61.00	\$62.00	\$63.00	\$64.00	\$65.00	\$66.00	\$67.00
\$71.00	\$72.00	\$73.00	<del>\$74.00</del>	\$75.00	\$76.00	<del>\$77.00</del>
\$81.00	\$82.00	\$83.00	\$84.00	\$85.00	\$86.00	\$87.00
\$91.00	\$92.00	\$93.00	\$94.00	\$95.00	\$96.00	\$97.00

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.

We look forward to serving with all of you this summer at a Reach Workcamp! 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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