



IN HIS STEPS MINISTRIES



In His Steps Ministries "Lions" Basketball Team

Brothers and Sisters,

Our goal at In His Steps is to help our youth reach their full potential in order to succeed in life and be prepared for life eternally with Jesus. This is done through IHS creative and specialized ministries that impact their lives holistically.

IHS uses a five-fold approach toward effectively challenging and engaging our young people. It includes: 1) **Spiritual** transformation through Christ 2) Encouragement of healthy **Physical** growth and development 3) **Academic** enhancement 4) **Social** connectedness 5) **Emotional** development. Through a long-term approach of serving our children, this model is proving to be effective. Our youth are responding to the message and leadership of IHS. Pray that our children will become successful young adults.

Jasper

SQUIRREL HUNTING TRIP



Mississippi Wildlife Federation Instructors showing Jamarion Harris the proper technique



Jaylan Harris proudly displaying his squirrel

Swamp in Yazoo County. This was the first **opportunity** for our boys. It was a rewarding experience in that each IHS youth killed a squirrel and took "dinner" home to his family.

This was more than an outdoor excursion but an **opportunity** for mentoring. IHS board member, George Henderson and IHS friend, David Hughes, accompanied the boys along with Mississippi's Wildlife Federation representatives. It was a successful hunt and the boys are anticipating the next trip.

Our Sports Ministry offers many **opportunities** for our students to learn about teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship from a Christian perspective. IHS "Lions" basketball team started their 2016 season under the leadership of Keishara Rouser.

Coach Rouser has served as a part-time IHS Sports Ministry employee for the last two years. She states, "I want the young men to know it's not all about winning a

game. I want them to know how to be humble when they win or lose and give thanks to God for allowing them a chance to play the game of basketball. I also want to teach them to have great sportsmanship among each other and the opposing teams. Therefore, I want them to not only give 100 percent on the court but also in their everyday lives and know that they have to work in life to achieve their highest goals."

A youth who lacks opportunity today
Will be unsuccessful tomorrow.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Pray for two new converts (Ross and Jonathan).
- ◆ Pray for a full-time sports ministry director and part-time interns.
- ◆ Pray for a greater impact of IHS ministries.
- ◆ Pray for God's guidance on 2016 planning.
- ◆ Pray for more IHS partners and volunteers, especially educators.

Would you like a life changing experience? **Consider VOLUNTEER opportunities with IHS.** The ministry is in need of individuals to assist in the following areas (tutoring, mentoring, sports, social networking, communication/marketing, office clerical, gardening, and landscaping).

SPORTS MINISTRY opportunities include: **Fishing Outing**—April 2, **All Sport Cookout**—April 16, **Flag Football Tournament**—April 30, **Football Camp**—June 8-10, **Sports Blowout**—June 25, **Soccer Camp**—July 13-15).

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-CHILD

Good Works demonstrate that our faith is real. (James 2:14-17)

We thank God for His faithfulness to In His Steps. Through His bountiful provisions, IHS served the spiritual and physical needs of 25 local families and 50 children during our Annual Christmas "Adopt-A-Child" ministry. In addition to assisting with Christmas gifts, each parent/grandparent participated in a parenting class.

Special thanks to Leadership Madison County, Two Men And A Truck, John Damon and Chad Davis Life Groups at Broadmoor Baptist Church (Madison, MS) for helping with this outreach effort. Through these type unique partnerships, ministry is being maximized.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matt. 5:16



2015 Christmas Adopt-A-Child Recipients

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

As God's People, we have been created in Christ Jesus to do good works. (Titus 2:11-14; 3:1, 8, 14)

Many have adopted an attitude about good works that they are virtually insignificant. Yet, scripture bear witness to the importance of good works. (Eph. 2:10)

Good works bring glory to God! (Matt. 5:16; I Peter 2:11-12)

Genuine salvation is entirely of God and will result in a life of Good Works.

It is God who works in us to produce good works.



"IHS has been a big support to my grandchildren. I could never thank them enough." Mrs. Diane Robinson

"I am so glad that IHS is a part of my four grandchildren academic and spiritual life." Mrs. Martha Thompson

"I know God sent IHS to help us in our time of need." Mrs. Sandra Holmes

UPDATES ON PAVILION

The construction of the pavilion is half-way completed with the foundation and plumbing done. Work has been delayed due the excessive amounts of rain which has hindered access for the construction trucks and equipment. **Pray for dry weather.**

OPEN AIR PAVILION

\$470,780 - GOAL

\$180,132 - BALANCE

← \$290,648 - DONATIONS

SPECIAL GIFTS

- * \$8,000 Gift - September 2015
- * \$50,000 Gift - November 2015
- * \$80,000 Gift - December 2015
- * \$14,000 Gift - December 2015

