

# Tracing His Steps

IN HIS STEPS MINISTRIES  
 Newsletter August/September 2016

## PERSONAL NOTE!

**Brother and Sisters,**  
 Throughout the Psalms, there is call to give thanks. One example is found in Psalm 92:1, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to His name." And, in Psalm 105:1, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make know His deeds among the people." The In His Steps staff, board, and I are eternally grateful to our God for His wondrous works on behalf of IHS. God has allowed us to serve the folks of Canton for over 21 years. **Since 1994, we have witnessed God grow and develop the ministry from a vision to a vibrant ministry, where youth and adults are being served.** Our mission is to "impact the lives of people in

*Central Mississippi through innovative and specialized ministries, for the glory of Jesus." IHS sees it present mission as providing Christ-centered ministries to at-risk children, juvenile offenders, and their families.*

God has given us a vast number of Christian friends, institutions and organizations that have helped us fulfill our mission. We were blessed this summer to have had a number of friends to serve with us.

This was an exceptional summer. Due in part to the volunteers and partners who served with us. I'm thankful for the like-minded individuals who assisted in the work of IHS.

*Jasper*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Thank God for an excellent summer of ministry.
- ◆ Thank God for five youth who accepted Christ at Rankin County Youth Detention Center.
- ◆ Thank God for His financial blessings to IHS.
- ◆ Pray for six youth who need special prayers. (Henry, Kendrick, Keila, J.C., Denico, and Chris)
- ◆ Pray God's blessings on the start of S.P.A.S.E. programs (afterschool starting on September 12 and reading program on October 1).
- ◆ Pray for greater involvement of parents in the life of IHS.
- ◆ Pray for key staff and volunteers to assist with sports and recreational ministries.

## THANKSGIVING

*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

**Psalm 95:2**

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever... Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! **Psalm 107:1, 8***

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- \* Contributions toward four paid interns (\$12,960).
- \* Contributions toward payoff of pavilion (\$153,422).
- \* Math and Language Art instructors for afterschool program.
- \* Two sports ministry interns.

## THANK GOD FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR SUMMER ENRICHMENT



*Volunteer, Kelly Liles (member of Broadmoor Baptist Church), giving a math refreshment class*

The 2016 Summer Enrichment Program was filled with new adventures and avenues of learning. The June and July sessions occurred Monday through Friday, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with bible devotion from scripture and prayer, followed by the greatest dance of all time,

"the Hokey Pokey" along with other physical activities. **The overall goal of the Summer Enrichment Program was to expose the students to more informational text and prepare them for the fall school session.** At the beginning of the program, the students were given a short diagnostic assessment. The assessment included multiple-choice questions as



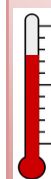
*Stephanie Wales tutoring IHS students in math (moving to the Tennessee School District this fall)*

well as an open ended writing prompt. The results of the diagnostic assessment was used to guide instructional practices for the remainder of the program. The 26 elementary and middle school students were also able to participate in leadership, photography, music classes, and daily devotions as well as physical exercises. Overall, this was one of the best summer enrichment programs ever.



*Meeting room & restrooms at the pavilion*

## UPDATE OPEN AIR PAVILION



**\$470,780 - GOAL**  
**\$317,358 - TOTAL DONATIONS**  
**\$153,422 - BALANCE**

### 2016 SPECIAL GIFTS

- \* \$9,300 Gift - April
- \* \$12,500 Gift - May
- \* \$10,000 Gift - June

The targeted completion date for the pavilion is early September. Thank God for His faithfulness. **Dedication service is scheduled for September 24, 2016 at 10:00 am.**

Pray for God's provision of \$153,422 to payoff the pavilion balance. **God is able!**



Good News Chapel (Walnut, CA) mission team conducting summer enrichment activity



Good News team conducting VBS at Red Bud Park



Grace Community Church Access Mission Team conduct a class in photography



Orthodox Congregational Church of Lanesville & Holy Trinity Anglican Church (Madison, MS) doing VBS in the Sawmills Quarter



Orthodox Congregational Church of Lanesville (Gloucester, MA) performs a biblical skit during VBS



Crossway Community Church mission team conducting Math Camp at IHS

## IHS SUMMER PARTNERS

This was an outstanding summer of ministry due in part to our church partners. Because of these key partnerships, IHS was able to extend its Christian witness into three Canton neighbors (the Sawmill Quarters, Red Bud Park and Rogers Park communities). Each partner mission team conducted Vacation Bible School and approximately 150 youth heard the gospel and experienced Christ love.

In addition, each mission team assisted with home renovations or worked onsite at the IHS campus. Christ love was spread in a big time way this summer through the joint efforts of IHS and our support partners.

At the end of the week, Christ Kingdom had been expanded, new friendships were built and God was glorified (Mark 5:14). Thank you to the many volunteers who help IHS be a light in our community.



Grace Community Church Access Mission Team (Noblesville, IN) instructing a summer enrichment class



Carolyn and Jasper Bacon (left) build relationships with the help of Pastor Steve Choi (Crossway Community Church, Brea, CA)



Crossway Community Church mission team giving drill instruction during Basketball Camp