

Tracing His Steps

IN HIS STEPS MINISTRIES

Newsletter August 2017

PERSONAL NOTE

Brother and Sisters,

The essence of In His Steps mission is helping youth and their families know Christ and live out His calling for their lives. IHS ministries include evangelism, discipleship, academic enrichment, family services, youth leadership development and mentoring.

This summer was an exceptional one, in that IHS provided a number of Christ-centered ministries and served over 500 youth on a regular basis. All of which heard the life changing gospel message of Jesus Christ. God chose to glorify Himself by making an eternal impact on the folks in Canton.

Thank you for your partnership. Your help is yet needed to maintain a high level of ministry among youth and their families. Would you pledge your ongoing financial and prayer support to help us make a greater impact in Canton, MS?

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"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the

Cross-Cultural Friendships Developed Through In His Steps

"In the tapestry of life, we are all connected. Each one of us is a gift to those around us, helping each other be who we are, weaving a perfect picture." God has created us in his image (Gen. 1:26-27); Through regeneration, Christians are placed into the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13,27). His high expectation is for us to

be a demonstration and expression of His love (John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:18).

For over 22 years, In His Steps has been given the wonderful opportunity and privilege of bringing the Body of Christ together across racial, denominational and social-economic lines. This summer

"Overcoming Adversity" God is using In His Steps to help young people get to college. Connell Moore always thought that college was beyond his reach. Yet, God brought him to IHS in 2013 where he experienced Christ love and encouragement to dream of the impossible.



In May 2016, Connell graduated from Canton High School and enrolled in an out-of-state technical school where he had to return home after a half semester. **He has been given another opportunity to pursue his dream of a higher education;** he is now enrolled at Hinds Community College. One door was shut but another one has opened.

Brian Griffin once told his mom, "I'm not going to take the easy way out and quite school."

Also, at one point, it appeared that Brian would receive a GED but he was persistent, fulfilled his graduation requirements and finished high school. Brian recently enrolled at Holmes Community College. His determination and hard work has paid off. We are very proud of Brian.

Praise God for the door that He has opened. Pray for Brian's success.



was not exception. Youth and adults came together; friendship were built and relationships were strengthened. There was worship, recreation, great fun and fellowship.

"God weaved a beautiful picture of the Body of Christ being the body."

PLEASE PRAY FOR IHS

- ◆ For the wellbeing and success of IHS S.P.A.S.E. Program students (*Kanitra, Ian, Wykeisha, Adrian, Montravious, Adrianna, Jakobe, Elton, Brian, Makayla, Ayann Kayla, Jumarcus, Jayden, Dejuana, Malachi and Chempur*).
- ◆ For the wellbeing and success of IHS college students (*Maya, Montravious, Breanna, Shelby, Connell, Brian, Shaylyn, Damien and Demario*).
- ◆ For the wellbeing of the IHS staff and board. (III John 3:2)
- ◆ For additional volunteers and staff for IHS.
- ◆ For Kendra Watson, her new born triplets and husband.
- ◆ For the start and success of fall ministries (S.P.A.S.E. Afterschool Program, Saturday Morning Reading, Sports Ministry at IHS and in the schools).
- ◆ For expansion of ministry into neighboring Saw Mill Quarters.
- ◆ For Makayla Milton who is attending French Camp.
- ◆ For weekly ministries in detention centers (*Mondays - 3:30 pm; Tuesdays - 5:30 pm; Thursdays - 1:00 pm*).
- ◆ Pray for special Christian character development Bible studies for local athletes at 5:30 pm on Thursdays.

*"We give thanks to the Lord for He is good."
(Ps. 107:1)
"Brethren pray for us."
(1 Thes 5:24)*



Friendships built through Soccer Camp



Khrysten Glass and Madeline Sanders speak about their friendship at IHS workshop



Lanesville & Holy Trinity assist Ramon Rodriguez on his house

SUMMER PROGRAMS

IHS SPORTS MINISTRIES

MISSION TEAMS



*Ms. Collins
Summer Enrichment/Math*



*Walker Kelly Soccer Camp
Participants*



*Lanesville Home Renovation
Service Project*



*Mrs. Griffith, United Way
Summer Enrichment*



*Football Camp
Participants*



Lanesville Prayer Time



*Crossway Community Church
Math Camp*



Rev. McDuffie Devotion Leader



*Grace Community Church
VBS at Roger's Park*



*Good News Chapel
Summer Enrichment*

SPECIAL NOTE
Due to the help of volunteers, local churches, college and civic partners, IHS was instrumental in hosting 4 mission teams, 3 sports camps, a six-week enrichment program and math camp. Altogether over 500 youth were served on a regular basis. To God be the glory for what He has done. **“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory...”** (Psalm 115:1)



*Crossway Basketball Camp at
Canton High School*