

# TRACING HIS STEPS

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## In His Steps Community Outreach

Youth learn that they can serve God and still have fun.

### Community Youth Rally



Pastor Marlon McDuffie encourages young men to make positive choices

In His Steps Ministries in partnership with Fellowship Bible Church (Madison, MS) held its 1st Annual Christ in Action (CIA) Youth Rally held at IHS Campus, on May 5, 2018. The one-day youth rally brought together more than 110 youth from grades 6-12 from Canton, MS and surrounding communities. **The purpose of the youth rally was to inspire young people and point them to Christ.** Area youth were given the opportunity to worship, fellowship and reflect on the love of God. **"Encouraging youth to foster a relationship with Jesus Christ is one of the important responsibilities of adult Christians,"** Jasper Bacon said. "The CIA Youth Rally is one way we are trying to inspire our youth."

"I think in today's society, with everything that is pulling at our youth to get them off track and down the wrong road, it's important to bring them into positive environments and show them a better way," stated Pastor Marlon McDuffie. McDuffie was one of the speakers at the youth rally. He encouraged the young men to make better choices in life. McDuffie affirms that great seeds were planted by many at the youth rally that day. **"We want the youth to know that they can serve God and still have fun,"** said Marvin Jackson, one of the visionary of the youth rally. Jackson, a Canton resident, had a vision to bring young people together in a Christ-centered environment to plant seeds of hope in them.

This vision became a reality as young people were given many opportunities to grow in their relationship with Christ. They walked away from the rally knowing that they can serve God with their unique gifts and abilities and not be afraid. "The rally was beyond amazing. I'm excited that my daughter was able to attend. To know my child was in an environment loved by everyone was touching," expressed Latoya Sterling.

Jessica Nichols, CIA rally volunteer, stated "It's an honor to serve the Lord by encouraging young people to commit to Jesus Christ. I hope we can continue to help win souls for the Kingdom through an annual Christ In Action Youth Rally."

**A special thanks to our co-sponsors, Fellowship Bible Church, St. Catherine's Village, Leadership Madison County and Rising STARS for Christ.**

*"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed."*  
-Hudson Taylor

### Outreach to Saw Mill Quarter Community



Saw Mill youth enjoying Family Fun Day

Seventeen years ago, Jasper and Carolyn Bacon, founders of In His Steps Ministries, reached out to the Saw Mill Quarters providing Vacation Bible School and minor

home renovations, in conjunction with partnering churches. However, IHS wanted to do more. IHS hosted monthly family oriented recreational activities in the Saw Mill over the last few months. The Saw Mill is a close knit, yet challenged community, just east of the IHS property line. The intent of this outreach is to be an inspiration of love and hope for its residents. During the recent event, the neighborhood enjoyed fellowship, music, food, sports and games. **More importantly, the gospel was presented and several young adults responded to the gospel message. The outreach attracted approximately 100 children and 45 adults, who enjoyed all of what the event had to offer.**

**The projected goal, in conjunction with partnering churches, is to develop a holistic ministry in the Saw Mill Quarters including Christ-centered early childhood development, young adult empowerment, sports and recreation ministry and economic development, to promote growth and success for its residents.**

Pray that the gospel will spread rapidly in this community, many will accept Christ and Christ Kingdom will advance. A special thanks to friends at Broadmoor Baptist Church and Holy Trinity Anglican Church for their faithful commitment to the work in the Saw Mill Quarters.

*"There is no higher calling or greater privilege known to man than being involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission."*  
-Bill Bright

*"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*  
**Brethren, pray for us.**  
II Thessalonians 23-25

## PRAY FOR IHS INTERNS



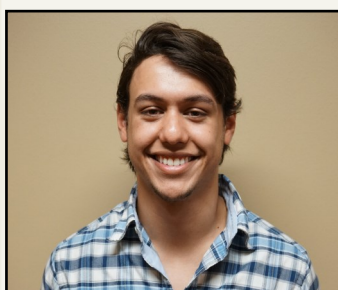
**KHRYSTEN GLASS** is an IHS Education Intern who graduated from Mississippi College with an Elementary Education degree. Khrysten has been working with IHS for 4 years and she plans to continue teaching in the Canton Public School System.



**JASMINE THOMPSON** is an IHS Education Intern who graduated with a Biology degree from Alcorn State University. Jasmine has been working with IHS for 3 years and plans to become an Adolescent Counselor.



**CHRISTIN HOWARD** is an IHS Sports Ministry Intern who graduated from Mississippi College with a Kinesiology degree. Christin has been working with IHS for one year and plans to continue working in the Jackson Public School System.



**KOBE VAN SOMEREN** is an IHS Communications Intern who is currently attending Belhaven University and pursuing a degree in Intercultural Studies. Kobe has been working with IHS for his first summer and plans to finish his degree and work in ministry.

### PRAYSE GOD! PAVILION PAID OFF!

**In His Steps Ministries has paid off our pavilion thanks to our generous donations and God's provisions.** The pavilion was a part of the campus development project guided and provided for by the Lord. **Within a three-year span, the Lord provided a total of \$486,367 to payoff the pavilion. Now it is being used to fulfill the Lord's will in this community,** including sports ministry opportunities, safe Christ-centered recreation for neighborhood youth and their families. As the Lord continues to grow this ministry, Phase III development will include an IHS Dormitory for weekends and summer camps, for youth and families, housing for long-term interns and short-term mission teams. **A special thanks to IHS friends for your prayers, donations, and support of this ministry. None of it would have been possible without your partnership.** Our Father has and will continue to do amazing things in and through In His Steps!

*"The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."  
1 Thessalonians 5:24*

## THANKSGIVING

- ◆ Praise God for His faithfulness.
- ◆ Praise God for IHS ministry partners.
- ◆ Praise God for His provisions for pavilion payoff.
- ◆ Pray God for IHS wonderful staff and volunteers.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR YOUTH

- ◆ Pray for the salvation and full surrender for all of IHS children and local athletes. Pray that they will sense and do God's will.
- ◆ Pray for IHS' S.P.A.S.E. college students. (Damien, Demario, Shelby, Breanna, Shaylyn, Malik and Connell)
- ◆ Pray for ongoing ministry with local athletes and ministry at youth detention centers.
- ◆ Pray for continued wisdom and protection for Jasper, board & staff.
- ◆ Pray for good health for Jasper, board, staff and their families.
- ◆ Pray for spiritual growth and protection for Damien Lewis (LSU Football Team).
- ◆ Pray for ongoing development in Saw Mill Quarters. (Sports Recreation; Early Childhood Education; Young Adult Empowerment)
- ◆ Pray for recently hired interns (Christin Howard, sports ministry; Kobe Van Someren, marketing and social media).
- ◆ Pray that prepared potential donors will hear about and give to the needs of IHS.
- ◆ Pray for greater impact of IHS ministries, especially summer ministries. (Summer camps and summer enrichment program)

*"O LORD my God, in You I put my trust..."*

*Psalm 7:1a*

*"In the Lord I put my trust..."*

*Psalm 11:1a*

*"In You, O Lord, I put my trust;*

*Let me never be ashamed..."*

*Psalm 31:1a*

*"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,*

*But to Your name give glory,*

*Because of Your mercy,*

*Because of Your truth."*

*Psalm 115:1*

*"But, 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'"*

*II Corinthians 10:17*