



One Generation At A Time



Kariana, Ah'Zorian, and Karen Beal

What began as a vision 26 years ago to provide preventative services to help children in Canton, MS has grown to impact generations of families. Many years ago, Karen Beal sent her daughter, Kariana, to In His Steps Ministries for the afterschool S.P.A.S.E. program. Her daughter started attending IHS when she was seven years old until she was twelve years old. Now, Karen's seven-year old granddaughter, Ah'Zorian, also attends the afterschool program at IHS.

Karen stated, **"I realized how concerned IHS was about the kids. They helped the students to excel in classes and in ways I never thought existed.** Seeing how they motivated the kids, also encouraged me." When asked about what impacted her the most, Kariana said that **"It [IHS] taught me a lot of things. Definitely about school and about the Bible."** Karen chose to send her daughter, Kariana, to IHS so she could get academic help. She was also concerned about her daughter being shy. After she had been at IHS for a while, "I noticed that she had started to outgrow that shyness and participate in class." After her daughter had attended for about a week, Karen said "I saw how it wasn't only a program, it was like a family." She noticed that her daughter really enjoyed the program so she continued to let her come.

When Karen's daughter, Kariana, was enrolled in the afterschool

program, she remembered how IHS impacted her daughter. Karen said, "When my daughter went, I was very satisfied and I wanted my granddaughter to have the same experience. I know that they lead the kids in the right direction". **Along with academic help, Karen emphasized that "They also help the students look to the Lord."**

Karen's favorite memory with In His Steps is "One day they did gift baskets and had the kids volunteer to deliver the gift baskets to a nursing home. The smile that the kids put on the people's faces was so amazing." Ah'Zorian chimed in and said that was one of her favorite memories as well.

When asked about her experience with In His Steps, Ah'Zorian expressed how it has already impacted her life. She stated that "I got closer to the Lord, and they [IHS] taught me about the Bible." She enjoys getting help with her homework and learning about the Bible. She also enjoys playing outside and enjoying the beautiful grounds. Ah'Zorian said that one of her favorite parts about coming to the campus is "getting to spend time with Mrs. Bacon and Mr. Bacon." Along with receiving help, Ah'Zorian likes to offer help to others as well. "I love helping," she said when asked about her favorite things to do while on campus.

Seeing the way IHS has impacted generations of families has been powerful. It is an encouragement to all and especially to students attending. Karen mentioned that her other granddaughter, who's only six, keeps asking her "when can I go to In His Steps?" **The Lord has been constant in His provision to IHS so that we can impact families like the Beals.** Impacting lives and building relationships with people is a great part of the ministry. **At In His Steps, generations of families are impacted.** Many thanks to all of you who continue to support this vitally important ministry.

S.P.A.S.E. Program Alumni Adrian and Adrianna Wales

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Adrianna
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Recently, a \$100 donation was given to IHS by two former IHS S.P.A.S.E. students for the development of our new Christian camp and training center. The IHS S.P.A.S.E. program serve children from 2nd to 12th grade. The program assists students with tutoring, extra-curricular activities, and college/career preparations. Adrian and Adrianna Wales are the two former S.P.A.S.E. students who made this gracious donation. The siblings became a part of the S.P.A.S.E. program in 2012 until they moved to Texas with their family in 2019. Although they moved before they graduated from high school in Canton, the siblings received a solid foundation in academics and faith through IHS and still con-siders IHS as family. They expressed how IHS has played a major role in their lives, transforming them into the young adults they are today. Adrian said, "It (IHS) changed my life tremendously as far as helping me with academics...and my everyday walk with God." In His Steps Ministries cares for both the spiritual and physical wellbeing of students.



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Adrian and Adrianna graduated from high school in Texas in 2020. They began working and taking classes at a local community college in Fort Worth, TX. Now, Adrian is studying business and Adrianna is studying criminal justice. **Specifically, the siblings stated that their time with In His Steps has helped them achieve their goals.** In His Steps Ministries aims to teach students how to navigate the academic and professional world. **Adrian expressed, "It showed me how to talk to people [and] how to be professional and how to handle business."** Additionally, He emphasized how the ministry

helped him as a youth to stay involved in school and kept him out of harm's way. The siblings both emphasized how the program also positively impacted their relationship with the Lord. When asked if IHS has helped with their spiritual health, Adrian replied "Definitely. In my opinion, IHS should be everywhere."

The siblings expressed how outside of the S.P.A.S.E program, the Bacons poured into their lives from a place of genuine love. Relationships are the cornerstone of IHS ministries. Adrian expressed that "In His Steps will always hold a special place for me. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon are like my second parents. It's really just one big family." Adrianna said that "In His

Steps shows kids that someone cares about them." Even from a distance, the twins expressed that they still feel the love from the ministry. Adrian still talks with the Bacons frequently and they continue to pour into his life, even from a distance.

Adrian and Adrianna are such a testament to the ministry and encouragement to the staff and other students. Adrian stated that without IHS, "I wouldn't be the person I am now." To the staff and family at In His Steps, Adrian wants to say that "We love them and miss them." We at In His Steps are so grateful for the support from Adrian and Adrianna, and we are proud to see their growth and maturity.

IHS Chairperson Perspective



Jeff Taylor, IHS Chairman of the Board

Jeff Taylor is the current chairman of the In His Steps Ministries board of directors and has been working with In His Steps for about 15 years. He has been a part of the process of purchasing and developing the new campsite. **When asked about working with IHS, Mr. Taylor stated that "It's been such a joy." First and foremost, IHS is a Christ-centered ministry.** Mr. Taylor said that "Every decision that's made, no matter how small or big, is done through prayer and making sure Christ is the center of what's driving the decision." When it came to making decisions about the campsite, Mr. Taylor was able to witness God working. Deciding whether or not to purchase the land was all part of God's plan and done with careful intentionality. Mr. Taylor expressed that seeing Rev. Bacon's vision come into

fruition was a "neat process to be involved with". For Rev. Bacon, "it's all about the kids and families. This camp will give the kids experiences they've never had before." **Plans are being made to conduct several day-long youth events this summer at the campsite.**

Also, on May 27th, we are projecting a dedication/note-shredding ceremony to celebrate the finalization of the purchase and to thank our dedicated friends for their support. Due to the need for continued caution, only a small number of guests will be able to attend in person. However, all IHS friends are invited to attend this special event online at www.inhissteps.org and click "Dedication/Note-Shredding".

As we begin the development of the campsite, we continue to trust God for all of the resources we still need. IHS board and staff are looking forward to seeing how God will unfold the vision. Mr. Taylor stated that "There are tangible plans, but they need to be thoroughly thought through with proper due diligence." To move forward, he stated that it's vital for everyone who is involved to make sure that their hearts are in the right place. **While continuing to trust God, there are plans to build cabins, a dining hall, develop the land, infrastructure, and utilities.** Please pray for us as we develop Phase 3 of In His Steps Ministries. If you want to know more or support this endeavor, please email (jbacon@inhissteps.org), call (601-859-5708), or visit our website to see how you can get involved at InHisSteps.org.

IHS CAMPSITE DEDICATION CEREMONY May 27, 2021 at 11:30 am CST

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SPECIAL NEEDS FOR THE CAMPSITE

- Painter for the antebellum house and other units
- Professional grade weed eater
- Mower and bush hog

IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL NEEDS

- Cost for security cameras—\$3,500
- Cost for topographical study—\$3,000
- Part-time camp assistant—\$10,400
- Cost for new entrance gates—TBD

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- ♦ Thank God for His ongoing provisions and protection of IHS ministries.
- ♦ Pray for the revival of the Church. (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- ♦ Pray for God's wisdom in developing the Christian training center and IHS camp.
- ♦ Pray that God will send the right people to serve with IHS.
- ♦ Pray for spiritual growth for those being disciplined by the IHS staff.
- ♦ Pray for greater success of IHS ministries and the salvation of many.
- ♦ Pray for God's financial provisions for IHS campsite.
- ♦ Pray that IHS will be an instrument of peace in our divided society.
- ♦ Pray for IHS S.P.A.S.E./High school college bound seniors (Kayla, Kanitra, Jurmarcus, Ja'Kobe, Ian, and Chemper).