

## Meet IHS' Newest Board Members and Interns



**Sammy Brown, Jr., Attorney**  
**IHS Board Member**

We are happy to announce that In His Steps Ministries has a new board member! Sammy L. Brown is a Lawyer at a local law

firm, Butler and Snow. Born and raised in Canton, Mr. Brown graduated from Canton High School in 2012 and went to the University of Mississippi for his undergraduate and law degrees. Now Mr. Brown works as a commercial litigation attorney and is an active member of his community. We are so excited to have Mr. Brown on the board.

Mr. Brown was first introduced to IHS in high school when he was looking for ways to serve his community. **He would come to the IHS campus afterschool 3 to 4 times a week to tutor at the S.P.A.S.E. program.** Through his family instilling their faith and love for Jesus in him at a young age, Mr. Brown understood that serving others was a way to live out an active faith. Service to others is one of the foundational principles of Christianity. "Service to others is what defines you as a person," Mr. Brown said, "my experience at IHS was my first

experience with an organization dedicated to that kind of service. It helped form my view on what it means to be active in your faith." Mr. Brown expressed that his internship with IHS as a high school student broadened his idea of what it means to serve others in Christ.

We are excited to have Mr. Brown as part of the team at IHS. He has already contributed through his insight and willingness to serve. Mr. Brown is a positive role model for youth in Canton with much to offer the community. He wants to encourage anyone interested in being a part of IHS to come discover what we're all about. "There's a space for everyone in our mission," he said. **At IHS, we aim to walk in Christ's footsteps keeping him in the center of all we do. "We need a lot of hands to tread this mission," said Mr. Brown, "so come aboard and help us get to it!"**

This year, we welcomed another board member who has been a long-time friend and supporter of IHS, Marti Little. Ms. Little is a staff attorney at the Support Center for Child Advocates in Philadelphia, PA. Ms. Little became acquainted with IHS through her friendship with Jasper Bacon. They were friends at Wheaton College and Ms. Little has seen how IHS has grown from its inception until now. She studied law at the Villanova University of Law and practiced corporate law before joining Support Center for Child Advocates. Now, Ms. Little works in advocacy law for at-risk youth in the foster care system. She represents at-risk youth in court.

We are excited to welcome Ms. Little to the board at IHS and we look forward to her contribution and counsel to the team. "I'm

really honored to have the opportunity to be on the board," she said. **Not only does Ms. Little have a unique skill set but she also has a heart for service. Ms. Little has a posture of humility and sensitivity when it comes to serving at-risk youth in cross-cultural settings.** By listening to the needs and experiences of the community we serve, we can more effectively minister to them and provide them with the resources they need. **Ms. Little looks forward to using her skillset of working in underserved communities and translating that to what IHS does in Canton.**

Ms. Little encourages potential and current IHS friends to join our cause in Canton. There are many ways to get involved whether that be through volunteering, supporting, or serving with us. Visit our



**Marti Little, Attorney**  
**IHS Board Member**

website ([www.inhissteps.org](http://www.inhissteps.org)) or get in touch with us to learn more!



**Brooke Ingram, IHS Intern**

**Brooke** is a senior at Mississippi College studying English Writing. She is one of IHS's new fall interns assisting with the after-

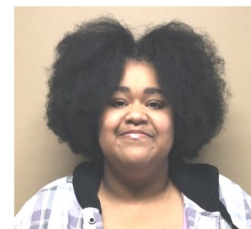
school S.P.A.S.E. program. "When I came here to talk about the possibility of tutoring, I fell in love with the campus and the mission," she said, "I knew I wanted to be involved however I could." Brooke assists with academic tutoring and she leads devotionals with students. With a heart for Christ and a desire to serve, we are excited to have Brooke join IHS!

### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**FOR THE AFTERSCHOOL S.P.A.S.E. PROGRAM**

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**Chempur Mack, IHS Intern**

**Chempur** is a student at Holmes Community College studying to become a veterinarian. We are excited to have Chempur on board as

an intern with IHS because she is a S.P.A.S.E. program alumna! Chempur assists with tutoring in the S.P.A.S.E. program and is a wonderful role model for the students. "It's such a positive environment," she said "being here in 6th grade helped me with my emotions. Everything I am learning here, I will use it in life."

## Lanesville's Partnership



### Lanesville's VBS, in Saw Mill Quarters

We have seen the Lord at work through our partnership with the Orthodox Congregational Church of Lanesville over the past 25 years. A group from the Massachusetts-based church has been coming to Mississippi each year to host a VBS in Canton and serve the surrounding community through home improvement projects and work at IHS campsite. The Lanesville group came from July 9-18 and the VBS camp took place

during that week. Each year they attend; they always come with the desire to meet the needs at IHS and in Canton.

Peter Aberle, the pastor of youth and family at OCC Lanesville, is a long-time friend of the Bacons and partner with In His Steps Ministries. He was first introduced to the Bacons in 1996 through one of his mentees at Gordon-Conwell Seminary who happened to be from Mississippi. After getting connected, the first VBS and service mission took place in 1997. VBS started in Redbud Park and moved over to the Sawmill Quarters neighborhood in 1999.

**Mr. Aberle said, "through the providence of God the ministry has morphed from what I thought it would be. God's providence brings people together to accomplish his works. It's pretty exciting!"** Rev. Jasper Bacon shared, "These dear brothers and sisters epitomize Jesus' example and the statement in Mark 10:42 which states,



### Work at IHS Campsite

"The Son of Man didn't come to be served but to serve."

## California Comes to Canton IHS Basketball Camp



### IHS/Crossway Elevate Camp

It has been In His Steps Ministries' privilege to partner annually with Crossway Community Church of Brea, California for the past 11 years. This summer, a group from Crossway came to Canton to host a basketball camp and share career and personal development workshops with local youth. This year marks the first camp in two years since the pandemic postponed the trip. The Crossway group contributed to our mission of impacting the community through a holistic, gospel-driven approach.

The basketball camp took place each morning during the week of July 24-29 at Huey L. Porter Middle School. IHS is grate-

ful for the continued alliance and support from the Canton Public Schools throughout the years. **About 50 children attended the camp where they were able to have fun, learn new skills, and be encouraged by mentors.** The objectives were for them to learn the basics and fundamentals of basketball, meet and develop cross-cultural friendships, and Christian character, and practice sportsmanship. Each child attending the camp was given a T-shirt and backpack by the Crossway group making them feel special. Each day, a bible devotional was shared with kids. On the last day of camp, Christin Howard, IHS Sports Ministry Director, shared the



### Crossway Enrichment Classes on

gospel and gave them an opportunity to consider dedicating their lives to Christ.

Jay Wong, a Crossway church member, has been a part of the mission group for four years. This year he assisted in preparing and organizing the camp with Christin Howard and helped coach at the camp. In the afternoon the Crossway group led

career, arts, and food craft classes for students. "I was able to reconnect with some of the past campers and it's amazing to see God working in their lives." Jay stated that he was excited to see former campers come back and serve as coaches this year.

The career workshop gave local youth an opportunity to talk to professionals about their chosen fields and explore any questions they might have. **Carolyn Bacon, IHS director of personnel and volunteers said, "The workshop continues the IHS objective of exposing our youth to potential career opportunities and encouraging them to pursue their dreams."**

### PRAYERS:

1. Thank God for His abundant resource, especially IHS friends.
2. Pray for divine increase concerning In His Steps ministries.
3. Pray that God will give divine strength, wisdom and protection for IHS board, staff, and volunteers.
4. Pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will demolish every demonic stronghold that opposes IHS.

**"Trust in the LORD with all your heart..."**  
Proverbs 3:5,6

**"...HE is our help and shield."**  
Psalm 33:20