

Plan your 2017 Mission Trip



Crosswinds is so thankful to everyone who chose to serve with us in the Dominican Republic this year. What was the impact? A giant green house was finished. Homes were built for needy families. Classrooms were painted. Hundreds of coffee beans and banana trees were planted to help the community and help Caribbean Mountain Academy become self-sustaining. And many landscaping projects were completed to beautify the campus and the local community in the Dominican Republic.

Not only were there improvements through service projects, but hearts were won for Christ. Local vacation bible schools were taught throughout the community to over 150 kids. Church partnerships grew and local leaders were able to learn more skills to teach and train more efficiently.

We are so grateful for the many people who served! We want 2017 to be an even more impactful year. Please contact us to learn how you can be part of lasting change at Caribbean Mountain Academy in the Dominican Republic.

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You Can't Do That

By Mark Terrell

I would bet that everyone has heard those words more than once. As kids, they are meant to protect us. As teens, they are meant to challenge our behavior. But as adults, I often find that they are meant to keep us status quo. They are often delivered with kindness and a knowing fatherly tone. But, what do they really mean to those of us that say we live by faith?



Over the past year, I shared the vision that I have for our organization with several Christian leaders and friends. All too often... you guessed it - I heard *"You can't do that"*. As I listened to these voices, I began to waiver on what I believed we needed to do. Were my thoughts wrong? Were they too impossible? Who was I to dream such an audacious dream?

Several weeks ago I began to pray about the doubts that crept into my mind. As only God can do, He gave me a verse to hold on to with both hands: *"I am the Lord the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"* Jeremiah 32:26



We moved into our new office in Fort Wayne this past year. The plan for this building was also once thought as "impossible".

I believe that God has an incredible plan for our organization. Yes, there will be those who question if we really believe what we say. Some will even tell us that we are planning to do is impossible. But, I believe in a God that is bigger than our dreams. And with His strength, wisdom and protection, the impossible is possible. Who is with me?

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Changing hearts and bringing hope.

Change starts here.

Gifts Will Be Under the Tree Because of You!



Every year, Lifeline partners with The Chapel to provide Christmas presents to hundreds of children and families in the various Lifeline programs. This year we've made one change to help the parents at Brookmill Court Apartments, a low-income housing community in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This year, in addition to the annual Christmas party where the kids can meet Santa, parents will come back on a later date to receive a present to place under the tree for each of their children. No longer will the kids wake up to find nothing for Christmas. This wouldn't be possible without your continued support.

Board Games Collected for Families

In an effort to emphasize the importance of family time, Lifeline asked for donations of board games for the thousands of families we service across the state of Indiana. The response was overwhelming. In November and the beginning of December, boxes of board games were dropped off in the lobby of the Fort Wayne office. Our staff will be delivering board games throughout the Christmas season.



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200 People in Attendance for the First Family Summit

We want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Family Summit. Because of YOU, it was a huge success!

The Family Summit was more than a year in the making. We collaborated with non-profits and for-profits in our community and asked what issues needed to be addressed in regards to the family. Over 20 speakers were at The Summit lecturing on subjects like cyber security, parenting tips, teen suicide, trauma and mental health. The keynote speaker, parenting expert, radio host and author Mark Gregston, said parents ask him a lot about today's teens. The main thing they're worried about is technology. "I think most parents are reeling with this idea of how do I deal with all this information that's bombarding my kids and counter that and offer them wisdom," Gregston said.



Because of this year's success, we are now planning to bring it back for a second year. For more information or to view more pictures from the event, please visit Crosswinds' Facebook page.



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Two Successful Weekends at Fish with the Pros



Fish with the Pros included guests from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Connecticut! Once again, our 12 regional bass pros guided guests to their favorite lakes near Traverse City, MI. Winners included Big Toad: Brooks Langeloh with a 5.86 lb. Smallmouth Bass, Team Tournament: Kelly Burke and David Turansky (OmniSource) with Greg Sochocki (pro), and Big Ugly: Keith Polster with a 4.25 lb. Pike. Thanks to our sponsor: Business People and Corporate Partners: NU Insulation, OmniSource, Wagner-Meinart, and Wells Fargo.

Parview Field Staff Take on Pierceton Woods Academy Ropes Course



The Parkview Field Staff experienced our High Ropes Course recently! They used this time for team building and mission awareness for our upcoming Planking Challenge. We're excited to announce that our annual Planking Challenge will be held at Parkview Field in 2017!