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Baptism at the Chapel

After opening the Thomas W. Terrell in May at the campus of our residential program in Pierceton, we were able to celebrate the baptism of one of the young men. Harold Graham, Chaplain, performed the baptism surrounded by the staff who have been pouring into this young man. This incredible moment would not have been possible without the support from all of you! We look forward to sharing more moments like this from the chapel at Pierceton Woods Academy.



News LINE

Fall 2016

Paper Airplanes

By Mark Terrell

I recently returned from a mission trip in the Dominican Republic. Our troop consisted of 12 soon-to-be high school seniors, 10 fathers and 4 mothers. We spent the week building houses for two local families, painting our new chaplain’s home, and replanting an entire field of coffee trees. The work was difficult but incredibly rewarding for all of us.

I have been working with this group of boys since they were in 8th grade. We meet on a weekly basis. To say that I have invested in this group of boys and their families would be an understatement. I treat them like my sons. In many ways I honestly feel like they are, in-deed, my adopted sons.

We meet to talk about what they are learning as they journal and read through the bible. We discuss leadership books like “Expect to Win” by Carla Harris, and “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” by Stephen Covey. We find ways to apply the principles to their daily lives.

We have spent months studying apologetics and preparing to answer questions many youth face in today’s world. Good stuff like “Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?” We discuss even harder topics of the day like “If God created all things and He said that all He created was good, why is it bad to smoke marijuana?”

Back in the Dominican Republic, we arrived at a five-star restaurant to have dessert to celebrate the end of our busy week. This restaurant happened to be located at the top of a mountain. None of these boys were surprised to hear me say that I expected their best behavior, act like gentlemen and to make me proud. After taking pictures overlooking the mountain, it was time to go inside to have our dessert. As I walked into the restaurant, I shouldn’t have been surprised. Two of my boys were sitting at a table creating two of the most incredible paper airplanes that I had ever seen.

I looked at them. They looked at me as their faces pled the innocence they didn’t have as if it wasn’t inappropriate to be constructing paper airplanes at such a high-scale restaurant. As they handed over their planes, I sighed and smiled. I realized that although they were Godly young men, deep inside they were still just little boys who wanted to see how far a paper airplane could fly from the top of a mountain.

Who hasn’t been there? As we grow in faith and continue our own journeys we all make mistakes. A misstep here. A paper airplane there. I’m so grateful to have people around me to keep me grounded. People who aren’t afraid to ask me to hand over my own paper airplanes. (Even if mine would definitely fly the farthest.)



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Summer Program Success in the Dominican Republic



This summer, we accepted seven boys and two girls into our Caribbean Mountain Academy Summer program, a program for struggling teens in the Dominican Republic. Our Christian environment not only removes troubled teens from the influence of friends for the summer, it offers a holistic approach to getting them back on the right path by working with our passionate staff. The students also had many adventures including visits to local waterfalls, a 5-day trip to the highest peak in the Caribbean-Pico Duarte, and service projects to help in the surrounding community. These students still have many challenges to face as they head home. Please join us in prayer for these students.

The First Annual Family Summit is October 29th

Do you have a teenager or know someone who does? Do you work with teenagers? Are you excited, anxious, or motivated about your journey with a teenager? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we invite you to join us at our first annual Family Summit with keynote speaker, Mark Gregston.

Lifeline Youth and Family Services and Crosswinds are excited to present The Family Summit to serve and strengthen the families of northeast Indiana. The Family Summit is open to parents/guardians, educators, health care professionals, faith-based partners and community agencies.

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016
Time: Doors open at 8AM; Keynote Speaker at 9AM
Location: The Summit, 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne
Learn more: crosswindsyouth.org/familysummit



Keynote Speaker: Mark Gregston

Mark Gregston is the founder and executive director of Heartlight Ministries. Mark has been helping parents & teens for 38 years. He is also the popular radio host of Parenting Today's Teens which is heard on over 1,500 radio stations throughout North America. He is a sought-out speaker and leads parenting seminars across the country. Mr. Gregston will be offering three insightful sessions on teen parenting that you won't want to miss!

Backpack Round Up Prepares 430 Students For School Year

This year's Backpack Round Up assisted more than 430 youth from Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Euell Wilson Center and the Brookmill Community. Residents celebrated on Thursday, August 4th, just a week before the start of school. This event would not be possible without the generosity of the numerous donors from The Chapel. A majority of the backpacks and supplies for these children and youth are provided through their generosity! Event sponsors included Meijer, Premier Auto, SmileWorks and Heaven 2 Earth Baptist Church. Great partners make this event happen. These include: Fort Wayne Housing Authority, Avalon Missionary Church, as well as Parkview Community Nursing, Drive Alive and FWCS Community & Family Engagement. New this year, KONA Ice was onsite and provided snow cones while the Fort Wayne Fire Department invited the children to dance in the water from their fire truck, which they could also explore during the event. As in years past, the ponies and face painting were still the favorites. Children of all ages enjoyed live music from Rudy Mahara & Praise Band from Lifewater Missionary Church.

"A special thank you to the over 350 donors who filled backpacks for children living in the Brookmill Apartments. Because of you, children are starting school with the supplies they need to be successful. Supplies, if not donated, may be considered a luxury instead of a necessity. Again, thank you for your generosity and willingness to make a difference!"
- Brenda Gerber Vincent, VP of Develoment



Staff Pursuing Master's Degrees



We are extremely excited to begin the fall semester with so many Lifeline staff pursuing Master's degrees at Grace College and other universities. Lifeline appreciates the hard work and determination it takes to earn a Master's Degree while also serving the families and children across Indiana. Educational Career Track participants receive increased financial assistance in exchange for a commitment to serve as a Therapist for Lifeline after graduation.



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