

## Girls club

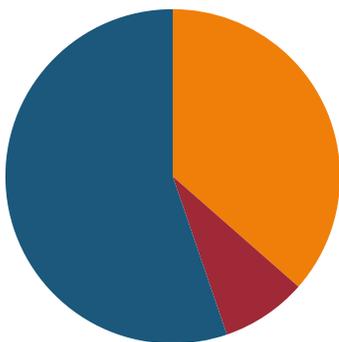
I had a lot of fun teaching clubs this spring. In the beginning of the year we prayed for more girls and it was amazing to see how God answered that prayer! It's amazing to have the opportunity to shine the light of Jesus into the hearts of these young girls. I think I have realized this year more than ever before that we are so blessed to have been placed in Christian homes but because of that blessing we also have a responsibility to share with others what God has given us.

I was helping to teach the middle group which is a fun and energetic group to teach. We got into some very deep discussions which was challenging at times but was definitely a good thing. It breaks my heart to hear of the hurt they go through at such a young age but it is exciting to show them that Jesus will always love them even if those around them do not. And having the opportunity to share Jesus' love with these girls is what makes clubs worth it! -Krystal Lapp



You all have been incredibly generous with finances...Below is a way for you to see where our money goes. Thank you!

## Expenses at Gap Clubs



- Utilities and Rent at clubhouse
- Regular club expenses
- Camp Expenses

## Boys club from the perspective of the counselors...

Boys club is always one of the highlights of my week. The boys always come with lots of energy and you never know what some of them will come up with. We have three different stations: crafts, dodgeball, and Bible hour.

This past spring in crafts, we made checkerboards. Dodgeball brings out the best and the worst in not only the boys, but also the counselors. It gets very intense at times and can be a good time to teach the boys how to control their tongue and how to have a good attitude and sportsmanship. Bible hour is a time for us counselors to give the boys lessons from the Bible.

This year I was a counselor in the oldest group and it can be hard sometimes to answer some of their tough questions about life. It is also very encouraging to hear what the boys are learning about the Bible and to know that God is using Boys Club to change their lives. It forces you to search the Bible and draw closer to God when they ask tough questions. Boys Club is not always easy and we need lots of prayers, but overall it has been a very positive, growing experience for me.

-Jonathon Smoker



Some things that I appreciate more since I started at clubs are Godly functional homes, Christian friends that care about me, and being taught truth and godliness.

Recently in Bible hour we were talking about making things right with people that wronged us in some way or another and that fighting back is the wrong way to do it. The whole concept of forgiveness was about unbearable for them to think about because from little on up they've been taught to fight back. There are lots of other small examples like that that open my eyes to the darkness in the world and through that it makes me more thankful for everything God gave me like godly homes and parents who teach truth.-Jamien Lantz



## Girls club from the perspective of a counselor...

On Monday evenings as I walk into the clubhouse, there is a flurry of activity and excitement. The girls are laughing and talking as they wait to start the evening. Once everyone has arrived, we start with singing. It is fun to watch the girls' enthusiasm for the songs. Once we are dismissed, we go to games. They all want to play a different game and so we find a game they all agree on. They run off some of their energy and have fun playing together. For some of the girls this is their favorite time of clubs.

We then go for devotions where we read a Bible story. The girls also ask lots of hard questions that I don't always know how to explain. Some questions were, "How can Jesus be three people in one?" or, "Why didn't Jesus have a wife?" The girls have not been taught the Bible so it is hard for them to understand some things.

After devotions we go to crafts. This is a time we can connect on a one to one basis as we help the girls with their craft. And then their favorite part is snack time, when everybody is together again. They can talk and have fun for a few more minutes before its time to go home.

Girl's Club is challenging yet rewarding. Each of these girls has a different story, and clubs is a good part of that story. Pray for these girls that come there are a lot of different needs. Pray that we as counselors would be able to show them God's true love. One specific prayer request was that we could find more girls. It felt like the groups were smaller than what we were used to. By the next week we had some new girls. It reminded us again of how God cares about each one of our requests.

*Thank you for your interest in clubs. We couldn't do it without your support and prayers.*

-Cathy Yoder



## 2014 Summer Camps!

- Summer camp is always a highlight of the year for the club children and the counselors!
- Boys Club Camp: July 28-August 1
- Girls Club Camp: August 4-8

Please keep us in your prayers before and during these weeks! There is a battle *raging* for the souls of these children...



### Sponsor a Camper...

There are a lot of children that would like to come to Camp, but feel bad that they can't pay the \$40 that they are expected to pay in order to come. If you would like to cover that cost for a child, please talk to Matthew about the boys and Rachel about the girls.