

Mountview Mission Trip

In early June we were the recipients of a week-long mission trip. For this trip no one had to venture thousands of miles. It was the simple service of a church in Upper Arlington, OH, to the Near East Side of Columbus. The group made the trip in about 15 minutes, but they didn't know that they were coming to a different world.

We did service projects at not only the ministry house on Fairwood, but also at Fairwood Elementary, St. Vincent's Family Center, Hope Christian Church, Harambee Christian School, and our staff families' homes. Just in case these work projects weren't enough to exhaust the 18 attendees, we also had them plan and execute a Vacation Bible School full of science experiments in the evenings - complete with a Family Night Picnic at the end of the week.



As we prayed and prepared for the week, we asked God to change lives and hearts, open eyes and minds and create partners in the gospel. He did just that. At our end-of-the-week debriefing the students shared how they were struck by economic struggle so close to home, how this struggle is less about laziness and more about cycles, and by the great trust and connection that was built with our community members in such a short time. They saw lives filled with joy and hurt and disappointment and hope, and more important than just seeing it, they realized that a longer term commitment could make a real difference in lives.



It was a delight to partner with the youth and their leaders from Mountview Baptist Church. They worked hard, played hard and loved our neighbors as Christ would. We thank them for their willingness to serve the Lord and we look forward to partnering with them and the greater church body in the coming weeks.

WE NEED YOU!

Can you...

- ... cook on Tuesday or Thursdays for a group of about 20?
- ... tutor on Tuesday or Thursday from 10-11am?
- ... mentor a student?
- ... put together college student care-packages?

If the answer is "YES!!" or "maybe??" please contact Cathy Alexander at 252-3726 or cathy@urban-connections.org.

Let us Pray...

- for partnerships in our neighborhood, with churches, businesses, community organizations and neighbors.
- for families in our neighborhood to want to know more about Christ and what it means to follow Him.
- for laborers to work with us.
- for our partnership with the school to continue and be strong.
- for our staff, that we would be excited about the things before us, keeping our eye on what the Lord has called us to do.

Calendar of Events

- August 28 - Volunteer Picnic 6-8pm
- Sept 2 - First day of Bible Clubs
- Sept 13 - CCD Institute 9am-12am
"Beyond Charity
to Community Development"
- October 4 - ServeFest
- October 22-26 CCDA Conference

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Please Note:

The Music Festival scheduled for August 16, 2008 has been cancelled. We are sad to say that we had to make this decision based on a lack of funding from various sources. We look forward to future events that can benefit the scholarship fund.



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