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Fall Newsletter September 2014

Summer Updates

Apartment Outreach by Allie Ristig (summer intern)



Each time I visited the apartments this summer I would bring paper and crayons with me. I found that having an activity for the kids caught their interest much more than when I came empty handed. They enjoyed all the craft projects I brought, perhaps because many don't have access to these art materials at home. It was something different for them to do for an hour or two a week and they really seemed to look forward to it. I also found this to be a great way to keep the children working on their fine motor skills during the summer. Best of all, it helped create an environment that was conducive to chatting!

Each week the kids greeted me and quickly began to tell me about what happened in the week since I had last seen them. I think what most surprised me was how well the kids tracked my schedule. They really noticed if I was unable to make it one week. They would drill me hard the next time I saw them, to find out why I had missed our "play date". When I got back from vacation and visited the kids I brought them seashells from my trip. They loved that they were able to keep some of them for themselves. This sparked lots of conversation about where you see shells in nature, what animals have shells, and where they have gone and want to go for vacation.

These children have been a true blessing in my life. I'm so glad I was able to help this summer.

Camp

Summer Camps – Through the generous donations of so many people over 40 CRKM children and teens went to week-long camps this summer. They were able to experience some amazing things – Archery, giant swing, laser tag, water slide, chapel each day, rock wall and dirt cars. Students built great friendships, learned about Jesus and some gave their hearts to Christ. One student, willing to share what she learned at camp, wrote, 'I learned God is always with you, so I don't have to be afraid. When I get scared of the unknown all I need to do is remember God is with me and I'll be ok.' Sounds like a great lesson for all of us to learn!



From the Executive Director



School is back in session and so are our after-school clubs. We are looking forward to speaking hope, providing homework help and pouring love into the lives of the children. Our first club for 2014/15 will begin on September 22nd.

During the year, children will participate in our homework and Bible clubs. Through our continued partnership with the Imagine Children's Museum we will again be offering students an after school Science club. In addition, we are excited about the opportunity to start a new club at yet another apartment complex on Casino Road.

Are you looking for an opportunity to invest in the lives of local children? Then you're the person we're looking for. To become a part of our team, contact Tyrone at tyrone@crmkids.org.

Serving Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyrone Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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