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Recap of Summer Activities

Camp

Your generous donations to CRKM provided partial and full scholarships to send 30 students to camp. One student accepted the LORD, one kid affirmed God's love through baptism, another child received healing and many others heard the LORD speak into their lives. Below, you'll read comments of how transformational camp was in these kids lives. (Names have been changed to protect our kids.)

What did God teach you at camp?

Lyla: Camp reminded me how real God is.

Julie: I could trust the adults at camp and share with them that the LORD can be everyone's superhero. (Jesus can be your superhero)

Jess: I got closer to the girls in my cabin listening to their stories and I learned a lot about trust.

Rachel: I got closer to Go. I was able to understand forgiveness more.

Matt: Going into camp I didn't have faith in Jesus. People found out and started praying for me. God spoke to me during chapel time...it made me feel good. I went to camp without a relationship with Jesus but now I have one with him.

Luke: My favorite parts about camp were chapel and late night. I like chapel because it was good to be with everyone, it was a good release and I could connect with God more.

Laurie: I learned a lot about not being afraid or being ashamed. God is always with me. It was cool to hear other people's stories because I got to know them better.

What would you like to say to the people who helped you go to camp?



Lyla: I want to say thank you so much because I had an amazing time. Without this experience I would have been sitting around at home bored.

Julie: Thanks for helping me attend camp and planning all the activities for us. Thanks for chapel times, they were awesome!!

Jess: I don't think I'll forget this summer camp experience. Out of all my camp experiences this was the best! Thank you!

Rachel: Thank you for giving me a chance to go to camp again.

Matt: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go...I never would have felt good if I didn't go.

Laurie: Thank you. I won't forget this because it was really fun!!

Start Out Right

Our project "Start Out Right" provided 500 low income students at Horizon Elementary, Challenger Elementary and Explore Middle school with a new backpack and required school supplies they need for the upcoming school year. Through generous donations, we obtained 500 backpacks with supplies at \$14 each. Obviously this is a huge savings over retail (\$60) and the gift was a tremendous benefit to our families. Through "Start Out Right," kids are able to begin the school year with the self-esteem that comes from having their own new school supplies. Thanks for being part of this big blessing.



Upcoming Events

Info Meetings - first Tuesday of every month come learn about the great things happening in our center.

All Club Christmas Party - Dec. 18th from 6:00-7:45pm we'll celebrate the birth of Jesus CRKM style. NCC youth group will perform the Christmas story and give gifts to our kids.

From the Executive Director

Recently, I visited the apartment complex where I first started serving on Casino Road. My visit brought to mind all the good and bad times I experienced there. I still remember the day I wanted to quit after a kid decided to lock me in a garage. This youngster in 3rd grade led the other older children in a rebellion against me. He called me a few choice words, grabbed the lock, told the other children, "let's leave," and then closed the garage leaving his younger brother and me in the garage. After I got out, I told God I was done with 'these' kids. I thought to myself, "what impact am I having on them during the 10 hours a week I spend with them?". I allowed myself to doubt the **power** of relationships.



Recently, I had the chance to talk with former and current CRKM participants. Matt, a former participant, is now an apartment manager on Casino Road. Matt and his two younger brothers attended homework club at the apartments 13 years ago. He and I would spend hours talking about his dream of being an apartment manager. We'd pray together, go on field trips and spend time at my house. I would encourage him to focus on his education to reach his dream. Matt struggled in school, but didn't quit and I was able to see him graduate. Now he's managing an apartment building! Praise the LORD. (By the way: Matt's younger brother is the one who locked me in the garage.)

A current participant, Justin (name changed), I've known for 10 years. We met when I mentored his older brother. At club we found out Justin struggled with math. Each week volunteers worked diligently with him on his math facts. A few weeks ago, at school, Justin ran up to me to share he passed the math section of the MAP test. The smile on his face went from ear to ear. I was so proud of him and the volunteers who spent time working with him.

These stories remind me of how much impact our relationships (time and care) make in the lives of children. The fruit of our labor may not show in a week, month, year or three years. But over time, as we continue to build relationships, we will see growth.

I'm so grateful I didn't give up on these kids back in 2000. I would have never seen the great things God is doing in their lives.

Thank you so much for your faithful support to CRKM. Your continued generosity helps us impact lives of children like Matt and Justin.

Jesus Peace,

Tyrone McMorris