

July 2009

West Market Youth Ministry

HORIZON

Together:

Our Mission is to glorify God as we make, nurture and send forth teenage disciples of Jesus Christ.



YOUTH MOUNTAIN MISSION TRIP WAS A HUGE BLESSING!

Our West Market Youth Mission team served as the hands and feet in Newport, Tennessee. Let's celebrate the gift of servant leadership in our teenagers! Please ask them about the trip!

A few weeks ago, 23 youth and adults went on the Youthworks mission trip to Newport, Tennessee. I for one was not sure about this trip – the place I was going, the work I would do, the people I would meet. But more than anything, I am glad I went because this trip changed me forever.

Our work was done both at Kids Club (basically a day camp for children involved in the program) and on work sites, which ranged from extreme yard work to painting enormous walls. Then, every night, the entire group would eat dinner and do the afternoon activity. These included hikes in Smokey Mountain National Park, a bluegrass concert on the church lawn, trips to the beloved Sonic, and the community cookout with the children and their families. Afterwards, we had Club (an all-purpose worship and discussion time) where we did Yay God's and Yeah Buddy's for the day's work, and youth group time with our churches.

Right from the beginning, you could tell the group of people on this trip was something special. Every church brought love, friendship, and something of their own to the table. The youth had a chance to spend time with their

buddies in Kids Club, and many very special bonds were formed. God was so obviously present in every day. The work sites were no exception – I worked clearing brush and trees from a woman named Melissa's yard. Melissa is the mother of two of the girls from Kids Club, and has done a lot of work recruiting for the Youthworks program. She lives in some pretty tough circumstances, and she has a large family to support, but she does all she can and was unbelievably grateful for the work we did at her home. I have never been so happy to do yard work in all my life!

But more than anything else, I loved the people I met from the three other churches and the people I got to know better from West Market. There's nothing like spending 16 hours a day with someone to get to know them, and I will definitely continue my friendship with most of the people I met, keeping in contact any way I can. We are hoping to plan a retreat or future mission trip with our new friends. God smiled on this trip, and blessed everyone that went with an unforgettable experience – from the minute we got there to the moment we said goodbye.

-by Julianne Kasper, 11th grade, Page High School



Fall High School Youth Retreat @ Lake Junaluska coming Sept. 18 - 20

Save the date and invite your friends! Our high school retreat will be at Lake Junaluska (near Asheville, NC). Our theme will be "Life Together" as we grow closer to one another and discover what it means to serve God in today's culture. More details coming soon.



Making memories in the Smoky Mountains!



God's gift of friendship!



Our mission team scraped and repainted Billy Joe's home

Glimpses of what God is doing in our midst: Bring your friends & check it out...



Ministering to the children of Newport, Tennessee



Come join the fun!



We grew closer to God and to one another.

SUNDAY, JULY 5	SUNDAY, JULY 12	SUNDAY, JULY 19	SUNDAY, JULY 26	COMING SOON
<p>No UMYF tonight Celebrate July 4th with family and friends! For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. (Gal. 5:13)</p>	<p>UMYF "Buy a worm, save a child" 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bring your friends and help us bag Gummi Worms to sell. Our proceeds will help provide deworming medicine for children in Kenya.</p>	<p>UMYF "Movie Night" 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bring your friends and some snacks to share with everyone as we watch and discuss the movie "Millions"</p>	<p>UMYF "New Familiars" in concert + help with Grasshopper Parking and sell Gummi Worms! 3:00 p.m. help with parking & sell gummy worms 4:30 p.m. New Familiars concert at Price Park (Bring money for dinner at Subway)</p>	<p>Fall Retreat dates: High School Fall Youth Retreat - September 18 to 20 at Lake Junalaska Middle School Fall Youth Retreat - October 23 to 25</p>