



Summerhill Community Ministries, Inc.

Sewing Inner-City Youth and Families

A Night to Remember

The night of our ending camp program was a night to remember for a few reasons. First of all, it was one of the hottest weeks we'd had in Atlanta. The central air conditioning held all summer, until the week of our program. We had about 45 urban missionaries from different parts of the U.S., parents, grand parents, siblings, cousins and friends of the camp kids, who had come to see them perform.

Little did they know that the kids would not be putting on a "show" that night, but would sending out messages of love, hope and forgiveness. All of the classes individually expressed their versions of what it means to be obedient, to have patience, to care for others, to be humble, to be faithful, and to give forgiveness.

The entire camp then came together to present a presentation we called "Things We Seem To Forget" with the concept being that we seem to forget that we should not be so consumed with ourselves and our wants that we forget about caring for others. We forget how important family and friends are in our lives. We need to support each other and hold each other accountable as we build each other up. Children need to see and feel the love of their parents, family members, and others. We seem to forget that we MUST forgive those that have wronged us. This one, "unforgiveness", seemed to have hit a sore spot.

Each subject was dramatized through small skits with songs and solos from the children and staff members as well as validated by the word of God. As we dealt with different issues, tears began to flow from some of the family members. You soon forgot about the heat because God's

presence had come in the room.

After the kids final musical selection which was a song dedicated to their family members and friends, the children went out to greet their families. Hugs, kisses and the tears continued to flow. Parents held their children as we ended this special time with prayer for family unity and forgiveness.



Girls lift their hands to "Awesome God"

Afterward, as we all gathered downstairs for good food and fellowship, people were still testifying of how hearts were touched through the program.

To God Be the Glory for all the wonderful things He has done!!

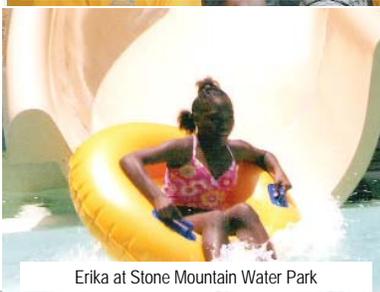
Special Camp Moments



Pastor Mike Higgins hanging out with the boys.



Adria paints her nails on "Girls Day Out"



Erika at Stone Mountain Water Park



9-11 yr old boys perform on the congas & bongos.



Redemption Fellowship is in the kitchen cooking.



6-8 yr old boys enjoy East Cobb PCA's taco salad.

Reflections

Recently, I was asked to speak to a group of teen and college aged missionaries from Ohio. I was a little nervous about what to talk about. How should I say it? Would it be interesting or helpful? Should I go casual or dressed up? If I shared certain things, would I take too long explaining them? I needed to pray.

After spending some time in prayer, I decided to go and be comfortable old me. Nancy Lindsey accompanied me for support.

The missionaries were housed at Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Atlanta. I walked into this big beautiful church and was led to the room that I would be speaking in, by Jeff Delp, the Director of DOOR Inc. Feeling a little nervous inside, I stepped into a very quiet room. I looked around and saw tired, sun-burned people laying around on mats and couches, resting from a long day's work. They all slowly rose up and I began to see smiles. All of the nervousness and tension I'd felt left and I thanked God for the informal setting I was in. Nancy and I sat down with them and I felt the freedom to share my heart.

Sometimes we can *pre-think* our way out of a blessing. I am still

learning to trust God in **all** things.

It was refreshing to see people who had left all, if even for a short time, to be a blessing to us in the city.

I am so thankful for all of you who have supported us and volunteered by giving so much of yourselves and your possessions to serve the needs of others.

Justina

P.S. (From Nancy)

I am honored to accompany Justina on her speaking engagements. I love to hear Justina share and always come away knowing that God's Word was spoken into the lives of others. I leave feeling uplifted, humbled, and motivated to continue serving others and to walk by faith. Although she gets nervous about speaking before a crowd, God has given her a gift and message which needs to be shared. If your church, Sunday School, or small group needs a speaker who will exhort others on to love & good deeds, please consider inviting Justina to share her testimony and ministry with you. Please feel free to contact me at 404.688.6556 or email me at NLindsey@juno.com to make arrangements.

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Beverly Black - food coordinator from Redemption

Ministry Needs

- 15 passenger van
- BP gas cards
- Snacks and drinks for the After School Program
- Coaches for the sports programs
- Prayers
- Volunteers
- Contributions

Getting Ready for School

Test scores came in over the summer. The children that participated in our after school program passed the CRCT test. Parents and some teachers were pleasantly surprised at the results of the test. Most of children in our program who had been attending summer school for most of their little lives did not have to attend this summer because of improvement

through out the year and passing test scores.

This upcoming school year we will have these kids returning and our goal is to help keep them on track. We will also be receiving new students who are below grade level and will need the one on one attention to improve their academic skills. This year the Atlanta Public Schools will have the 5th and 8th

grade students take a test focusing on math and reading that will determine whether or not they will be promoted to the next grade. We have opportunities open for you to tutor and to support the After School Program. We cannot accomplish our goal to help our students without you. Please pray for us and consider becoming involved in our outreach to the young people in Atlanta.