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Fall 2011

NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Starting Off Strong

by Claire Moore

Abundant Life's afterschool program at Johnson Elementary School has just gotten underway and we are thrilled to have started the year off strong! This year we are blessed to provide quality after-school programming to nearly 40 students. We have over 50 tutors working in our program already, many of which have returned from last year! Over the past few years we have had the privilege to increase our program size and expand our ministry to some students outside the Prospect Avenue neighborhood. Our program has also reflected the diversity of our families in the Prospect area. We now have students from Liberia, Mexico, Togo, Somalia, Thailand, El Salvador, and Burma!

Not only do we have one-on-one tutoring at the school, we are partnering with the Blue Ridge Commons Community Center and the new Boys and Girls Club to offer afterschool enrichment on non-tutoring days. This has allowed our families to have high-quality afterschool care each day of the week. We are thankful to have these continued partnerships.



We are very blessed to have a few new staff members this year. One exciting addition is Abigail Hull, a recent graduate of UVa, who will join us to support volunteers at Johnson Tutoring. Abigail has been volunteering with Abundant Life for many years in our Bible Club program. We are thrilled to be her job host for the Trinity Fellows program and have her around to love the children and to work with the volunteers! Arley Arrington, another long time volunteer, will be joining our staff and supporting programs at the Boys and Girls Club and Blue Ridge Commons. The AmeriCorps service program has allowed us to add new staff members who will be serving in many different capacities. New members include Natalie, Will, and Addie, who will be serving at Johnson Elementary School, Blue Ridge Commons and the Boys and Girls Club. The multi-faceted and dedicated work of our staff and volunteers has resulted in many beautiful and trusting relationships with children and parents. We are excited to see how the Lord will use all our new staff members.



Please continue to pray for us as we minister to the children and their families. We are so thankful for the gift that the Lord has given us in allowing us to be involved in the lives of many of our families. He is at work in our community, but we are constantly reminded of the great challenges that our children and parents face each day. Through ministry, we are able to see the brokenness that exists in our communities and ourselves. Thankfully, we are able to cling to the truth that our Lord is all powerful and good. Please pray for us as we try to offer stability and academic support, but most of all, pray that we can share the love and life that comes from Christ.

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August Summer Camp

by Rebecca Goodwin Feldmann

Once again, our community enjoyed a week of morning academics and afternoon fun for rising 1st -4th grade students. Children love dirt (!) and our AmeriCorps staff spent weeks planning hands-on lessons using math, reading, & science skills for each age group around the topics of Soil, Rocks, Clay, and Sand. (Of course we had make-our-own exploding volcanoes, too). Meanwhile, teens and young adults from our local community joined with many from Grace Community Church (and some others) to learn how to be camp counselors. Camp afternoons included lunch for 80 people (thank God for our volunteers!), outside games like capture-the-flag, singing, crafts, an optional Bible time using Scripture Union curriculum, swimming, and a chance to spend the day's behavior-based earned "blue bucks" at camp store.

Led by Martha Layman, the counselors spent their mornings praying together and growing their skills for acting in skits, affirming kids' positive behavior choices, putting others' needs ahead of their own, and expressing God's enormous love for kids. Evenings found counselors reliving the "highs" and "lows" of the day, eating large quantities of food, and sharing their hearts across economic, social, and racial differences.

For the first time in many years, budget pressures kept us from going to King's Dominion for our camper/counselor reward trip. But God had good stuff in store. We "discovered" Massanutten's indoor/outdoor water-park – and liked it better in many ways! It is closer so we played longer; almost all rides accommodated small people; 95 degree heat did not bother us; and its smaller size meant less risk of "losing" children. What a great way to save money!



New Adventures

by Dylan Rosenthal

What an eventful summer this was! For five weeks in June and July, ten rising 5th –7th grade boys attended our 5/8 Club summer program four days a week. Mondays through Wednesdays consisted of breakfast, community service, reading "Kai'Ro: The Journey of an Urban Pilgrim" together, math and reading enrichment, organized sports, lunch, and recreation. Our service projects included visiting a local nursing home, working in the community garden, and painting a mural at the community police substation. On Thursdays, we took field trips to the pool or lake for swimming and/or fishing. For the second year in a row, Athletes in Action hosted a basketball camp for us at John Paul Jones Arena with UVa varsity athletes. We topped it all off with an all-day trip to Water Country USA in Williamsburg. Considering our goals were to provide a positive, active, constructive program, expose the boys to the Gospel, service, and new activities, and prepare them for the upcoming school year, I think it was a smashing success!

Richard and I also led the rising 8th and 9th grade boys in fundraising for our trip to Camp Wabanna. A Christian outdoor adventure camp on the Chesapeake Bay in Edgewater, MD, Wabanna is the biggest reward we offer our boys – but they have to work for it! On five Friday afternoons and evenings, we set up a table on the Downtown Mall and sold drinks generously donated by Vita Nova Pizza & Pasta. We worked with the boys on politely getting people's attention, offering them a drink, explaining what it's for and who they're with, and they did great! We also had two car washes. All told, the boys raised \$1,190, well over our very ambitious \$1,000 goal and more than tripling our efforts last year! The boys would tell you that the reward was well worth the hard work. At Wabanna, they went tubing, zip lined, sailed, kayaked, learned new praise songs, and studied the book of Proverbs. They seemed to agree that the best parts were learning about God, meeting new people, and the water activities. Taking them out of their normal environments and removing the usual distractions of internet, TV, cell phones, video games, and iPods really seemed to refresh them. One rising 9th grader called it the best time of his life! The boys may have settled back into their usual routines at home, but we hope with a deeper faith in their Heavenly Father and a desire to know Him more.



Will You Join Our Team?

Dear Friends and Volunteers,

We want to share with you a need and seek your help. It is important to those organizations and people from whom we seek larger financial gifts to know that we have a strong support base. We need more supporters who will commit to providing regular financial help throughout the year even if the amount is small. A gift of \$15-25 each month or \$40-75 each quarter is very helpful, not just because small amounts add up but because of the commitment it shows to this ministry. Of course, gifts that are more or less than these levels are also welcome and important. We currently have a significant gap between our monthly expenses and the gifts we receive so your help is needed now. We ask you to seek the Lord's guidance for the role He would have you play on the CALM support team and to follow that leading. Donations can be made online if that works best for you or by using the coupon on the last page of this newsletter to mail with your first check. You will receive a receipt and a return envelope to use for your next gift. For online giving go to www.charlottesvilleabundantlife.org and click the DONATE button. If you are already a regular donor, we extend our thanks for your important help and, if you are not, thanks for considering this request. We would also be so bold as to ask that you pray for our Board as we seek to guide the ministry in its work to build God's kingdom on Prospect Avenue.

Thank you,

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Lois Zollinhofer, Ed Botchwey, Robert Luck, Fred Missel, Susan Prindle, Barb Sauer, and Rydell Payne.

