

new life news

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DIAMOND WILLOW MISSION TRIP

When I went to Diamond Willow this past summer for the first time I knew there might be some difficult things that I would witness but I figured that would be with the young girls that came to camp that week. I was not expecting a difficult situation with an adult; it happened when we were canvassing (walking the reservation to invite the girls to camp), I was with Crystie and out of nowhere this lady came up to us, inebriated and it was difficult to understand her. Crystie prayed with her and afterwards the lady fell onto me and just started sobbing; I didn't know what to do so I just hugged her and rubbed her back. A few minutes later Annie (who's in charge of camp) pulled up in the van and took the lady to wherever she needed to go. After dropping her off, Annie proceeded to tell me that this lady is an alcoholic and has cancer, she does have family who could help but they refuse to do so. I was trying to keep a straight face but I felt numb and my emotions were everywhere after all that and I was trying to soak in what had just happened. Through this experience God showed me how to comfort people even when you don't know them, even when you aren't sure of what to do. He also showed me to never assume or expect one thing, like how I thought my difficult interactions would just be with the girls at camp. I never expected something like that to happen during canvassing but it did. God reminded me that we don't always know what, when, where or how it will happen. ~Amber McWatters

Church Events

- **Oct. 21, & 28 @ 4:00pm
Sunshine Singers
Practice**
- **Oct 17 @ 12:00
Senior Moments Event**
- **October 17 @ 6:00pm
Elder's Meeting**
- **October 17 @ 5:30pm
Comfort & Joy Sewing**

This year was my third year going to Diamond Willow! Each year that I go, God shows me something different. This year I was able to stay for two weeks. Diamond Willow has a great mission, not only with the kids, but also with the adults. During the second week, God challenged me to step out of my comfort zone even more and talk to some of the older adults that live on the reservation. At supper one night, I sat and talked with an older gentleman. He started talking about his life and how he has changed over the years. He was telling me that he lived a very rough life for many years. His wife was a Christian and she loved him even though he was making bad choices. After a while of talking, he said that one day his wife came to him and said that he must change, or she was leaving him. The gentlemen said that by the help of his wife and by the grace of God, he has quit his old habits and now works at the church. After we got done talking that made me think, that God loves us, and he is willing to forgive us no matter what. There are many people in this world that are going down a rough road and they just need someone to come along side of them and help them. You can't judge someone by the way they act or look because you don't know what God has asked them to go through.

~Tabi Hamilton

I had the opportunity to go back to Diamond Willow for the second year in a row. The first year I went, I was a craft leader. I helped with crafts, seeing all the girls, but not on a one to one basis. I remember the day that the girls went home, some of our girls were crying. I really didn't understand this. They were only with the girls for about four days. How could they become that attached that quickly?

This year I was a team leader which meant that I was with the girls 24/7. I, along with a couple from Indiana was in charge of seven girls. When the girls first arrived, they were kind of quiet and shy. Every night before lights out, I would tell them goodnight and that God loved them. After the second night, I added that I loved them too. There was one of my girls that was kind of "standoffish" and didn't seem to want to bond with anyone. There was a picnic table down by the basketball court and whenever the girls were sad they would sit at that table. On Thursday, she was sitting at that table. I asked her what was wrong and she told me that the other girls were talking about her and making fun of her. I sat with her and told her that God made her special and that her worth was not determined by what other people thought and to know that God loves her and I loved her too. After that conversation, she would come up to me and grab my arm and hold onto it, want to sit by me wherever we were and just seemed so much more confident. On the day she left, I pulled her aside and said "remember what I told you." She smiled and gave me a big hug.

There was another one of my girls who was sitting at that table later that day. There was a game called nine square, kind of like volleyball but set up in nine different squares and each girl stood in a square. The middle square was where the server stood. Everyone wanted to be in the middle. There was another girl that kind of pushed this girl out of the middle and said she was there first. The "ref" took the other girl's side so my girl was upset. I asked her what was wrong and she told me the story. She said "I'm not lying, I used to lie, but I don't anymore, but no one believes me." I told her that I believed her. That made all the difference in the world. That night she came up to me and hugged me and said "I love you." That blessed me so much. When I was talking with one of the interns, I told her what had happened, and she said "really, she doesn't like anyone." Those are the two examples of showing God's love, a kind word and reassuring them that they are loved by God. When the time came for the girls to go home, I cried like a baby. I totally understood what the girls the year before felt. Those girls had become like my daughters and I was so sad to say goodbye. When you go on a mission trip, you think you are going to bless them, but I was the one blessed. God is so good. If he is calling you to go on a mission trip, trust that there is a reason. He wants you to experience his blessings. You never know what a kind word and a hug can do for someone. I encourage you all to follow God's leading, whether it is across the world or right here in our country, trust in his word and answer his call. You will not regret it!

~Sherri Benick



Missouri Mission Trip

I also had the opportunity to go to Missouri this year to Show-Me Christian Youth Home.

While we are there, we did odd jobs. One job that a couple of us did was work in a room where they had all kinds of soaps and cleaning products that had been donated. To me, I thought that this didn't really mean anything and that I could be helping the other group with jobs that mattered more. But, once we got done in the room, it looked ten times better than before!

This project was little and behind the scenes, but it meant a lot to the workers because they didn't have the time to organize that room and needed to be able to find the items they needed without digging through boxes. Through this, God showed me that the little things matter. This also showed me that I need to put just as much effort into the little things that I do because to someone else, they mean a lot. ~Tabi Hamilton

I really enjoyed this trip for two main reasons. First, because it was fun. I was able to spend time with my friends from the youth group and play games with them, but I was also able to hang out with the kids there and try to get to know them. The second reason I enjoyed the trip was the service. We did a lot of odd jobs all over the place, not one big task, but it was fun to see how many different areas we could help in and it was very gratifying to see all the little tasks we finished.

Isaac Kistler

1 – Charlie Dome, Lani Snyder

2 – Korbin Rogers

4 – Mary Carroll

8 – Isaac Kistler

9 – Regina Jones

11 – Greg Sharp

12 – Mason Noe

13 – Ron Johnson, Sam Armstrong, Rod Shofner, Korwin Litt

14 – Kara Kistler

15 – Kaitlyn Sharp

16 – Vic MacTavish, Phyllis Hughett

18 – Kerry Hart

19 – Whitney Cromer, Jodi Ramey, Keith Rogers

22 – Bill Smith, Linda Tucker

25 – Stephanie Kistler, Carolyn Shofner, Joe Kindt, Heidi Ehret

26 – Arik Beveridge, Joel Twedt

29 – Hudson Sharp

30 – Jay Thompson

31 – Rhonda Tetlow

Honduras Mission Trip Testimonies

This year there were 12 God loving people from New Life that went to Honduras. As a team, eight conducted three mobile clinics in three different places. While the clinics were going on, Steve taught college classes at Cary Hill to young men. Larry, Kyle, and Isaac worked on the multi-purpose building. They poured concrete and started to lay tile.

The entire mission team went to the hospital and visited the children's wing. While there, we prayed with families and gave them bags of food.

The church got together with the Choloma church at a soccer field where we all played games, talked, laughed together, and ate great food. The Roots sponsorship party is always so much fun. We gave out the famous "yellow bags" full of so many wonderful gifts from the sponsors. Thank you. We brought along photo booth items and had so much fun creating and making memories through pictures. Until next year!!

~Lorri Richards

This trip impacted me this year in much the same way that it impacted me last year, which was, just the Honduran people. They have so much less stuff than us, but they are always happy and welcoming and overall just fun to be around. They always showed us a ton of hospitality, and they were so enthusiastic about us being there and about God and everything. They are a joy to be around and that really impacted the way I live my life.

~Isaac Kistler

