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DAYBREAK NEWS

MAKING DISCIPLES

By Jeremy McClain

The mission of the DayBreak Mentoring program is to demonstrate God's love to inner-city children through one-on-one relationships that bring support and encouragement based on the gospel of Jesus Christ. It's from this mission that three main goals have been established: 1) to build trusting one-on-one relationships with protégées and their families, 2) to encourage protégées in utilizing their God-given abilities, and 3) to support the protégée's spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional growth through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Much prayer and counsel was provided throughout the development of the program's mission statement and goals. The mentoring team, consisting of John Radke, Melissa Ho, Kristy Petralia, and Jeremy McClain, is currently working hard to make this mission a reality.

So what does it take to bring this mission statement to fruition? How can the goals of the mentoring program be continually met? The answer is simply consistent and devoted male and female mentors committed to this mission.

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Summer Camp 2010

By Lauren Allgood

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Psalm 146:1-2

God blessed DayBreak with an amazing summer! In June, we added 6 summer interns to our staff and they led a 5-week camp for kids in 1st – 5th grades. Research shows that virtually all of the advantages that wealthy students have over poor students is the result of the opportunities they have to learn outside of school. Children from low-income families may out-learn wealthy children during the school year, but during the summer, they fall far behind. Knowing this, the DayBreak staff designed a summer camp that would give

the children from Lincoln Heights the opportunity to continue their learning throughout the summer even though they were not in school.

DayBreak served over 30 children in our camp and emphasized both spiritual development and academic enrichment. Each day, the students learned about God and His Word, spent time reading, playing math games and working on special projects. In addition, the kids enjoyed some time at the pool, water parks, museums and a final trip to Six Flags! The gospel was preached, relationships were built and minds were engaged. As they head back to school this fall, we expect great things from these kids!

One story from the summer that stands out is a story of transformation shared by Diana, one of our summer staff who attends George Mason University. Initially, Diana was confronted with



DayBreak kids at Six Flags.

disobedience and bad behavior from one of the boys in her class. But, as she grew in patience and grace and shared Christ with the young boy, he prayed to receive Jesus into his heart. By the end of summer camp, Diana saw his behavior transform as the young boy became more servant-like and less like the boy she initially knew.

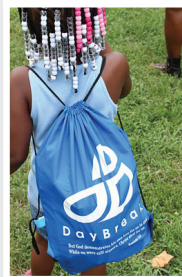
What an amazing story of a changed life and the power of Jesus Christ! As we worked hard to keep the children's minds engaged in learning and education, the Lord engaged their hearts in ways we may never know but in ways that have eternal impact.

Back-to-School Carnival 2010

By Becky Weeks

In August, we held our 9th annual Back-to-School Carnival! Over 60 volunteers from McLean Bible Church and Frontline, Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Zion Church and others came together to serve approximately 750 children, youth and adults in Lincoln Heights and the surrounding community through rides, games, food, live music and school supplies.

One of our goals for the carnival was "to address physical needs by providing school supplies to children." Over 400 bags of school supplies were donated to us by churches in the area. Throughout the day, children and adults played



Carnival face painting and school supplies bag.

games to win tickets to "buy" a bag of these school supplies. By the end of the day, all the bags were GONE! Over 400 children were able to start this new school year with the supplies they need!

Our ultimate goal for the carnival was "to reach the community of Lincoln Heights with the Gospel message and the hope they can have in Jesus Christ." David Robinson, also called Fundamentals (www.180records.net), was the featured artist and clearly shared the Gospel through his music throughout the day and through a message at the end of the carnival. Kids received bags of school supplies with a clear Gospel message printed on them: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8), and a tract explaining who Jesus is could be found inside. Additionally, volunteers were sharing Christ with carnival-goers. The name of Christ was on people's ears

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DayBreak mentors Heather (left) and Kristy (below).

A Brand New School Year

By Andrea Coleman

With the start of a new school year, the DayBreak staff has much to look forward to as we jump into full gear with the After School Program. We have enrolled 20 students, most of whom were a part of our summer program, ranging from grades 1-5. Each day the children will be welcomed into a place where they will feel safe and have the opportunity to learn about Christ, receive academic support, and be exposed to unique enrichment activities.

We are very excited about two new opportunities the children will have this year! The first is a chance for the children to be exposed to the arts. We will be partnering with a local art teacher to lead a one-hour art class for the kids each week. Ms. Janet has worked with us in the past, and the kids love her! We are excited to welcome her back and provide this opportunity to the kids.

The second opportunity is for our 4th-5th graders. Jeremy, a former engineer with Lockheed Martin, leads that age group and will use a curriculum called "LEGO Mindstorms," created by the famous LEGO Company. This educational experience was created specifically

for after school programs and will give the children time to explore and invent their own robotics solutions. They will engage in activities that will enhance their math, reading, and science skills.

In addition, I would like to highlight a couple of things that are not new to our program but are an important part of what we do. Our parent prayer breakfast was started last spring and held every other week. Per the parents' requests, we will be meeting weekly, continuing to have breakfast together, fellowship, and study the Bible. Additionally, parents will come in to cook for the kids on the nights they have tutoring. This serves as a great opportunity for



Experiencing Aviation Museum!

the parents to get involved. And lastly, like last year, each child will be paired with a tutor, receiving weekly one-on-one tutoring focused specifically on improving their reading skills.

As DayBreak moves into a new school year, we hope to see improvements in each child academically, behaviorally and spiritually as we invest in their lives, supporting them in their academics and teaching them about Christ.

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Therefore, mentor recruitment has now become our top priority. Prospects for mentoring must have four basic qualities. They must: 1) have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior, 2) study and try to personally apply God's Word, 3) desire to be a mentor for inner-city children, 4) be willing to learn how to be a mentor for inner-city children.

Research shows that mentoring plays a vital role in child development. Children participating in a mentoring program are more likely to attend school regularly, have positive classroom behavior and avoid drug use. The possible effects on the mentor are also beneficial. The mentor may find great intimacy with God as they begin to labor in prayer over their protégé. The mentor may also find fulfillment from serving and gain fresh perspective on life.

Though becoming a mentor may add responsibility to someone's life, this new responsibility will be accompanied by new opportunities for times of joy and lasting memories. God has designed, equipped, and called every Christian to go and make disciples. The DayBreak Mentoring program is attempting to answer this call by mentoring the children of Lincoln Heights. Would you consider being a part of that answer? Pray about it!

PRAISE WITH US!

- *Praise God for how He is moving in the hearts of the after school program parents at our Parent Prayer Breakfasts!*
- *Praise God for a great Back-to-School Carnival!*
- *Praise God for a new school year and providing for our after school program to run! Praise Him also for the new academic opportunities He is providing for the kids!*

PRAY WITH US!

- *Pray for more mentors to step up, especially male mentors.*
- *Pray for the salvation of the children in our after school program and their parents.*
- *Pray for the strength and health of the DayBreak staff.*
- *Pray that God's Word would change and encourage hearts each week at our parent prayer breakfast.*
- *As we begin preparations for Turkey Outreach (November 20) and Christmas Store (December 18), pray that these events would be glorifying to God and a blessing to our neighbors.*



How Can I Give?

Our desire is to preach the gospel in word and deed to every person in Lincoln Heights. First, we covet your prayers. It is God's work in Lincoln Heights, and we need prayer warriors on their knees asking Him to move in the community and in the hearts of individuals. Please go on our website and sign up to be a prayer warrior to get our weekly prayer requests.

Secondly, we need financial partners. We are an independent 501c3 fully dependent on God's provision through individual donors. Would you consider being a DayBreak donor? Go online to give a one-time gift or set up a recurring monthly donation: daybreakkids.org/donate.

Thank you for your consideration. As you can see from the above stories, God is doing amazing work in Lincoln Heights and I challenge you to be a part of it!

Carnival . . . *(continued)*

and seeds were planted. We may never know the spiritual impact this day had on carnival-goers!

Please pray for those who heard that message. Also, please continue to pray for Lincoln Heights and for DayBreak's ministry here.