

**Report on Summer Mission Trip
June 4-11, 2011
Jackson County Baptist Association
Pascagoula, Mississippi**

A team of fifteen (15) members of Stones River Baptist Church and nineteen (19) of Living Springs Baptist Church left on the morning of June 5th. We arrived late that afternoon, unloaded and prepared for the week ahead. The team attended Sunday school and Worship at Graceland Baptist Church, Vancleave, Mississippi. Following lunch, the team went door to door inviting families to attend VBS. Our Mission Team assisted setup and with a block party on that afternoon to register children for VBS. We stopped by the beach & park and distributed tracts and Bibles to some 40 individuals.

Monday, June 6th

We arrived at the church at 8:30 am and had a time of prayer and preparation. VBS was from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

After lunch the team stayed and prepared for Tuesday.

The Mission Team visited the Home of Grace for Women and present a program, of music, drama and testimonies, followed by the ladies presenting a drama program for our team.

Our Team visited one of two Seaman Ministries. Adrian & Francis Turner, Directors showed a video of their ministry, took us on a tour of the port. Our team presented them with 75 “Witnessing Dolls”, which the WOM group of SRBC made, also, distributed crosses made by ladies of LSBC. These dolls and crosses will be given to the men and women from around the world to take back home to their families. Our youth were impressed by the ministry of the Seaman Ministry.

Tuesday, June 7th

Following lunch our youth trimmed hedges and cleaned out flower beds around the church.

On Tuesday evening our mission team prepared & served dinner to some 45 children & youth at the Hope House. The Hope House is a place that reaches out to children and youth, who have no place to go. Gary & Teresa Powell, are co-directors, who started this ministry after seeing children walking the streets and getting into trouble. The children are taught the Bible and have worship service every evening. Our team was in charge of the service that night, followed by a group of youth from Hope House blessing our hearts in music. Our team presented thirty (25) “Witnessing Dolls” to the home. The service was an experience that changed the lives of our youth and adults.

Wednesday, June 8th

Following lunch our youth went to back to the association office and cleaned and reorganized storage building that is for the Seaman Ministry.

Wednesday afternoon the youth and their leaders went to the park on the gulf and handed out tracts, Bibles and shared Jesus with those they came in contact with. The team directed the evening Bible study at Graceland Baptist.

Thursday, June 10th

Following lunch, team travel to the Home of Grace for Men in Vancleave, Ms. We toured the facilities and were told how this ministry was started. The mission gathered in the worship center and heard personal testimonies of several of the men going through the program. This ministry is for men seeking to recover from the addictions of alcohol. This is a 90 days program.

After leaving the Home of Grace for Men, the team went to the Home of Grace for Women (the Haven). Our team presented a puppet show; perform interpretation movement to music, the adult's shared special music and personal testimonies with 40 women the women shared two (2) interpretation movements with our team. Home of Grace for Women is a ministry for ladies that are abused, recovering from drugs and alcohol.

On Thursday evening the team went to Hurley, Mississippi to minister to the Mercy House. Mercy House is a place where men can come for drug addiction and if they complete the six (6) week program; they are allowed to go into the Teen Challenge Program for 14 months. Danny Pearce is the director and they have some 30 men at one time. While at the Mercy House, our team shared testimonies, sung special music, did interpretation movements and one of our young men shared Jesus with the men.

We closed Vacation Bible School at 11:30 am on Friday followed by family time. The parents were served a meal following the program.

Following VBS our youth and their leaders went to Baker, Florida for the weekend and joined the youth of another church; while the adults relaxed and traveled home on Saturday.

Graceland Baptist Church is a small rural church in Jackson County, Mississippi. The church had an enrollment of 48 children and an averaged of 44. The children collected pennies for missions (\$75.00). There was one (1) profession of faith during the week and two (2) since.

We gave out over 200 Bibles and tracts

We have been asked to lead VBS next year, June 20th -25th.

We would like to thank the Concord Baptist Association for their support in our summer mission project.

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