



## Inner City Baltimore Here We Come

From beginning to end, our summer was filled with a sense of joy. Our missions trip to Inner City Baltimore once again was a real blessing. First, it was a privilege to be invited to return. And second, we felt so connected to these precious children and co-laborers of Christ knowing that they prayed for us by name during the time we were apart from each other. Our reunion was like being reunited with family. They remembered our names and had our pictures on display! It was thrilling to see that the children had grown in their knowledge and love for the Lord under the gentle teaching provided to them at the Christian Community Center. Whether teaching, cleaning, cooking, driving, sweating, or killing cockroaches... our summer was blessed knowing that our labor was not in vain. As Oswald Chambers wrote:



“There is joy in serving Jesus, As I journey on my way.  
Joy that fills the heart with praises, Every hour and every day.  
There is joy, joy, joy in serving Jesus. Joy that throbs within my heart;  
Every moment, every hour. As I draw upon His pow’r,  
There is joy, joy, joy that never shall depart.”

Knowing and serving Him is the true source of joy!

*Joelle Layton*

## Cape May and Cumberland Counties

This is my fourth year teaching Bible Clubs with BMC. Mike and I started out our first week of clubs with two in Cape May County and one in Cumberland County. During the first week alone, four children were led to the Lord. At another club at a park in Bridgeton called the Tot Lot, two children made professions. Seeing these little ones come to know the Lord at an early age makes it worth every minute we put in.



Also, the Lord gave me the privilege of doing some accounting work at the BMC office with the financial secretary, where I learned a great deal regarding the inner workings of a ministry. For me this has truly been a fruitful summer.

*Thomas Eachus*

“...Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:14



## Atlantic City Bible Camp 2010

**M**other and offspring paused near the tree-line—eyes wide, legs stiff. Usually the green expanse before them was their territory, but not that day. Strangers dashed around laughing and shouting under the big blue summer sky. With a quick dart to the right toward what looked like freedom, the bewildered little one bolted. The mother didn't. Blindly zig-zagging away from her into the three-sided courtyard of the building, inevitable entrapment ensued. Inside the brick corral, images of sky and clouds intermingled with the plants. Propelled by adrenalin charged strength, the tiny deer leapt toward open space. "Bam!" Again, "bam!" Thud after thud after sickening thud announced each collision. Freedom continued to reflect illusively. A pane of glass broke, triggering a trickle of blood down the panicked animal's head.

Then, from behind the trembling little creature, emanated a quiet steady voice. It was one of those strangers—standing, arms slowly waving, moving closer—*shepherding*. At last, the young one ran towards the opening to which it was being gestured—to safety.

More than just a painful example of what happens when civilization collides with wild animals in a never ending tug of war for habitat; the above true Camp 2010 event is a vivid illustration of what happens to many young ones in Atlantic City. Separated from real wisdom, they dash off to what they think is right—crashing into barriers and ending up lost and hurt in the process. They need shepherding. They need to hear a voice that will usher them to safety.

For a third year, students from Sovereign Avenue School in Atlantic City were lovingly gestured onto Mainland Baptist's busses to roll out for another round of Bible camp.



This year, two busses carrying an average of 70 kids throughout the week of June 28, transported their precious, i-podded, gum chewing, cell phone toting cargo away from restless city streets to Bethel's serene country campus. Once again, God's faithful crew of BMC's finest awaited them, embracing the children with the Savior's love. The group of 7 to 15 year old multi-ethnic kids responded by happily participating in the

well planned and well executed activities that included Bible lessons, prayer, missionary stories, food, recreation, counseling, crafts, and singing.

Numerous older kids joined up this year making the sixth to ninth graders the largest of the three age groups. All were moved to see the older boys, big smiles on their faces, get up before the whole group to sing a Jesus song with all the accompanying hand motions. Many called on the Lord for the first time.

Over a hundred people were affected during the most successful camp year to date. A total of eighty-eight young people and twenty workers joined together for a part in a week of uninterrupted ministry. Some gave and some received but all were touched in some way by the Holy Spirit. There was a sense of being a part of something that so closely resembled heaven itself that it was impossible not to be. *Maureen Reilly*

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# BMC NEWSLETTER

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## A Passion for Souls

Paul's statement in Philippians 3:7, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord," was what I saw in our young people this summer. They took off running with excitement and never stopped throughout all those hot and humid weeks of clubs. From start to finish they had their focus on reaching as many boys and girls as they could. Every place we went it was obvious that the Lord had gone before us preparing hearts. Although we see a number of professions throughout the year, this summer seemed exceptional. As you will read in the articles "the fields were ripe unto harvest" and the Lord was working in the hearts of the laborers giving them a unquenchable passion to share the Gospel.



I am overwhelmed with praise for all that God has done this summer, and also for your prayers because none of this would have happened without the prayers of His people. He is a faithful God and we look forward to what He will do with those many young ones who called upon Him this summer. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

*Harriet E. Hagaman*

## God's Summer Blessings in Central Jersey

Our summer ministry continues to be a strength of the work in Central New Jersey. Harold and his daughter Kristen had some great opportunities to reach children through summer clubs and Vacation Bible Schools. Altogether, they led three clubs and were involved in four different Vacation Bible Schools. One of them was at a church BMC has never worked with before. We are praying this new friendship will lead to new opportunities to reach children for Christ.

The best news of the summer is that six children trusted Christ as Savior as well as three mothers who attended a mom's Bible study during Vacation Bible School.

Thank you for praying! Keep it up!

*Harold Hubler*

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# Summer Review

An “incredible experience,” “inspirational,” a “totally different kind of service,” a “blessing,” seeing “what I can do with God’s help:” these are just a few of the phrases used by my fellow BMC workers to describe the summer of 2010. In my own personal experience, I was awe-struck at God’s working, especially when we and those supporting us were laboring in prayer. Through God’s grace, we were able to see the Spirit’s working in not only the hearts of hundreds of children, but our own as well! The fruit of our ministry was absolutely amazing from our first week of BMC training to our last week at Malaga Camp. As the summer came to a close, I think that each of us workers was able to follow the Psalmist’s example in saying, “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 118:29

*Rachel Peterson*



This was my very first summer working with Bible Ministries for Children, and I am glad to say that it was one of the best summers of my life so far!. I have found that there is nothing that brings more joy and satisfaction than serving the Lord! God has blessed me immensely by teaching me so much through my mentors, coworkers, and mostly the children! One of the Five-Day Clubs that I really enjoyed this summer was in Venice Park, Atlantic City, hosted by Miss Marian Torian. The club was held outdoors on the lawn under a canopy tent. Everything was set up so perfectly! The first day a few of us went out into the neighborhood looking for children who might want to come to the club. We found lots of kids on a nearby playground who ended up coming all week! We even had parents who drove their children to the club all week. The greatest thing about this club was that the kids themselves were so enthusiastic about singing and being involved in the different games. They were curious and asked questions about the Bible lessons and learned a lot! We were able to really make a connection with them and build relationships just by talking with the children before and after clubs. I know that these children have really made an impression on my life, and I pray that we were able to make an impression of Christ's love on their lives!



*Priscilla Peterson*

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