



BMC NEWSLETTER

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Conversion is Just the Beginning

When a child trusts the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior it is not the end. His new life has just begun. You and I have a great responsibility to teach him, and to help him in the Christian life. Every new born child needs to be fed if he is to grow. It is easy to become so busy that we neglect to care for the saved child.

There are at least ten subjects which we could begin with to help the child over a period of time. The Bible—the Word of God; Prayer as a practice; God—who He is and what He does; Christian conduct; How to deal with sin in the Christian life; Witnessing; Friends; Missions; the Lordship of Jesus Christ; the importance of the church, Sunday School, youth group—How it can help you.

The subjects above are just some of the teachings that are presented through the youth here at Bible Ministries for Children in the Bible Adventure Clubs.

Harriet E. Hagaman

Friday Nights at Atlantic City

May 20, 2011 ended another successful school year of ministry in Atlantic City for BMC. Almost every first and third Friday night of each month, “Family Rec Night” took place from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. at Sovereign Avenue School. Under the auspices of the Atlantic City Department of Recreation, children of all ages participated in a combination of games, music, crafts, and a Bible story/lesson time. Even though the program wasn’t held on a weekly basis, about sixty children from second to eighth grade managed to attend.



After a year of not being permitted to do their program, God opened the doors again for BMC to minister God’s love inside the walls of a public school. Since the school is situated in the heart of an increasingly troubled multi-ethnic neighborhood, the time couldn’t have been better. Gangs, loneliness, isolation, purposelessness, confront these kids. Providing them with a family they can belong to and showing them a “Father” who will never stop loving them, has been the goal for these times together.

Maureen Reilly

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



Fellowship Club (Galloway)

A few of the attendees were asked: “What has Fellowship Club meant to you?”
“A lot! I look forward to Mondays. I enjoy the singing of some hymns from my childhood and many new ones. I also enjoy Mike singing and playing the guitar. A religious get together, we listen and discuss.” Eunice

“I enjoy Mike and Jane, the time we spend together every Monday. I also enjoy the singing and Mike playing the guitar. I look forward to coming and learning about the Bible. Also, seeing others come to believe in Him.” Joyce

“Helps me to understand more of life with God. Helping children to understand what God means to all of us while we are here. Getting together with friends and family to learn more about God.” D.H.

“Learning a lot about the Bible. It was very enlightening.” Karen

“I look forward to our Monday sessions and miss this time when not scheduled, especially during the summer. Learning and understanding more of the teaching we receive from the Bible. The Fellowship Program has brought me through some troubled times.” P.O.



Brigantine Bible Adventure Club

Proverbs 20:11 says, “Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right,” and this was the challenge brought to the boys and girls through the “Fruit of the Spirit” lessons this past year. Each month Squirmy the Worm would pay a visit to the children and encourage them to be “growing the fruit of the spirit” by showing them how to care for his tomato plant. With every lesson came the challenge of how to apply each fruit to their own life—being able to love even their enemies—those who may make fun of them or are mean to them; having joy, as Paul and Silas did at midnight in the prison, even when things seem unfair at school or on the playground; or learning to have patience as did Anna, Simeon, and the shepherds while waiting for the arrival of Jesus; and so many more life lessons. However, these challenges were not only to the children, but to us adults as well. We can never exhaust the Word of God—no matter how many times we may study a passage there are always new insights and challenges.



This was also a very special year, inasmuch as we celebrated the 15th birthday of Bible Adventure Club. Teaching children is a joy and a privilege, and I praise the Lord for the commitment of the workers in Brigantine over the past 15 years to see that these young people receive not only the Gospel, but seeing that they grow in their faith “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).
Mary Adkisson

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Chinese Retreat—East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Ezekiel 34:26—“Showers of blessing”. We as farmers are looking and praying for literal showers because of the lack of rain. The Chinese retreat at E. Stroudsburg University over the Memorial Day weekend yielded showers of blessing that only the Lord could produce. Eight of our BMC missionaries and staff had the privilege of working with the children from pre-kindergarten through fifth grades. The children were very responsive and attentive to memorizing the six memory verses and answering the review questions from the Bible lessons on the birth of the church and the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, including his ministry for Christ through the first missionary journey.



By this you can tell that the lessons came from the action book of Acts. All of the children with the exception of two in our class indicated that they had received the Lord



into their heart. One was a walk-in that came for only two meetings and left. The other was a young lady that we prayed for and she came up to us during craft time and received the Lord as her personal savior. One boy came up to us after the lesson and said that he knew he wasn't doing what he felt the Lord wanted him to do with his life and needed help. We explained to him the four spiritual laws and shared with him that anyone of those laws that was not

practiced would keep him from spiritually maturing. Those laws are: Prayer, Scripture study, attending and being active in a Bible believing church, and sharing your faith with others.

It was such a blessing being able to work together for the Lord. God was so good. There were no incidents or accidents.

Fred Parkell

Chinese Retreat—Stroudsburg, Pa.

Praise God for the opportunity to serve Him and the congregation of the Chinese Christian Church of Somerset. Over the Memorial Day Weekend we taught 31 of their children at a retreat held at the Pinebrook Conference and Retreat Center in Stroudsburg, Pa.

We had a great time sharing God's Word with the children in many different ways. It was also great having fun with them at meals and on the playground.

The greatest blessing was having three of the children trust Christ as Savior. Another felt unsure of her salvation, so one of our staff was able to counsel her in the area of assurance. Isn't it great to know we can be absolutely sure of our salvation! Thank You for praying for us!

Harold Hubler

Ephesians 3:17 " That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith..."

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Gearing Up for Summer

Every year BMC begins the summer with a week of training school. This is one of the most valuable weeks of the entire summer. It is during this week that we learn how to teach the Wordless Book, a Bible lesson, verse, and a missionary story. Even though those are the main aspects of a daily Bible club, we learn so much more than that. We are reminded of the fact that we are representing God and BMC everywhere we go. We learn how to overcome obstacles we may face throughout the summer, and the importance of getting to know the children as best we can. We are also taught many different aspects of professionalism. Training school is something that not only prepares us for the summer ahead, but it prepares us for our future. For me, there have been several times I used the information I was taught in training outside of BMC. Some people may think, “Well, when you’ve been trained once you don’t really need it anymore,” but there are a couple of us that have been doing this for seven and eight years and yet we still learn more and more every year.

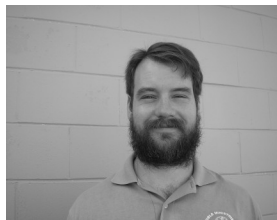
Lauren McMillian

MEET OUR SUMMER STAFF

It is with a sincere thanks and a sense of excitement that we introduce to you our summer missionaries that God has called to work with us in NJ. Would you commit to praying for each one of them as they labor this summer with the children?



Toyo Aboderin—3 Years
Hebrews 13:5-7
Mays Landing



Mike Austin—9 Years
Jeremiah 33:3
Port Norris



Aleesha Beaufils—Year 1
Psalm 23
Galloway



Shawn Cross—9 Years
Proverbs 19:23
Absecon



Harold Hubler—5 Years
Isaiah 6:3
South River



Kristen Hubler—4 Years
Psalm 18:30-32
South River



Jane Layton—2 Years
James 1
Tuckerton



Keith Lieb—2 Years
2 Corinthians 5:20
Galloway



Lauren McMillian—7 Years
Lamentations 3:22-23
Galloway



Priscilla Peterson—2 Years
Romans 8:35-39
Egg Harbor



Rachel Peterson—4 Years
Galatians 6:14
Egg Harbor

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