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SUMMER CAMP FUN

The six weeks of summer youth ministry started out very discouraging. We passed out **flyers** as kids left the school grounds for the summer and hosted **game days** every Saturday at our church to make contacts to invite and sign-up for youth camp. Three out of four Saturdays were unsuccessful (as in, unattended). We set up, waited, then packed up. On one Saturday, however, there were 9 kids in attendance, one of which was Ruben, who did, in fact, attend youth camp. There were 54 people at camp this year, our highest attendance over the past 6 years, and it was a challenging, but blessed week. Thirteen kids came to know the Lord, including Ruben.



There was no one able to lead music with an instrument at camp this year, so since January, Beau has been learning guitar. In just six months, he was able to play for camp! You do what you needs done...



Our next challenge is to be able to still reach out to these kids during the year. They have been allowed to attend "activities for teens" but are not allowed to attend church services or Sunday school because of their families' religious preferences. We are hoping if we provide something specifically for their age group during the week, they will be allowed to attend. It is our desire to teach them systematically, not just provide a pizza/games/lesson youth activity. We are discussing how we might be able to implement a middle-school Bible club .

Church family...

We have seen a family of five grow in the Lord over the past few months. They have become more faithful to services, discipleship during the week, and ladies' Bible study. This month, the father and youngest son were baptized. Lionel raised money on furlough for the purchase of a baptismal tank and finished it nicely. We celebrated with a church dinner after services.



real life...

We are in "birthday season" at our house since Owen's birthday is July 16, Valerie's July 29, and Avery's August 8. What a blessing to be able to celebrate our little miracle, Owen, on his first birthday.



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