

WINGS Update

Have you ever really looked at sand? Have you ever tried to actually count out the grains? The WINGS kids quickly found out that to count even 50 grains of sand is a difficult job! Can you imagine if God told you your descendants would be as numerous as the grains of sand, the stars in the sky, and the dust? Can you imagine packing up everything and starting off on a journey with no idea where you were going? Leaving family, friends, and country? Can you imagine actually hearing God, believing it was Him, and choosing to obey what He said? The WINGS kids imagined all these things as we learned about Abram who became Abraham when He believed God, obeyed Him, and went. God made a promise to Abram that He would be the father of many (and believe me, those tiny grains of sand add up to MANY!) which is what Abraham means. Abraham trusted God. Abraham's belief and trust blessed us and allowed us to become children of the promise and children of God as well.

We would like the WINGS kids to know who they are. They are children of God. If you look at the WINGS bulletin board, you will see many titles that we, and specifically the kids, carry. Sister, brother, soccer player, smart, quiet . . . we may be all those things, but the most important thing is that we are children of God.

Please continue to pray that as we study the stories and characters of the Old Testament, that truth would become ingrained in each child and leader that comes to WINGS. Thank you!

Also this month, we got decked out in our favorite pajamas for a pajama party that included a pajama fashion show, musical chairs, upset the fruit basket, hide & seek, and of course, a movie with snacks! It was a cozy and fun evening. We are now looking forward to the WINGS talent show which always brings out the amazing talents of the kids (and some leaders)!

~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting—The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale is planned for Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall at 3987 Kidron Road, Kidron. Refreshments will be served. We are grateful to God for a great sale, and we need your input to keep it successful. Come, help us evaluate the 2016 sale, and give us ideas for future sales. Thank you!

~ Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board

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Membership Transfer—Ryan and Katie Immel requested letters of transfer to Smithville Mennonite Church. Their request was approved by Elder Council. We pray God's blessings on Ryan, Katie, Anthony, Julie and Mallory as they join in fellowship with their church family.

Ohio Conference Fall Mission Events—Ohio Conference will hold regional Fall Mission Events during October and November. Everyone in Ohio Conference is invited to attend the Fall Mission Event at one of three locations:

- ◆ October 11—Jubilee Mennonite Church in Bellefontaine
- ◆ October 20—Central Mennonite Church in Archbold
- ◆ November 3—Berlin Mennonite Church in Berlin

Each meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and last about an hour and a half. The meetings will include a time for brief presentations and group discussion. The first part of the meeting will focus on what has happened to far in the Ohio Conference Year of Mission. Participants will be encouraged to talk about how they God at work in their congregations. The second part of the meeting will have a “looking forward” focus, getting people ready for the March 2017 missional training event with Alan and Debra Hirsch. In addition to the mission emphasis, each meeting will include a brief time of reporting from the Ohio Conference Leadership Team. This last portion of the meeting is especially important for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly, but all participants are invited to stay for the business portion of the meeting.

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 is coming up July 4-8 in Orlando, with the theme “Love is a Verb.” One way you can show love: Consider donating to the Convention Scholarship Fund or partnering with a congregation that can't afford to send people on its own. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter.