

WINGS Update

The WINGS kids and leaders had the wonderful opportunity to walk through the Passion Week story just before Easter. We got to participate in and see what the true story of Easter is and learn just how great Jesus' love for us is. Tables were overturned (which caused at least one kid's jaw to drop), the last supper was shared (why is Jesus washing feet?!), and Jesus was nailed to a cross. We discussed sin and realized that no one is perfect. We all sin and deserve to die, but Jesus took our place and the punishment even though He didn't deserve it. Then, Jesus rose again and we got to talk about what eternal life in Heaven might be like. Thank you so much to all of those who chose to give up their evening to come share the most important story with our small group of kids and leaders. Thank you Bill for organizing it all and adding to your already full ministry and for being flexible and spontaneous with the small group by including us in the story. We truly could not have done it without you all and we are so grateful. Thank you!

WINGS also wrapped up our study of Jesus' parables and will have a review night to help stick these important lessons in the kids' minds. The kids tried to build towers in OMC with \$10, but soon realized that the cost of bricks was a lot higher for some tower designs than others. Some towers got started, but could not be completed! Other kids fortunately checked the cost of the bricks before they started building and were able to complete some great towers! As we talked about counting the cost before beginning, we were asked how much it costs to follow Jesus. Most of the kids decided that it doesn't cost anything to follow Jesus. As we looked deeper though, we realized that it might cost us some friends, family, things we want to do, but know God wouldn't want us to, and more. In fact, we discovered that Jesus asks for everything. It costs us everything to follow Jesus!

Please pray that the kids hold on to the truths in these stories and come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior...choosing to give up everything to follow Him.

We will be beginning a new theme focusing on friendship as we head into the summer, so please pray that God's words would speak into their lives! Thank you!

~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

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Announcements:

Peace Camp: Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is offering a week-long Peace Camp for young adults ages 18-22 who are interested in learning about a Biblical approach to peace and justice. During Peace Camp on July 21-26 at Amigo Centre, young adults will explore the theme of “Responding to Violence” as they are invited by the prophet Micah (Chapter 4) to go up to the mountaintop. The week includes a trip to Chicago with MCC partners working with gun violence prevention. Other hands-on learning will focus on conflict transformation, nonviolence training and community building as peacemaking. The base participant fee is \$300. Scholarships are also available on a case-by-case basis. For more information, see mcc.org/gl_peace_camp or contact either Jes Stoltzfus Buller (MCC Peace Education Coordinator) at jessicabuller@mcc.org or Brooke Strayer (MCC Great Lakes Young Adult Coordinator) at brookestrayer@mcc.org.

Mennonite Church USA—In preparation for MennoCon19, we continue to invite you to use the Pathways study guide to consider how commitments to follow Jesus, witness to God’s peace and experience transformation, are at work in your life and community. Find it at mennoniteusa.org/pathways.

Thank you notes!

Mennonite Mission Network—Thank you for your contributions as follows: \$50.00 to Ecuador and similar ministries; \$50.00 to the Peace and Justice Support Network; \$1,765.00 to Missions. Total for this contribution: \$1,765.00; Total for 2019: \$5,508.33. Thank you! ~ Karla Minter

Mennonite Disaster Service—Thank you for your contribution of \$160.00 to Mennonite Disaster Service on April 11, 2019, designated as follows: \$85.00 to 2019 Midwest Flooding; \$75.00 where needed most. Following is a note from a grateful recipient of aid through MDS after losing their home to the 2016 Erskine Fire near Lake Isabella, California...“I didn’t think this would ever happen,” Darrel told us. “I actually thought the fire wiped us out and that we were destined to leave the area and go somewhere else. But thanks to MDS I’m looking forward to sleeping in my own house again instead of a rental trailer. The warmth from this group...I’ve never seen anything like it.” Thank you for providing the resources needed to provide hope and a warm home to disaster survivors. With gratitude, Kevin King, Executive Director.

Mennonite Central Committee—Thank you for your donation to Mennonite Central Committee which will be used to help those who are suffering around the world: (2 comforters donated in Jan/Feb 2019)...Worsening political instability and economic crisis in Venezuela is displacing increased numbers of Venezuelans to locations in Latin America and the Caribbean. More than 3 million people have fled the country—many of them urgently requiring food assistance, medical services, shelter and legal support. Through ongoing projects in Colombia and Ecuador, MCC is responding to the needs of displaced people from Venezuela...Thank you for your support, Sarah Geiser, MCC Great Lakes Material Resource Coordinator