



*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-13.*

August 5, 2017

Greetings from our VERY WET city!

We enjoy coordinating training and children's events. This summer we had many opportunities that kept us super busy! We kicked-off the summer with a Good News Club® Jr. Helper course and CEF's® 6-hour *Teaching Little Kids™* course, coordinated 2 Vacation Bible Schools, and a summer camp!

One evening after we completed one vacation Bible school (VBS), Mark Mitchell (pastor of New Hope Baptist Church), called us requesting guidance for a first-time VBS at his church. He had willing but untrained volunteers. What perfect timing! We thank God that we could offer our expertise and resources on the spur of the moment to help their first VBS succeed in one month's time!

Pastor Mark and his volunteers wholeheartedly expressed their gratitude for our service. Mark shared how our heart for children's evangelism and ministry benefitted his members and community. Several volunteers look forward to additional training we will provide this fall. His kind remarks would make you feel proud you support WCK (and we give God the glory).

Phil and I know that **you** are the one that enables us to go. Your partnership supplies a vital part of our ministry. As a result of your support, 49 children attended New Hope's first VBS with one salvation decision, and over 10 volunteers received guidance, support, and training. **YOU** make opportunities like this one happen! **THANK YOU!**

Thank you so much for caring and praying. Your love and support enable us to teach kids, train adults, and keep telling His beautiful love story!

For the little ones,

*Phil & Debbie Smith*

**Prayer Request:**

**Smiths:** Overall health, strength, and finances to serve Him.

**Praise:** His power & provision for a successful summer ministry

**Ministry:** Guidance for fall ministry and effective follow-up for summer ministry;

Fall Preschool Bible Clubs and Good News Clubs to kick-off successfully

**Praise:** 2 VBS, 1 summer camp, 1 bi-weekly summer Good News/ Karate Club

**Teachers:** Gladys Burgos (Peru), Elaine Shaneyfelt (Canada), Kris and Nika Beville (NY); Scott and Kyoko Nelson (Japan), Lynn Oerting & Diana Moseley (MS, )Damon Dupart, Jennings Riley and GNC teachers (Greater New Orleans)

**Praise:** 31 teachers and 2 mission teams participating in training and ministry this summer

**Training:** GNC teacher training: New Orleans (Aug 19); Northshore (Sept 9); 2 Fall 30-hour certified courses

**Praise:** CEF Jr. Helper training (May 20); Preschool Course (Jn 26); VBS leadership training (June 25)