

Monthly Newsletter

October

The Church Has Left the Building.

The month of October has been a joyous transition into the Fall season and all the beautiful harvest that God brings with it. We've been able to see physical fruit in the Paradise Garden and spiritual fruit as we have many outreach opportunities and growth within our ministry. Like Jesus says in John 4, "the fields are white for harvest." We eagerly search for ways to gather the harvest he has put before us. Read on to see all the ways God has been moving this month!



Kansas City Trip

This month 6 members of the Forgotten Ministries team were invited with the Baptist Association to go to Kansas City, Missouri, to serve with a ministry called Agape Pamoja. Agape Pamoja is a ministry that started about 5 years ago with the focus of reaching Congolese and African refugees that reside in the Kansas City area. Our mission while working with Agape Pamoja during October 14th-17th, was to help with a construction project on one of their apartment units that they own and rent out to refugees. Although we were focused on the projects at hand, the staff of Agape Pamoja told us that they don't care if we don't paint the walls. What they cared about most was us



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connecting and building relationships with the African Refugee youth that came to help with the projects also. During those few days we were able to totally immerse ourselves in the African culture that is so enriched in the refugees. They love to dance and sing and they focus more on relationships rather than tasks. It took some letting go of our American tradition of a get-the-job-done mindset. “It was so freeing to just let go and let God use me while opening my eyes to a people group that He



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After wrapping up our projects on Friday and Saturday, we accomplished much, both physically and relationally with the refugee youth.

God opened the eyes of every person on the team to see that there is so much more God has in store when we just let go of our schedules and tasks for once. Last thing before we headed back to Enid on Sunday, we were able to visit a Congolese church. Even if we were only able to stay for half the service, which is can be 2-4 hours long, we still were saturated in the rich African culture. For over an hour the church members did song after song in their native language, Swahili. They danced, prayed, shouted praises to God, and took up an offering. Their service was free and full of the lead of the Holy Spirit. We praise the Lord for allowing some of us the opportunity to visit Agape Pamoja in Kansas City and learn more about how to disciple a foreign culture into knowing and following Christ. We learned that it takes time, intentionality, consistency, and simply bringing them in as a part of our daily lives. Jesus loves all people; Africans, pacific islanders, Hispanics, and refugees the same. He taught our hearts how to better love and minister to them as well.

*“ Please continue
to pray for the grill
project...”*

Send Relief Tulsa Trip

The rest of the Forgotten Ministries team and the men in the Oasis program packed up and headed to Tulsa October 15th-16th. The team joined with the Send Relief Tour. All the volunteer had the opportunity to care for different communities in Tulsa by serving local churches, bi-vocational pastors and low-income schools. Some of the projects that happened included light construction work, painting, landscaping, and hosting sports

camps or block parties. Other teams had the chance to work with refugee families and families experiencing homelessness. Half of the Forgotten Ministries team was placed in a roofing project where they were able to roof a church where Marshallese, Native Americans and Caucasians meet. The pastor of that church had been praying for God to send someone to



help with the roof for a very long time so for him it was a blessing and a reminder of God's provision. The other half of the team was placed in a landscaping project for a low-income school in Tulsa. The Send Relief tour partnered with the Tulsa Metro Baptist Association and the Oklahoma Baptist Convention to create a simple way for churches and volunteer teams to make a lasting impact in the Tulsa area and most importantly, in God's Kingdom. Overall, the Forgotten ministries team was stretched physically during the projects and in the end were able to bless more people than they could imagine. Even though they weren't on the frontlines of ministry per say, they experienced building God's kingdom in a different way by simply working, suffering, and serving. And that is exactly what Jesus did when he was here on the earth. The Oasis men were especially enlightened to the heart of missions. It was a reminder for the whole

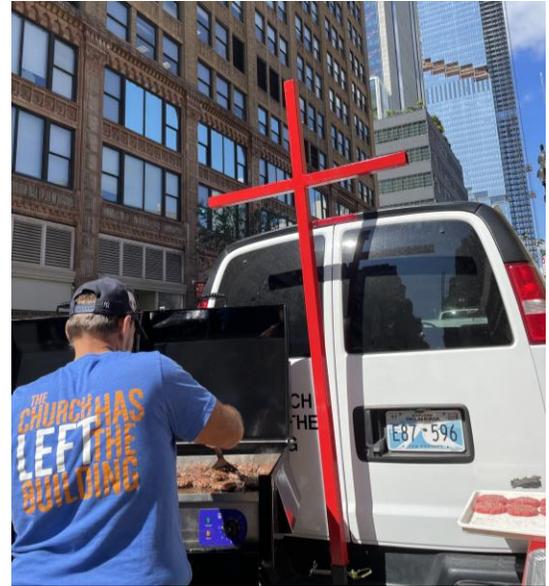


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team of the toil and suffering that we as followers of Jesus are called to experience daily.

Grill Project

After traveling across the United States in the last months to capture footage of the grill walk in action and the impact Jesus has on people through the grill, its time to sit down for the second leg of the journey. In order to complete the grill project, there are now hours of video and audio footage that must be edited and compiled into a condensed version that



will be given to churches and small groups across the world. This is the process that is happening now. All of the video and audio editing is projected to be completed by the month of January. The third prototype of the compact grill walk grill is also in the works right now. Please continue to pray for the grill project that began as a call from God to empower the church to go outside their walls and reach the lost who are dying and going to hell every day. God is on the move!

Oasis

Victory in Jesus was celebrated this month through the oasis baptism that happened right here in our own Paradise Garden. A handful of men decided it was time to make the outward profession of their faith and be baptized. It's a joyous celebration that reflects the way Jesus died and was resurrected into a new body, therefore bringing us forgiveness and a new life! These men are declaring victory in Jesus over their own lives and embracing their transformation from spiritually dead, to spiritually



alive in Christ!

The oasis men also had the opportunity to take a weekend camping trip to relax and grow their friendships with each other. They did lots of fishing, cooking out, and just spending time with one another. Continue praying for the new men in the program this month, as well as the ones who have graduated.

T-Shirts

There has been a lot of progress happening this month on the new T-Shirt business facility! The electric is now being installed and is getting closer to being finished every day. The T-Shirt staff were also able to put together the new mobile T-shirt press that came in. This is a machine that is transportable that will be able to screen print T-shirts from anywhere! In the future, it will be used at our annual fundraiser, and at several different outreaches that we do. The T-shirt staff are continuing to be trained to learn more about expert screen printing so that they can produce the best quality T-shirts in our T-shirt business work program.



Paradise Garden

Continued preparations and renovations are being made this month for the current fall season and the upcoming winter season. We have a lot to praise God for! Through the Paradise Garden Director, Katy Lentz asking in faith, there have been many donations made to improve the Paradise Garden. Some of these include the concrete for the new walkways to be installed, and the plants and flowers being planted for the spring season. God's mercy and kindness is being shone to all of us through the Garden every single day.

This month we had a workday with volunteers and the Pacific Islander kids that joined us. They were able to till the ground to plant multiple flower bulbs in the ground that will come up in the springtime! The tomatoes and peppers were also taken and turned into delicious salsas and jellies for others to enjoy! If you would like to be a part of what is happening in the garden, please don't hesitate to contact Forgotten Ministries to hear about ways you can volunteer.



Outreaches

This Month we had lots of opportunities for different outreaches. The first was a grill walk with Westminster Church in the surrounding neighborhoods on October 21st. We were able to pass out hamburgers, share prayer, and share Jesus with lots of people as we passed out flyers for the upcoming Fall Festival at Westminster church. The following Saturday, October 23rd, we had the chance to help Westminster church



put on a free Fall Festival for the surrounding community. It was a wonderful turnout! There was over 250 people who came throughout the evening to play free games and enjoy free food. It was a refreshing night to see the love of Jesus draw people in and impact their hearts. We also

packed up our bus and our team and headed to Hennessey on Friday night the 24th to visit the high school football game and then help host the 5th quarter with Hennessey United Methodist Church. We were able to set up games and serve them food and snacks. At the end Our Marshallese Youth Group, 'The Bridge', performed a worship song with Ukuleles and helped Autumn lead another worship song. Then Jeremiah shared a message with them and invited them to come to Jesus. Please continue praying for all the seeds that were planted during all the outreaches this month.

Kids Program

God really showed his provision for the kids program this month by providing a free day for the Marshallese kids to go to Kenny Farms in Woodward, Oklahoma to enjoy the fun at the pumpkin patch! Not only did he provide a free day, but he also provided the funds



for the kids to enjoy the food at the concession stand. God loves little



children, and we are praising him for providing a way for us to take the kids to get this fun experience this month! God showed us that he really goes above and beyond to provide for his children. We only had the goal of raising \$200-300 for the pumpkin patch outing, but now we have surpassed \$400 dollars! Praise God. The kids had a blast at the pumpkin patch and we will definitely be returning

next year!

The Bridge Youth

'The Bridge' is the new name for our Youth Program. 'The Bridge' symbolizes how we are bridging our American culture to their Pacific Islander Culture. The name also reflects how as we build strong

relationships with them, it builds a bridge to the Gospel and their relationships with Jesus.



This month the Bridge youth began learning and rehearsing for their upcoming ukulele performance at the annual Forgotten Ministries fundraiser in November. They are learning a song called “set A Fire” and it is one of their favorite worships songs that we do in youth. The lyrics of the song is our hearts cry for them: “set a fire down in my soul, that I can’t contain, that I can’t control. I want more of you God, I want More of you God.” We know that Gods love is burning for them as he hears their song rise up to him. We pray that this

wouldn’t just be noise but it would become their genuine hearts of worship as they grow to understand the love and mercy that their king has for them.

We have continued our efforts even deeper in discipling them. We have taken them with us on almost every outreach and outing that our ministry does. We hope that God teaches their hearts what it looks like to serve and be humble, putting others needs before their own. And in the process, we pray that they come to fully know Christ as the only one that can save them and that they commit their lives to following Him. Please Continue to pray for The Bridge Youth!



