

# Forgotten Ministries Newsletter

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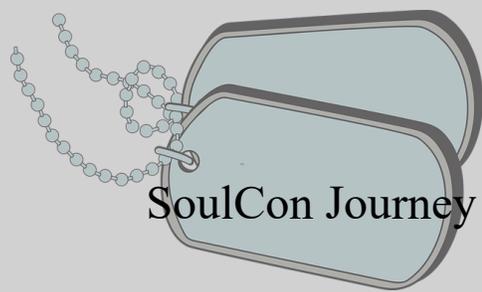
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## South Dakota Mission Team

In April some of the forgotten Ministries team traveled to Hill City, South Dakota to connect with The Little White Church. This month, A team from that church came to Enid to spend a week with us doing missions and outreaches in our city. The group of young kids and youth put us in a state of awe at how naturally they wanted to serve the Lord and be bold with their faith. During the week we took them out for many different kinds of outreaches. We took drinks to businesses in the downtown area and had the chance to pray with and talk to the employees. We took a children's program and puppet show to the local daycare and had lots of fun with the kids there. We carried crosses, challenged the kids

to teach scriptures on a microphone, and had a block party with the Marshallese kids. They did a house cleanup for a man in our neighborhood, and helped in the garden. We had VBS with the Marshallese kids. We also took them out for a grill walk in the neighborhood surrounding Enid Highschool. And on the final night, we put on a carnival across the street from the Forgotten Ministries center. By the end of the week, the kids were exhausted, but the personal testimonies they all shared proved that God moved among the team in so many ways. God impacted their hearts through his Holy Spirit and we pray they take the fire back home!





## Graduation

After much perseverance through the ups and down of this challenge, the forgotten ministries team finally had their SoulCon graduation. We ended the challenge with a test-out of 2 minutes of max squats, 2 minutes of max push-ups, and 2 minutes of max sit-ups. We were then able to compare our numbers from the first test-in, and our last day, which showed everyone's major improvements! We also finished the challenge with a times 5k which we also compared to our first times 5k. Almost everyone could shave at least 10 minutes off their initial 5k time! We broke our diet with Fuzzy's tacos! At our graduation, each SoulCon graduate received a dog tag and was given an award for areas in which they did noticeably the best throughout the challenge. The challenge taught us all to encourage one another, have spiritual and physical disciplines, and honor God with our bodies. Later this year, we will be doing more SoulCon challenge to continue pushing ourselves and staying in shape for the sake of Jesus!



# Kids Program

## Youth

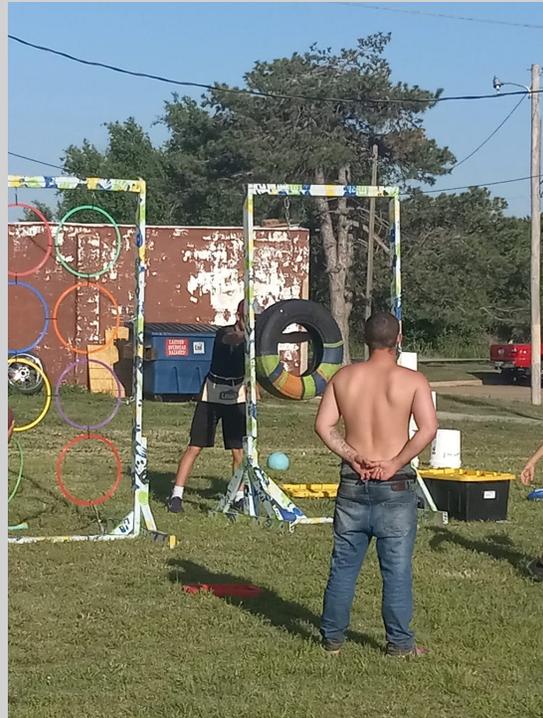
Summer has begun! Some of the youth staff were able to attend some of the youth kids graduations, some were going into high school, and some were going into middle school. They were also able to go and see the kids in their little Olympics events. It's always special for the kids to see that their youth leaders care about them and their lives, both in and out of youth group activities! Shortly after their first day of summer, some of the youth kids jumped right in with the South Dakota Mission team and stayed with us at the Forgotten Ministries Center with the team for the week. This is the second summer we've been able to invite the youth to be a part of the mission teams. It gives them an opportunity to have some distance from their friends and family and really be submerged in a Spirit Filled atmosphere and have the chance to truly encounter Jesus!

### Samuel England's Baptism

Praise the Lord, Sammy England was baptized under the cross in the Paradise Garden on May 19th. After Sammy shared his testimony, Tristan Bradley said a few words about him, and then he was baptized! The water tank may have been a bit too small to fit Sammy's head! Sammy has been coming to our youth group with his brother Jacob, and sister Maddie for a little over a year now. You can read Sammy's full testimony by clicking on this link!



[Sammy's Testimony](#)



In the Month of May, over 300 plants were moved to the garden. The beds are full of awesome crops waiting to be harvested once they are grown! Also, there was a large spot of bare dirt where they planted grass seed and is now almost covered with beautiful, soft grass. Lot's of beautiful flowers were planted throughout the garden to make it a warm and welcoming place that reflects the beauty of God and his attention to detail. Added to the garden was several hundred pounds of compost sourced from the mission team waste and from the Lentz home.

We had our first canning class where a handful of us learned how to make pickles, salsa, and canned meat. This will be a valuable skill to have to preserve the food we grow in the garden to be used later in the year. With help from the oasis, another curb barrier was built to section off the garden. And a weight lifting team came out and helped move a few thousand pounds of rocks to a designated corner.

They were able to pick the first food of the season– 11 pounds of radishes, and over 80 pounds of beets! Much more to come.

John 15:4- Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine. Neither can you, unless you abide in me.



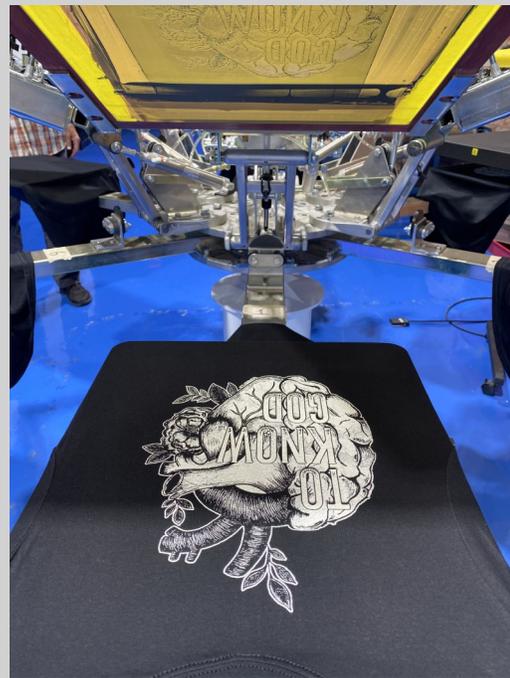
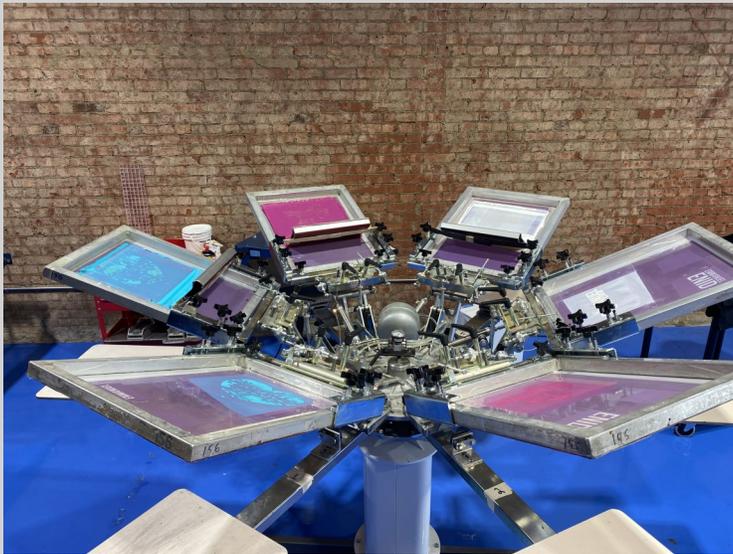
# Refuge T-Shirt Co.



The business was able to partner with So-Dak, a South Dakota merchandise business, owned by Janelle Schock from the South Dakota Mission team. We were able to print a few hoodie designs for them that included the forgotten ministries logo, so that they could use the hoodies to fundraise for us and give all the proceeds back into Refuge T-shirt Co. The money raised by

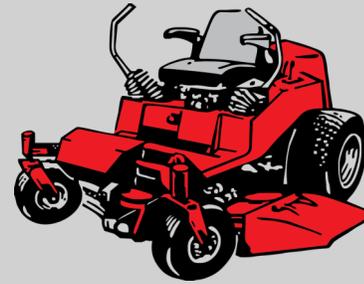
the t-shirt business is able to financially sustain the Refuge women's program, The kids program, and the youth program.

We had a few hiccups with our printing press but we will be getting it repaired soon! God has sent a lot of business our way to print for like-minded missions such as shirts





## Oasis



### Work Program

The Oasis work program is a means to financially sustain the ministry, as well as teach values to the men in the program. The work program is made up of the Oasis Lawn care service, and has the motto “Our desire is to become all things to all people” from the scripture 1 Corinthians 9:22. “to the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.” The mowing season has recently started back up again for the spring and summer and will go into the fall. Last year the guys mowed up until October. As well as mowing, the work program also has a power washing service. For the first month of the program, the men are required to work within the work program, giving their work for free. All proceeds from the work

program go to fund the Oasis ministry, providing their housing, food, and Oasis staff. After the first month of the program the men are then permitted to go and find a paying job to begin their transition into their lives. The work program is a valuable time for the Oasis staff to pour into the men in the program and keep them busy during the hardest weeks of transition after coming out of prison, addictions, or off the streets. Not to mention all the Lawn Service customers they are able to witness to along the way.

