

# ACCF NEWSLETTER

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Including synopses from the  
**2022 Missionary Conference  
and AC Church Camps**



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Apostolic Christian Church Foundation  
Annual Business Meeting 2023

April 22, 2023

Location to be announced next issue

# Green Olive Tree Ministries

Brazil

Dear Ones in Christ,

First we would like to express our deep appreciation for the opportunities to travel to the AC Church camps this past month. We were encouraged, refreshed and challenged by the teachings and forums, by the interactions with so many that we have come to know through the years, and by the new acquaintances made who are of like mind. The world over, the Family of Christ is dear indeed.

At Lebenshaus, in Brazil, daily tasks continue as we wait on the Lord to show the way He has for the Ministry. The property remains on the market- with no action to speak of. As we read recently, "Prayer exists to align us to God's will, not to inform Him of ours" (Melissa Spoelstra, from her study book, Isaiah). And so we pray that the Lord's will be made clear in this matter.

In another recent devotional, we were encouraged through the story of Elisha and the widow and the little jar of oil, to look at what the Lord has already given us that we may be overlooking. In answer to the widow's plea, Elisha asked her, "what do you have in the house?" The writer of the devotional goes on to say, "What do you have in your house, within your reach? Sometimes we wait impatiently on God when He is waiting patiently on us, waiting for us to recognize what He has already given as part of the answer to our problem. What little pot of oil have you neglected to notice? What little shred of possibility have you chosen to ignore? What little patch of time have you disparaged? What little hints of blessing have you criticized as insufficient? What little, humble beginnings have you shoved to the back shelf, considering them unworthy of being the basis for God's miraculous intentions?" (Awaken, Priscilla Shirer, p. 8)

Are the Divine interruptions to our personal life and ministry over the past decade a patch of time to be disparaged? Are they an indication to shove what has gone before to the back shelf? Are the past 35 years of humble beginnings unworthy of God's miraculous intentions?

We may have thought so at our lowest emotional ebbs, when separation and more-to-do-than-seemingly-possible moments hit. But we know there has always been the undercurrent of God's sustaining grace and love that keeps His flame flickering. And so, we now prayerfully look at what is already in the house - Lebenshaus - house of life.



\* Need: Our daughter needs eye surgery and we, her parents are a country away.



Edson and Milka

- the little pot of oil: A new daughter-in-law who has brought her zeal and talents and connections to meet needs of her siblings-in-law and the ministry. After her willingness to take on the care of our special needs daughter by welcoming her into their newly established home, Milka was able to meet the challenge of Fabiana's need for eye surgery. Milka's years of working in her sister's ocular stores gave her the contacts to arrange an excellent doctor to perform artificial lens replacement

in treatment of Fabiana's bilateral congenital cataracts. Her first surgery was July 28. Fabiana has many physical and intellectual challenges. Her level of understanding provokes in her a fearfulness of - much! We pray for the Lord's gentle guidance of her through these days.

\* Need: Adult family members with intellectual and physical disabilities needing a life-long home and care system.

- the little pot of oil: A few remaining siblings of normal abilities and with a sense of family loyalty that, however trying, keeps them keeping on. The roof is still over their heads. Daily routine maintains a semblance of order. International Internet connections keep us all in daily touch, providing some parental input.



Brazilian Freemans

\*Need: A continued voice of preaching the absolute truth of God's Word in the spot of the world where God has placed GOTM.

- the little pot of oil: A Brazilian Brother who is gifted with teaching, loves the Lord and His absolute Word.

These pots of oil, and others as we look to see them, are what we are presenting to the Lord, allowing them to be aligned to His will, not ours, to be spilled out and multiplied as He sees fit.

What do you have in your house? How is the Lord asking you to use it? Let us pray for each other as the Lord puts just the right amount of oil in each pot for His miraculous intentions.



Seeking the Lord's will for;

- The GOTM Brazil's current property future
- Our disabled adult family members and their care needs, salvation for some
- Our adult family members' life decisions and direction , salvation for some
- The GOTM Brazil team - Daniel & Eva, Edson & Milka - courage, vision, direction
- The continued immigration visa process for 3 family members (we are in year 5!)
- The US Ministries that Brent and Debbie are involved in



Daniel, Eva and girls

- Karah, her health, her ministry to disabled adults, and also to the online elementary students across the US she is daily tutoring, and their families.

*His divine power has given us everything required for life and Godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3*

In His love and grace,

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(Digital link to GOTM brochure- <https://simplebooklet.com/gotmbrochure2022>)

# Nepomuceno

Brazil

Dear Friends,

For a long time now, the boys living here at the home have been all teenagers. A few months ago, however, we were delighted to receive two younger boys, Murillo and Anthony. Murillo, 3 years old, and Anthony, 10 months old



New boys

are brothers and come from a large sibling group. Their sisters were taken to live at the girls' home down the road. Thankfully, they are adapting well and have been enjoying frequent visits with their

sisters. Murillo is very independent and talkative. He is a smart child who likes to play with cars and see the animals at the barn. He often asks why his mother left him. Please pray for his little heart to know the love and comfort of the Lord through the care he receives here at the home. Anthony is adapting well to the routine here and enjoys playing and eating. He was not crawling when he first arrived, but now Anthony is on the move and loves exploring the outdoors. A baby brings an extra measure of joy to everyone at the home, but also increased responsibilities due to his complete dependence. Please be praying for both Anthony in his adaptation and for the couples as they care for him. In the middle of July, we then received two more brothers, Gleisson, 5, and Rafael, 7. They are very independent and affectionate boys. They love playing with trucks and climbing trees. Please keep their continued adaptation in your prayers as well. Everyone is enjoying

having younger boys to play with and help care for, and we praise God for these little lives He has entrusted to us.

We recently received a special donation to help with the

construction of a covered parking lot in front of the home and to install security cameras on the grounds. We are so thankful that these much needed projects were able to be completed and praise God for His provision of funds.



Covered garage

CTE Adonai (our after school program) continues to go very well. We are very thankful to have found some local teachers who are willing to help with the homework and enrichment times. We are still looking for short-term helpers

who would be willing to come teach English as part of our program. Please contact us if you would like more information about this opportunity.

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work here in Nepo. We so need and appreciate your faithful prayers and financial

support. May God richly bless you for your kindness!

In Him,

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# Mission Paraguay

(South America)

## PARAGUAY MISSIONS: "ESCUELA DE VIDA"



Time is flying! Half of the year is gone, and now we are starting the second semester of "Escuela de Vida" (School of Life) As the coordinator of the project, I had the privilege to participate in the Missionary Conference that happened during Eastern Camp. It was an amazing opportunity to share what God is doing in our midst. For those who didn't have the chance to hear our presentation, I would like to share a little bit about our mission and how you can be part of this great project that is reaching out to many children and giving them the opportunity to hear the truths of God and His Word.

The project's mission is to create opportunities for children and teenagers at social risk to acquire skills and competencies to develop their potential, so that they become Christian leaders in our nation. "Escuela de Vida", due to its complexity and wealth of Christian principles, reaches and transforms many groups of people:



1. **CHILDREN & TEENS:** Our main audience is children and teenagers at social risk, the age group between six to twelve years old, middle school students. Our goal is to offer them leadership development with Christian character, restoring their integrity and well-being, providing opportunities for integral growth (intellectual, academic, moral, physical and spiritual), giving them future and hope.
2. **FAMILIES:** Through each child and teenager, our goal is to reach their families with the Christian ethical concepts of relationship, restoring family values, turning the hearts of parents to children and restoring the position of parents as primary educators of their children.
3. **VOLUNTEERS:** With a curriculum based on education by Christian principles, Escuela de Vida equips a generation of educators, intercessors, counselors and everyone who works on the project. Our vision and concepts are transformed together with the students.

4. **COMMUNITY:** Escuela de Vida is present in the child's life- in their neighborhood, school, and family. Our goal is to offer them possibilities of growth for their life, so the team interacts regularly and weekly with orientations, services and donations in the communities,



transforming the environment in which they live.

5. **SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS:** They are more than just

partners in the supply of resources, they are transforming agents. Our supporters are sensitive to the objectives of our mission and are key to the resulting behavioral transformations. Involved in the life of the community, the sponsors live the same Christian principles and promote the development of Escuela de Vida directly.

Classes are held at the church property, in San Antonio. The classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm and include English, Literature, Arts, Physical Education and Bible classes. Snacks, Bibles, t-shirts, as well as all the materials, are provided for the kids.

Our group of teachers is made up of volunteers from our Church, people who have made available their time and resources to invest heavily in this work.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

For the first time in Paraguay, we are expanding "Escuela de Vida" to a city called Ypane, 45 minutes away from our location. At the beginning of the year, we started a small group at Mrs. Carolina's house, a faithful Sister in the Church. The group is divided into adults', teenagers' and children's life groups. Mrs. Emilia and her husband, Nestor, are the leaders of the group. She reached out to us with a dream to open "Escuela de Vida" around the neighborhood where they meet for the small group. After praying and organizing all the details, we are happy to share that we will be starting the classes on August 17th and the volunteer group already has over 10 people involved. Most of them are adults that started coming to the small group and now have decided to serve the Lord in this project. We cannot wait to see what God has prepared for the new extension of "Escuela de Vida". Our hope and faith is that as we reach these children and teenagers, we are creating opportunities with God to change the direction of many lives.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR MISSION?

1. Praying daily for the missionaries and for all the work they are doing in Paraguay.
2. Supporting the mission and the missionaries through financial donations.
3. Sponsoring a child (monthly) in Escuela de Vida (\$30 per child/month).
4. Serving as a missionary in Paraguay. We have a Missionary manual that will give you more information. If you are interested, contact us through email.

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## Celebrations!

### Celebrations in Church Growth: Bible studies and Baptisms

June – August are months of finishing up one semester and the beginning of

another. We finished our 5-month Bible study and celebrated a graduation for 15 students in our Spiritual Maturity Course. As new Believers start their journey, God's Word transforms their hearts and minds to walk in the Spirit and not in their old ways; their emotions or their human desires. Lesson by lesson all are encouraged to make decisions that renew our minds and change our future Christian walk. Let's celebrate **NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!**

We also celebrated a baptism in July for six souls who decided to follow Jesus. Let's celebrate **NEW BIRTH** in Christ! We are excited to nurture them in their walk with Christ.



### Celebrations in New Outreaches: Capiatá and Ypané

Small groups, cell groups, keep happening. Every week we encourage each group to take pictures and post them in our church's communication group. Counting up all the people in the



New outreach in Ypane



pictures we found over 120 in several cell groups being encouraged and built up in

their own neighborhoods during the week. As each member understands their responsibility of being an ambassador or a minister of reconciliation, they also become excited to share God's Word, planting seeds and building up others for His Kingdom. Let's celebrate these **NEW OUTREACHES!**



Two of these cell groups have multiplied with so many people in them that we need to start churches in these neighborhoods. Each group has a weekly attendance of 40-50 and keeps growing. Bigger groups mean bigger needs. We are thankful for the Brothers and Sisters who opened their homes for the cell group, but it's becoming too small. We are praying for property for these two new outreaches which could be around \$15,000.

### Celebrations in USA: Camps and Home Church

We are thankful for the opportunity we had to go to the States for three weeks in July. We were able to reconnect with family and friends and share about God's work in our part of the world, Paraguay. We are grateful for the donations, the words of encouragement, the prayers, housing, transportation, meals, etc. God has used many of you to bless us and inspire us.

Our visit was so short. We were only able to visit our home Church and Eastern Camp, but we enjoyed the fellowship and love that everyone shared with us. God is doing great things in our ministry and all of you are a part of this. Let's celebrate **FAMILY AND FRIENDS** who love us and accompany us in these challenges.

Thanks,

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For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts.

– Malachi 1:11



# Canaan Land Ministries

## Brazil

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for faithfully lifting this ministry in prayer. The last few months have been very busy, with many new children arriving:

### Numbers Up

At this time last year, we had less than 15 children and teens. Now we have 23! We've mostly been receiving older teens (many with a history of drug use) or groups of 3 to 5 siblings. We depend on your prayers, as we need much wisdom to guide them all daily.

### Staff Changes

In June, social worker, Tiene, moved on to a new position in the local schools. Elis (pictured) came to take her place. She is excited to be on the team and is working on getting to know everyone and how things work at CLM.



Elis

Caregivers, Vagner and Analu, ended their time at CLM in May, and just a few days ago, started their journey to Mozambique where they will be serving as missionaries. In June, we received a new caregiver couple, Gleison and



Gleison and Mayara

Mayara, from Sao Paulo. They heard about CLM through former caregivers Jurandir and Luana. Pray for Gleison and Mayara and their sons Gabriel (10) and Nathan (5) as they adapt at CLM. They are

pictured with the 5 CLM children that were living with them in July.

### Changes to the Bylaws and New Board Member

CLM now has a new position of Internal Director, meaning the person in charge of administering CLM on a daily basis is no longer part of the board of directors. Anderson Kasnocha left his position as president of the board to continue as Internal Director, so we needed to restructure the board. Juan is now the president, Junior continues as vice-president, and Felipe moved to the treasurer spot. Former caregiver, Jurandir, is now a member of the board, serving as the secretary.

CLM's lawyer has been instrumental in drawing up the changes to the bylaws, as well as many other internal documents that help structure operating procedures. Please pray for him as he continues serving CLM in this capacity.

### Trips to the United States

Two families from CLM were able to travel to the missionary retreat and Eastern Camp this July. We were thankful to be able to meet with many of you and share what God is doing at CLM. Juan, Bethany and Caleb Villalba were in the States for 3 weeks in July, while Anderson, Dani, Joao and Heitor Kasnocha stayed from mid-July through early August. Retired CLM missionary Mary Gibson and her grandson Nicolas were also able to be in the U.S. during June and July. Thank the Lord and all of you who helped make these trips possible and blessed us in so many ways during our time stateside.

### New Projects on the Horizon

CLM is moving forward with 2 new ministry projects:

1. Foster care- Selecting and supervising foster families;
2. Battered women's shelter- Providing safe housing at the Turvo facility and assisting women in getting back on their feet after experiencing trauma.

Both projects are at the stage of getting registered with local governments, and will probably take several months to get up and running. We covet your prayers as we seek God's guidance for these new opportunities.

In Christ, The CLM staff

Caregivers: Cristiano & Thais, Hernan & Tania, Vagner & Analu, Mateus & Rosangela, Rogerio & Bianca, Gleison & Mayara

Director: Anderson Kasnocha

Tech team: Altair (psychologist), Tiene (social worker), Isabella (social worker)

Support staff:

Bethany (marketing/communication, education, administrative)

Rogerio (spiritual oversight and administrative)

Danielly (finances/administrative)

Junior (Turvo upkeep)

Edilson (maintenance)

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# Western Camp

Washington

The theme of Western Camp 2022 was “Joy—Discovering God’s Greatest Gift.” What an appropriate topic, as we were finally able to be at camp together again after three long years! Our Monday evening service began with some wonderful songs sung by the Western Tour Youth Choir.



Then guest speaker, Bro. Davey Janca of Fresno, set the background for our study of Philippians, describing the city of Philippi and the circumstances under which Paul was writing. Following the evening service, we were able to meet and greet each other at the ice cream social, and what joy that was.

Each sermon and Bible class had a passage of scripture from Philippians. Other evening speakers were Bros. John Schlaefli III, Brent Freeman, Tom Troyer, and Mike Getz. Probably all of us will keep in our memory the acronym that Bro. John remembered from a sermon he heard years ago: Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last. We were able to dig deeply into the book of Philippians. One conclusion of all the sermons and Bible studies was that joy does not depend on feelings or circumstances but is found in Christ alone.

Tuesday’s forum consisted of missionary reports from Bro. Brent and Sis. Debbie Freeman of Green Olive Tree Ministries and Bro. Jose (Junior) Gomez, a pastor from the Denver Hispanic Outreach. In Wednesday’s forum Bro. John Schlaefli III, spoke on the “rise of the sovereign self,” and encouraged the Church to play a pastoral, rather than programmatic role. On Thursday, Bro. Johnny Yorga shared some practical tips from his job as a counsellor. He challenged us to show empathy and to



listen to others before we share our own point of view, a skill that takes humility. On Friday, Bro. Judah Weinhardt led a very interactive forum on the topic of fear, during the course of which we were encouraged to place our trust in that which cannot fail, the kingdom of God. On Saturday

we were treated to many special numbers during the music forum, as well as the junior and senior choirs, directed by Sis. Kate Lynn Capela and Sis. Corrie Heath, respectively.

Every afternoon, Hannah and Zach Terzic planned fun games for the junior kids, including a waterslide bouncy castle and chasing the candy man, which were pure joy for the kids. Afternoons, saw the usual competitions of 3 on 3 basketball,

4 on 4 volleyball, U.S. vs. the World soccer, and the marrieds vs. singles baseball—the singles won handily.

The sunsets at the campfire pit did not disappoint, and the weather was perfect all week. Not too hot for the group sports or mini-golf, but hot enough that many enjoyed the 2-hour slot at the swimming pool every day. Canoeing in the brackish water of the Puget Sound and archery were other afternoon options.

The evening songfests often went past 10:00pm, as singers were able to choose songs from a variety

of books. The lively gospel style piano playing of Bros. Scott Kovacs and Micah Lumsden gave added inspiration to the singing. This year the adults were also treated to an evening pizza party, and everyone enjoyed the usual salami feast--great times of fellowship to top off the day!



Western camp can be a great place to spend time with family and loved ones and to meet new friends too. In addition to the opportunities to study the Bible and share with other Believers, campers can lodge in great accommodations in a beautiful setting, which makes for a spiritually refreshing week for mind, body and spirit. We are already looking forward to Western Camp 2023!



Lord willing, Western Camp 2023 will be held July 10-16



# Missionary Conference

Before Eastern Camp, Virginia

Every three to four years, the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation (ACCF) Missionary Committee, together with the Apostolic Christian Church Mission Board of Canada (ACCMBC), hosts a Missionary Conference. This year's conference was held two days before Eastern Camp in Harrisonburg, VA from Friday, July 15 until Sunday, July 17, 2022.



Present at the conference were missionaries from Paraguay, Brazil, Mexico, and Ghana. Included in the two-day conference were times of fellowship, instruction from God's Word, testimonies by the missionaries, a time of praise, a visit to a nearby lavender farm, and encouragement by gifted speakers. It was an opportunity for the missionaries to bond with like-minded individuals who had also been sent out by God to a foreign country to care for children, preach the Word, evangelize, and lead churches.

Included in the weekend was teaching on "Modeling a Godly Life without Landing on a Pedestal" by Bro. Thad Lumsden,



"Walking with the Good Shepherd" by Bro. John Schlaefli III, and "Imperative Forgiveness" and "The Transgender Tsunami" both by Dr. Chuck Misja.



Saturday afternoon included an outing to White Oak Lavender Farm giving the Missionaries, their families, and supporting individuals an opportunity to relax and visit with one another. In the evening, each missionary was given an opportunity to share their testimony of how God led them to the mission field.

Many of the Missionaries were able to stay for Eastern Camp, which gave the Brothers and Sisters from the various churches an opportunity to find out more about the different missions, ways that they can support the Missionaries, and time to share with one another.

It is our hope and prayer that the missionary conference was a blessing to each participant, that they can return to the mission field encouraged and better equipped to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that the Lord was honored and glorified through each individual who was able to attend.

Front Row: Brent and Debbie Freeman (Green Olive Tree Ministries, Brazil), Oscar Caballero (Mission Paraguay), Bobby Harley-Neequay (Ghana, Africa), Michelle and Deborah Toth (Hope Ministries, Brazil), Leah Albu and Esmirna Quinonez (Little Hands Orphanage, Mexico)

Back Row: Hadassa Caballero and Karen Caballero (Mission Paraguay), Anderson and Daniele Kasnocha and their two sons (CLM, Brazil), Mary Gibson and her son Nicholas (Brazil), Juan, Bethany, and their son Caleb Villalba (CLM, Brazil)





# Eastern Camp

Virginia

The theme of Eastern Camp 2022 was beautifully timed. The theme was “Revive Us Again”. This comes from Psalm 85 verse 6, “Wilt thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?” Revive means “to return to consciousness of life.” After a two-year hiatus, it was an exhaustingly full week that our hearts needed. We were together again.

As a returning camper, walking in for registration and then back into our sanctuary that opening Sunday night brought on an emotional moment of reflection. Seeing loved ones from near and far gathering to worship and praise our Lord



and Savior Jesus Christ had an awe-inspiring power reverberating off the walls of Lehman Hall. Two years of being apart physically, made this camp an exhilarating reuniting of Believers.

For new campers and old campers alike, we all fell into the camp routine easily. The familiarity of the campus and the camp schedule didn’t deter attendance for any part of the schedule. The theme, class lessons and forum topics were on point and relevant to hearts of young and old. Kudos was given to the camp staff for keeping a full schedule on time throughout the week, especially during the longer days of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Bro. Adrian Webel eloquently spoke at the after camp wrap up in Mansfield about one of our lessons about Jonah:

Jonah is a familiar story to those who have grown up attending church. God calls Jonah to deliver a dire message to the city of Nineveh because they are so evil. Jonah is NOT on board with this plan (the Ninevites were the Jews' enemies) and gets on a ship going the opposite direction. But God convinces Jonah, He really does want him to deliver that message. (God does this using a storm, the sea, and a large fish.) When Jonah finally gets to Nineveh, he delivers God’s message in chapter 3 verse 4, “And Jonah



began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.”

And from these simple few words, the people of the city believed God, and turned from their wicked ways. They didn’t even have a promise that they would be saved- but repented and changed, hoping for God’s mercy. So, the first lesson is that the Word of God (or Jesus who wrote the Word) has to be that trigger for revival. Now a second lesson comes from why Jonah didn’t want to preach there. We learn in the last chapter that Jonah is NOT happy that Nineveh is saved. They are Israel’s enemy. And Jonah knew that God would spare them because he knew God is slow to anger and wanting to forgive. But now God must show



Jonah that He loves even people who are living in spiritual darkness. The message of God’s judgement, and His love and mercy needs to go to everyone: those we love AND those we consider unlovable.

This may be my favorite part of Eastern Camp. The part where I get to learn and grow with other Believers on topics and stories that I’ve heard since my childhood. I will confess that when I initially saw the topic of Jonah, I casually dismissed it mentally as it is a story I’ve heard many times before. Yet God’s message is always relevant and applicable, and this message, especially, was on my heart.

Eastern Camp has a way of shining through all year long. From friends traveling and gathering on the weekends, camp choir songs being sung in homes, churches or vehicles throughout the year, to forums and sermons being listened to over and over again thanks to our camp website and audio department. It is one week that is a sanctuary to hundreds yet brings joy to so many more the whole year through.



Lord willing, Eastern Camp 2023 will be held July 16-23

# Midwest Camp

Indiana

Got Fruit? That was the question we heard over and over this year at Midwest Camp in Lake Placid, Hartford City, Indiana.

Our theme was the Fruit of the Spirit, from Galatians chapter 5. We spent two days reviewing the book of Galatians, with emphasis on chapter 5. The rest of our lesson time was spent studying each aspect of the fruit mentioned. It was interesting to learn that the first three are love, joy, and peace - one syllable; then patience, kindness, and goodness - two syllables; and finally faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - three syllables.

We discussed each of these in great detail, including: a definition; what is the opposite; what does it look like; and how can we grow in it--while always remembering it is the fruit of the **Spirit**. These are not traits that we can develop by our own hard work--it is the work of the Holy Spirit.



Our morning classes were followed by small group sessions, with questions designed to help us apply

what we learned very personally. In the small group setting, we were able to more fully explore our own successes and failures, and seek for ways to exhibit the fruit to a dying and confused world.

Our sermons during the week focused on the fact that there really is one fruit with many facets. Different Brothers during the week preached from various scriptures, always

with a focus on one of the facets we were learning about during the morning classes. As the week progressed, we heard: fruit is evidence of being connected to God; Jesus, exhausted from teaching all day, was able to be completely



at peace and sleep through a terrible storm at sea; God is the ultimate standard of good- He alone is good; when we face difficulties, what is our focus? Do we turn to Jesus/God, or somewhere else?; and how important it is to keep our eyes on the prize. Do we really want to win the race, or are we just coasting?

Our afternoons, in warm, humid Indiana, were spent in a variety of games, discussions, visiting, and personal reflection. Lake Placid is itself located on about 100 acres of beautiful Indiana country. You will travel by many corn and soybean fields on your journey. The Lake itself lives up to its name - Placid. It is very calm, and there are always lovely reflections to enjoy. The Lake is also stocked, enabling us to have a fishing contest while there.



For those interested, Midwest Camp has been held in Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Indiana; in Huntington, Indiana at Huntington College; at Camp FaHoLo, Grass Lake, Michigan, and now, here in Lake Placid, Hartford

City, Indiana. This year we were 236 strong, with 43 kids 6th grade and under, 104 teens, and 89 adults. As you can see from these numbers, it is a very young camp. There is a lot of energy from these amazing young people - in the music, the study of God's Word, the afternoon activity, and the teen worship. It is so encouraging to see that the next generations are building a strong foundation based on God Himself.

Have you been to Midwest Camp? When was the last time? You would be very welcome and would grow in the Lord as a result. Got Fruit? Want more Fruit? Only through the Holy Spirit!



Midwest Camp 2023  
dates and location TBD



## A Better Day

Dear ones,

How often were the Israelites reminded to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy? More than a couple, I would think. As if it were something important to God. Why?

Among other reasons, I think the Lord was trying to teach them (and us) something about the future. This day of "rest" which so often seems to be the busiest day of the week, is partly to remind us that:

1. We need rest. God has designed our bodies to work only six days a week and then recoup on the seventh. Even those having responsibilities within their Church fellowships for the worship, must find time to rest. It may be on a different day, it may be as a fraction, but we all need to rest. But even more importantly,
2. We all need time to remember and reflect. As this world and culture continue to bombard us with their messages of "truth" and "value", we need the holiness (set apart-ness) of a day, to refresh our perspectives and realign our values to that which is important to our Heavenly



Father. Because in the end, what really matters is...

3. We need to recenter on the REST to come. The seventh day was also designed to remind us that this world, this time and all it holds is passing away. But for those who have embraced the truth of Jesus and His salvation, there remains a promised REST for us, far greater than any found here.

I encourage you to reread Hebrews chapter 4. Then reread Hebrews chapter 3.

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## Current Volunteer Opportunities within the ACCF

- **Short-term Missionary**- Nepomuceno is looking for someone to teach English as part of their new after school program.
- **Small Church assistance**- long term, part time and/or full time- relocate to help one of our smaller Churches, working closely with and under existing leadership, offering extra hands/skills in worship or in service, helping with evangelism, and filling areas of need to help turn the Church to productivity and growth
- **Domestic Missionary**- Spirit led men and women called to commit to at least 2 years for ministry opportunities within the US.
- **Committee Chairperson**- Disaster Relief. Someone to actively communicate with relief organizations, evaluate whether we can offer ACC manpower and/or financial support, and implement appropriate support
- **Missionary Committee Member**- Someone who has a heart for international and domestic missions, able to invest time into the well-being of our Brethren who have accepted God's call to serve on the front lines

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