

“I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY WHAT I DO”

JAMES 2:18B



Loading dock that is called home to local men

On most Wednesday mornings, you will find me at the Chicago Heights bus station handing out coffee and getting to know commuters and the homeless population. This is where I met Terrence, homeless and unemployed. Shortly after I met Terrence, the polar vortex hit and surviving the cold was a full time job for Terrence and many others. I was kept busy by handing out winter coats, distributing McDonald's gift cards, and driving people around to shelters and church. Throughout this process, Terrence constantly bugged me to let him work at the wood lot when the weather became nicer. In May, I finally gave in and frankly, he has surprised me with his work ethic. Terrence continues to work, is able to rent his own room, attends church weekly, and helps hand out Wednesday's coffee.

Through our children's ministry, our ordinary activities give us opportunities to impact a child by modeling proper behavior. For example, after packing school supplies at Elim Christian Services,

we were enjoying lunch at Culver's and the boys began talking how cool it would be to “finesse,” a.k.a. steal, a second ice cream. This interaction gave us the opportunity to confront the group and discuss the negative impacts of stealing.

Faith and Action's expenses have grown over the years. Due to the nature of our ministry, our insurance premiums are very expensive. We are in a high-risk insurance pool because we split wood and also transport individuals to and from church and events. Even though the premiums are high, I feel it is important to provide the proper coverage for our employees, volunteers, and staff. As of this writing, Faith and Action is about out of funds. **Would you consider sending a gift to help us so we can give others like Terrence an opportunity for a life change?**

Rich Van Til, *Executive Director*

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



1 ILLIANA AUTO



4 SUMMER FEST



6 BROOKFIELD ZOO



2 ZIG-E'S FUNLAND

1 ILLIANA AUTO On my field trip to Illiana Auto, I learned that the battery charges and helps start the car. There are lots of parts that make a car run and the motor takes up half the car! - Eric

2 ZIG-E'S FUNLAND After learning the difference between the brake and the gas (yikes!) the boys were ready to test their racing skills on the go-kart track.

3 PUPPETS IN ROSELAND Gracefull Puppets shared the gospel in an entertaining way that was enjoyed by both children and adults.

4 SUMMER FEST The highlight of this year's fest was the ear piercing sound of the dragsters starting. Save the date for next year -July 18, 2020.

5 GARDEN MINISTRY Watching seeds grow into tall plants has inspired the children to work hard and eat healthy. Bringing fresh produce home weekly has been a huge blessing to many families.

6 BROOKFIELD ZOO A visit to Brookfield Zoo gave us an opportunity to spend quality time with a small group of kids while seeing God's creation up close!

7 INDIANA DUNES Nature scavenger hunt, flying kites, toes in Lake Michigan's cold water, climbing up and running down sand dunes = lifelong memories created with caring, loving mentors.



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8 PACKING SCHOOL SUPPLY BOXES

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Partnering with Elim Christian Services, Faith and Action distributed approximately 650 school supplies to under-resourced boys and girls. A few of the recipients had the opportunity to serve and go behind-the-scenes to help pack some of the school supply boxes.

9 FAITH AT WORK BIBLE STUDY Employees and staff take a break from their work at the wood lot and gather for a weekly Bible Study.



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WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

PRAY

Pray for the children as they begin a new school year and for our wood lot employees that they will make wise decisions.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

God is using your gifts to help change lives and communities!

- Be a Fall Benefit Sponsor - **\$400**
- Donate a Food Box - **\$50**
- Help Purchase a New Wrapping Machine for our Wood Lot - **\$2,500**
- Special Outing for an Inner-City Child - **\$30**
- Sponsor a Monthly Incentive Program for a Wood Lot Employee - **\$100**
- Donate Time to Research Grant Opportunities

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Visit our website for specific dates.

- Pumpkin Patch Outings
- Winter Coat Giveaways
- Hot Meal Distribution in Roseland
- Thanksgiving Food Box Distributions
- Christmas Blessings
- Serve Saturdays at the Wood Lot (First Saturday of the Month)

FALL BENEFIT

**Thursday,
November 21**

6:30PM DINNER

• Formal Invitation to Follow •



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