

Hello you awesome people!

This is going to be a quick update because soon we will be waking up and packing our van to get home. You should know this... your kids have some of the most loving, attentive and grateful hearts. As we sat around in a circle last night and debriefed the day, we could have spoken four hours about the people we met, the community we were impacted by, and the ways in which God worked.

Our last work day was a hot one but we met some incredible people. Personally, I'll remember pulling up to a house and seeing Ms. Carolyn sitting on her porch ready to receive us, making hot dogs for lunch, and talking to us about her wonderful family. So many of the people your kids talked about were kind, determined, and loved them so well they couldn't help but feel taken aback. Overall they got it, they got that even though we came to "serve", we were being served and were just as impacted by the people we met as the impact we hope we had on them.

Last night we gathered for a cookout in the park, at one point there were about 8 youth sitting on the edge of the water near the park, watching birds and hermit crabs bonding as a family. It was a beautiful image of God's family and the creation he's made us for.

I can't wait for you to hear stories and to know the impact God made on your child and the world because of their love. I can't wait to see you soon and know that this group has absolutely blown me away... **Save the date, June 28 - July 3 2026 (Middle School) or July 13-18 2026 (HS) :)**

Love y'all, thank you for sending your youth on this trip, I am changed because of them.

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