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Jesus said in John 15:2, "Every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

In our Paradise Garden, we've learned that pruning is painful but necessary. Pulling weeds, trimming overgrowth, removing what's no longer healthy—it's all part of helping the plant grow stronger and bear better fruit. And this isn't just a gardening truth; it's a spiritual one.

As followers of Christ, sanctification is our ongoing process of being refined—pruned—by the loving hands of our Savior. It often comes through surrender, through letting go of what we once clung to, and through obedience even when it's uncomfortable. God doesn't prune us to punish us; He prunes us so that our lives reflect more of Jesus and less of ourselves. Each cut, each tug, each moment of stretching shapes us into branches that point to His glory. Like the garden, our faith flourishes when we allow Christ to do the sanctifying work deep within—producing fruit that lasts.



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Love Out Loud: Meridian, MS Prep

Excitement is building as we prepare for a powerful week of outreaches in Meridian, Mississippi, July 14–18. We're teaming up with Northcrest Baptist Church to serve during their Love Out Loud Week, and God is already paving the way. A Send Relief Semi Truck graciously came to Enid to help us move a full truckload of food pallets—enough to pack 3,000 grocery bags for the outreach. These bags will be a bridge to meaningful conversations, practical care, and Gospel hope. We're grateful for this partnership and looking forward to what God will do as hearts and hands come together to make His love known.



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Food Distribution Outreach and Whiteville, TN Grocery Packing

This past June, the parking lot of our ministry center came alive with the sights, sounds, and examples of love in action. From 11am to 1pm, our monthly Food Distribution Outreach served over 350 neighbors with free lunch, groceries, and clothing—all thanks to the unwavering support of 40+ volunteers who showed up with hearts full of compassion. As the line wound down the street, we shared messages of hope through the microphone: stories of salvation, testimonies of grace, and the good news of Jesus. It wasn't just about meeting physical needs—it was about building connection, planting seeds of faith, and letting people know they're seen and loved. If that moves your heart, we'd love for you to join us at an upcoming outreach. There's a place for you here. Sign-up to serve at the next few outreaches: July 5th, August 2nd, or September 6th.



A team from Whiteville, Tennessee joined us at Forgotten Ministries for a weekend of serving and sharing the love of Jesus in practical ways. From packing grocery bags to hand-delivering them to neighbors across the street, every moment was filled with purpose—meeting needs and pointing hearts to Christ. They didn't just stop with food; they gave time, care, and conversation. And before heading home, they purchased a mobile grill to help launch similar outreach efforts in their own community. Everything they did—here in Enid and soon in Whiteville—was driven by a desire to show people they're seen, valued, and deeply loved by Jesus. We're grateful for their hearts and always excited to welcome others who want to jump in and be part of what God's doing.

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Mission Team: Mt. Vernon, IL

From June 16–20, we had the joy of hosting a mission team in Enid, Oklahoma for a week that was packed with outreach, encouragement, and real-life ministry moments. Their days began with worship and teaching, grounding the team in truth before they headed out to serve. Together, we visited a local nursing home—playing worship music, painting fingernails, and sharing the gospel with residents whose faces lit up at every smile and song. Across the street from our facility, we threw a lively block party for the Marshallese community, filled with food, connection, and celebration. In the middle of it all, we cooked and served a big meal for Enid's first responders and city workers, honoring them for their service with the love of Christ poured out in hospitality.



The team's impact didn't stop there. They brought joy and truth to a local daycare with a Bible-themed puppet show and helped preschoolers make salvation bracelets as a colorful reminder of God's promises. VBS with the Marshallese kids was full of laughter, learning, and precious moments of faith taking root. They also joined us in door-to-door evangelism, using our mobile grill as a way to connect and share the hope of Jesus with neighbors. Many of the students stepped out in boldness to share testimonies and lead devotions, growing in courage and conviction as the week unfolded. It was a week of stretching, serving, and seeing God work in powerful ways—and we're so thankful for every life touched, both in our city and on the team.



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Mission Team: Greenup, KY

We were incredibly blessed to welcome a mission team from Greenup, Kentucky who joined us for a week of hands-on ministry here in Enid. Led by Tracey and Wendy—longtime partners and fellow missionaries who carry the same heartbeat for sharing the love of Jesus—their small but mighty crew dove straight into outreach. One of their first acts of service was preparing a hearty meal for the local Mack Truck business to thank them for their continued support of our food ministry. Not only did they serve and pray with the workers there, but they also took leftover meals directly to the nearby park to feed those experiencing homelessness or simply out enjoying the day—continuing to meet both physical and spiritual needs wherever they went.



Throughout the week, the team touched nearly every corner of our ministry. They engaged in evangelism training, hosted lively block parties with the Marshallese community (complete with dancing, volleyball, face painting, sno cones, and joy), and brought Gospel warmth to Baptist Village nursing home through music, painted nails, salvation bracelets, and heartfelt prayer. Their passion spilled into every effort—ministering at the splash pad and neighborhood during a Sno Cone Walk, sorting donations in our clothing closet, tending to our community garden, and joining us for our weekly park outreach. Midweek, they even took a trip to Tulsa to serve with Bridging Hunger—packing groceries and walking through a mobile home park to distribute bags and share the hope of Christ. It was a week overflowing with bold faith, compassionate hands, and divine encounters—and we're so grateful for the Greenup team's beautiful example of what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



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Grill Walks: Madill and Mooreland, OK

June was an exciting month of mobilization and training as our team split up to equip churches with the tools and heart behind the Grill Walk outreach. From June 27–29, Autumn, Tristan, and Jeremiah headed south to Madill, Oklahoma to spend the weekend training volunteers at First Baptist Madill. After gathering with a group of about 20 willing hearts, the team loaded up vehicles with supplies and headed into a nearby neighborhood. Before firing up the grill, they shared the history and purpose of the Grill Walk—an intentionally simple outreach tool designed to help believers connect with their neighbors and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From there, groups spread out and went door to door, visiting around 60 homes. Many residents weren't currently attending church, and it was eye-opening for the volunteers to realize how many unreached people live in their own small town. That night over dinner with the pastor and church leaders, relationships began to form, and on Sunday morning, Jeremiah shared ministry prayer needs and ways for the church to stay involved.



Meanwhile, another team traveled to Mooreland, Oklahoma to train volunteers at First Baptist Mooreland, where Hayden led a Grill Walk with enthusiasm and vision. Volunteers enjoyed the experience, and many were deeply moved as they discovered the power of personal outreach through simple acts of kindness and Gospel conversations. We're grateful for every church willing to learn, step out in faith, and be the hands and feet of Jesus in their own communities. Moments like these remind us that the Great Commission isn't confined to big cities—it's alive and active in neighborhoods, front yards, and small towns across Oklahoma. We pray these trainings will ignite lasting partnerships and continual Gospel impact far beyond the weekend.

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Kids Camp

Every Thursday from 11–1pm, our weekly Kids Camp for the Marshallese children has been a joyful rhythm of summer fun and meaningful moments. With school out, the warm lunches provided by our amazing volunteers have been such a blessing—filling little bellies and sparking big smiles. We're so grateful for the love and generosity that's been poured out week after week. Between splash pad field trips, playtime at the park, and energetic VBS and block party experiences with mission teams, the kids are not just having fun—they're being shaped by the Gospel in gentle, powerful ways.

Through crafts, songs, stories, and simple conversations, seeds of faith are being planted in hearts that are wide open. Week by week, Jesus is being made known—not just through words, but through presence, consistency, and love. We're excited to see how these small moments grow into lifelong truth, and we're thankful for everyone who's helped make Kids Camp a place of joy, hope, and spiritual impact this summer.



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Paradise Garden

Our Paradise Garden has been bursting with life this season, thanks to the steady hands and faithful hearts pouring into it. Week after week, we've been pulling weeds, harvesting produce, and teaming up with mission groups who've jumped in with joy and muscle to keep things thriving. The hard work has paid off—with a plentiful harvest that's nourishing our community and reflecting God's provision. But beyond the fruits and vegetables, this garden is teaching our hearts a powerful lesson: that growth takes persistence, and spiritual fruitfulness doesn't come without surrender. Just like tending the soil, we're learning to let God prune and shape us—so that our lives can bear even more of His love, grace, and purpose.

