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## August

Ministry can be full of action—events, outreach, logistics, and long hours poured into serving others. But beneath all the movement, we have to ask: What's it all for? Why would someone devote their entire life and career to being a missionary for Jesus?

It starts with belief. Deep, unwavering belief in the One we serve and the message we carry. Imagine being a car salesman trying to sell vehicles you knew were faulty—it would feel dishonest and exhausting. But if you truly believed in the reliability of the car, selling it would come naturally. That's how it is with the Gospel. We share it because we know it's true, and we've seen its power to transform lives.

But belief alone isn't enough—we also need perspective. We must widen our lens to see beyond the here and now. Our mission isn't just about helping people live better lives today; it's about eternity. We're not just inviting people into a relationship with Jesus for this life—we're inviting them into forever. That's why, even when we're weary, we press on. Because we're not just fighting for moments—we're fighting for souls.

When the work feels heavy, we remember the promise of eternal life. And we remember that every conversation, every act of service, every prayer—it all matters.

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

—1 John 5:11

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## Training Pleasant Hill Baptist in Illinois

August 14th-18th, Jeremiah, Hayden, Tristan, and Autumn traveled to Mount Vernon, Illinois. The purpose of the trip was to spend the weekend training Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. They had already brought a mission team to Enid this Summer, and they caught fire for all the outreaches we did, especially the grill walks. So they invited our team to come to their church and train them on the grill walk. So, over Friday and Saturday, we did three different grill walk trainings and outreaches. We had about 40 total volunteers attend, and 6 individuals surrender their lives to Jesus in the Mount Vernon area. They ended the weekend with a back to school bash event at their church on Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of people came to receive school items, haircuts, and more. Many of the folks we met in the community through the grill walks came to the back to school bash on Sunday.

*During the Saturday morning grill walk, Hayden and Jeremiah met a woman in an apartment complex. Through talking with her, they learned she is a mom of four, and she was really burdened and weary from life. After they shared the Gospel with her, she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior and began her journey following the Lord. You could tell she was at a time in her life when she needed this exact message of hope that can only come from Jesus, and she was ready to give her life to Him.*





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# Food Outreach

Our monthly Food Distribution Outreach happened on August 2nd this month. We had about 25 volunteers involved in the outreach, and about 600 individuals who came to the outreach, our biggest turnout yet! The line was consistently down to the corner of the street and we even had to continue an extra hour past our end time just to be able to get through the line of people. So many people were blessed with food, groceries, and clothes, and were able to hear a gospel message of hope.

Before the outreach began, we already had groups of volunteers working hard packaging groceries all throughout the day. In preparation for a big annual back to school giveaway in Enid, we had volunteers from First Assembly, Central Assembly, and World Harvest package 1,600 grocery bags!

These bags went to their event the next week where the above churches plus Open Door Church all set up at different school locations around Enid to giveaway groceries and school supplies to hundreds of people in Enid. We had people from our team drive the grocery bags to each location and help support the many volunteers in handing them out to cars who drove through the lines.

Aaron Hayes has also had several churches come out to package groceries to take back to their communities. And several churches have picked up groceries and used them to make Jesus known through blessing families in their areas. Pastor Devon from West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church and a couple of his deacons came to tour the facility and ended up taking home a truckload of food to fill their church's pantry. A few days later the pastor sent this testimony:

*"Thank you so much for the donations this week! It has been amazing to serve our community today with these items. Everything is going really smooth and it has given us the opportunity to be more intentional with people. I had the opportunity to pray with a lady needing restoration in her marriage and family. THANK YOU!"*



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## Send Relief Colombia, SC

August 18th-26th most of the Forgotten team traveled to Colombia, South Carolina for the Send Relief Serve Tour. During this serve tour, we did 3 grill outreach locations on Friday and 4 grill outreach locations on Saturday. That means our team split up into different groups, each taking a grill to a different area of Colombia with different groups of volunteers being trained on the grill outreach. Through all those grill walks, a total of 59 precious people decided to follow the Lord. A testimonial from the Send Relief website says:

*"I'll be honest, when I first heard about grill walks, I thought it was a gimmick. It sounded like the most Southern Baptist gimmick ever," said Jarrian "JayWill" Wilson, founding pastor of City of Refuge Church. "But doing one showed me. It showed me how hospitality really does open up doors for the gospel. Conversations we never could have had happened because of these burgers and us knocking on doors."*

### Testimony of Salvation:

In Colombia, SC during the Serve Tour with Send Relief, a group knocked on a door during a grill outreach. They were welcomed by a family—a mom, her son, and his girlfriend. Both the mom and the girlfriend were believers, and they had been faithfully praying for the son to come to know the Lord. But he remained agnostic, or at least indifferent toward God.

As the group talked with them, they gently asked the son, "Has your mom changed since she gave her life to Jesus? Has your girlfriend changed?" He paused, then admitted—yes, they had. Then came the next question: "Don't you want that kind of

change for yourself?"

He really thought about it. And something shifted. He said yes—he wanted to give his life to the Lord.

Just as they began praying with him, his dad pulled into the driveway, arriving home from work. The timing was divine. His dad, who had been battling cancer and praying just as fervently for his son's salvation, stepped into the moment. And right there, the father got to lead his son to Jesus.

It was perfect timing. A holy appointment. A family's prayers answered in full.



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## Back To School Bash at New View Apartments

With only a few weeks, Autumn Bradley was able to get help from several incredible donors to raise enough school supplies to fill 70 backpacks for the kids at the New View Apartments. Tisha Skiggs, Jenny Tonell, Becky, and Angela, just to name a few!

The Marshallese community and the New View Community are precious people that sometimes don't have the means to send their kids back to school feeling their best. We wanted to help out with that by providing as many backpacks with school supplies as we can, and offering them free haircuts as well.

At the Back to School Bash event, we had a donated bounce house, sno-cones, free haircuts, and free school supplies. The kids had fun on the bounce house that was graciously donated by a small Enid company to bless the kids. Heather Bradley donated her time and skills as a hairstylist to bless 6 kids with fresh haircuts during the time of the bash. The 70 back packs were gone in just 25 minutes. While the line was long, we preached a Gospel message that we pray reached the ears of the parents and that the Holy Spirit gave them the ears to hear even with the language barrier.

Pray for Autumn as she continues her efforts to reach the Marshallese children and their families. She needs help and support in doing this. If you would like to help give your time to doing outreaches with the kids, or you'd like to donate snacks or drinks for the outreaches, or if you'd like to help plan and provide crafts or games, please reach out to Autumn:

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