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**“For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do— living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.—  
1 Peter 4:3-5**

As a believer and follower of Christ, you are not supposed to look anything like those of the world. As this verse says, you have spent enough time in your past doing what pagans choose to do. Verse 1b-2 of this chapter says “whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.”

We are no longer slaves to sin, but slaves to Christ. That means every word we speak, every step we take, every thought we think is for Him. We are no longer of this world, but we do live in it. Therefore, we will always battle against those who are partaking in the evil desires of the world. They will hate you, they will call you judgmental, they will “heap abuse on you” as it says. However, we are sharing in the same sufferings that Christ experienced. And when we remain steadfast and are “ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have—but do so with gentleness and respect” you bring glory to God and point others to Christ.



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# Indianapolis Missions

Most of the Forgotten Ministries team traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to help with NAMB's weekend of outreaches called "crossover." The weekend was very similar to what a Send Relief Tour looks like. There are several different outreaches that churches and individuals can sign-up for. The grill walk was one of the outreaches. We did a total of three grill walks throughout the weekend in areas of Indianapolis that most people would avoid for safety reasons. We partnered with a church called "Living Faith Church" which has existed for about 9 years. They have planted two churches in the roughest areas of Indianapolis and are planning to plant several more. On one of the grill walks, we went to an area where they are planning to plant a church in the near future. The church team and everyone who joined were able to have gospel conversations in a community that seemed forgotten. The pastors wife stood back and watched in awe to see that the people were actually open to having conversations because they weren't in the past. She was so thankful everyone was there to support them in their



-efforts to reach out to this community. On one of the grill walks, one of the staff shared the Gospel with a 12 year old girl who said she had never heard of what Jesus had done for her before. Her eyes were open to the Gospel for the first time that day and she went home with a bible. There were a handful of salvations on each grill walk. However, what seemed to impact our team the most were the interactions we had outside of the designated ministry times. There were so many lost souls, it was overwhelming. The kids on our team wanted to cross the street to pray with people even though they didn't have to. When you are willing to be used by God, He will give you opportunities everywhere, you just have to take them. Even in moments where there were threats of danger on this trip, God continued to be faithful and we were able to proclaim his truths and encourage others to do the same! We were all very encouraged by Living Faith Church and the work they are doing in Indianapolis!



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# Mississippi Mission Team

What a fun week with this team! This was a brand new mission team coming from Yazoo, Mississippi. With 9 students and 5 leaders, the team drove about 10 hours to arrive in Enid. The week was fun and productive, and they all were pushed outside their comfort zones for Jesus! They helped out a lot at the Forgotten Ministries campus by folding and hanging clothes for the clothes closet, pulling weeds and picking vegetables in the garden, washing barrels to store food, and even cleaning. They worked diligently with willing hands every day during this week. They served food in many different ways, the first was at No Mans Land for all the employees going on their lunch break. The kids fearlessly stood at the line and prayed with people and asked them if they knew Jesus! For most of them, this was their first time ever sharing their faith with anyone. The next was serving a delicious meal to the first responders and city workers of Enid! The Police officers were super thankful that this team was willing to brave the heat to serve them. Just like Jesus does anything to pursue us and love us, we want to do the same for others. Another was passing out grocery bags door-to-door in a neighborhood in Waukomis, Oklahoma. Lots of people thankfully accepted the groceries and allowed the kids to pray with them. We also did a grill walk in the South Heights neighborhood near the Forgotten Ministries Center. The kids were excited and eager to share the Gospel and pray with every door. We also did a splash pad outreach, house cleanup, carnival, and a VBS at the Pine Manor Apartments in Enid. The team was impacted by serving others and we are so thankful for them!



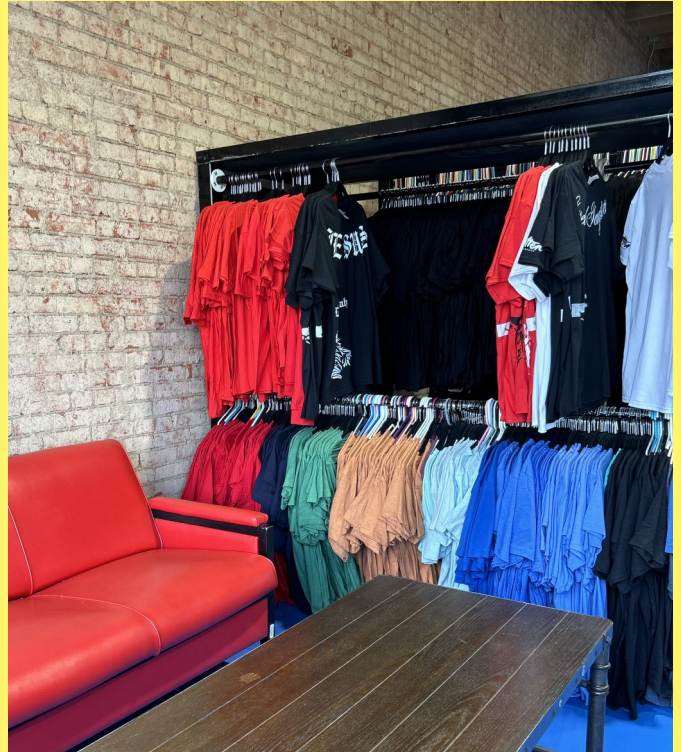
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# Merch Sale Fundraiser

Nik Dominguez has been immersing himself in learning the skill of Screen Printing T-shirts. He Recently graduated the Oasis Program a few months back and has been pursuing the Lord's will for his life since then. This month on June 28th, we had a Forgotten Ministries Merch sale at the FM T-shirt shop. All the proceeds went to supporting Nik as a Missionary at Forgotten Ministries.

Praise the Lord for the money that Nik raised to continue doing what the Lord has him doing. He is now able to pour into other men on the streets and in the Oasis Program and share His story with them of how Jesus set him free! Reach out to Nik through the Facebook page if you are interested in buying his T-shirts.



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# Podcast Launch

On June 21st, Forgotten Ministries released their first podcast. The podcast can be found on both YouTube and Spotify!

The heart behind starting the podcast is to share the stories and to challenge and encourage others by being unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus. The podcast is hosted by Jeremiah Herrian and Hayden Tobin. They have both put a lot of research and work behind the production of the Podcast. They hope the Podcast falls on ears that God would have to hear the message and to be encouraged by it.

There are now three episodes of the podcast out to date, and they will be releasing a new podcast each Monday. Stay tuned and subscribe to the YouTube Channel and Spotify to see all future episodes!



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# Paradise Garden

This month while the Mississippi mission team was here, we gathered our first harvest of vegetables from the Garden! The garden is flourishing and looks beautiful! We will be having a garden community outreach in the next few weeks to give away some produce. Let us know if you would like to volunteer for the garden!



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# Oasis

This month, Jeremy Newton Graduated the program! God has really worked in Jeremy's life. Jeremy has started the program once in the past and ended up leaving, returning back to his life in drugs. However, after completing a rehab program, he reached out to Brandon Croley, the Director, and asked him if he would accept him in the oasis program again. After a lot of prayer and contemplation, Brandon felt led to give Jeremy another chance. Brandon thought there was something different about Jeremy this time, and he was right! Jeremy did all the steps in the program, was respectful, followed directions, got a job, and finished the program! We are all praising God for Jeremy's life and the direction it's going.

About a month ago during an outreach handing out burgers to police officers, one of the female officers noticed Jeremy. She was blown away at how healthy he looked and was very moved that she was interacting with him for the first time where he wasn't getting in trouble with the police. God can do the impossible!

His family was in tears at his graduation and were so proud of him for letting God turn his life around.



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# Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in volunteering with Forgotten Ministries? Here are a few upcoming opportunities for you!

We also have opportunities for you and your family to volunteer in the Paradise Garden, packaging groceries, and sorting clothes for the clothing truck.

On our website, we also have a sign-up to volunteer for the Kids Camp. You can come help with Kids Camp, make and bring a snack for it, or cook dinner and bring it to Youth.

**If you have more questions about this or you want to sign up, please text Autumn Bradley 918-344-9638.**

