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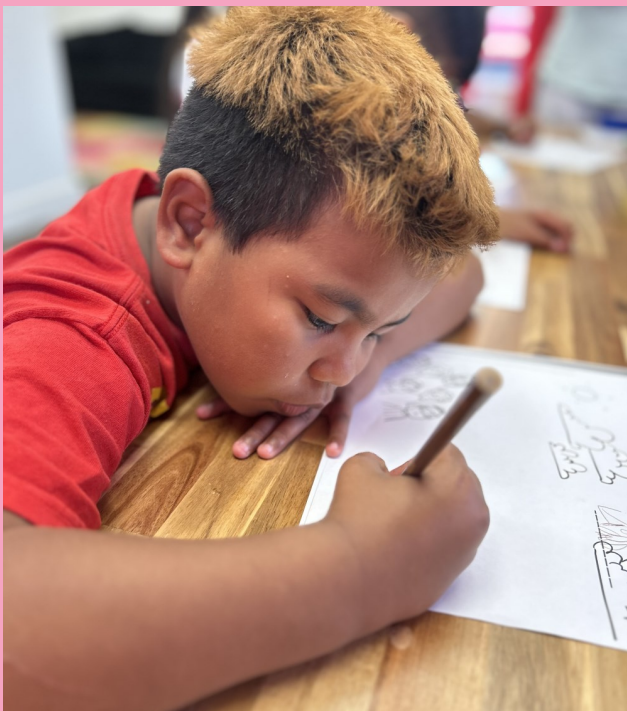
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**"God, you are my God. Earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you." Psalms 63:1-3**

It's so easy to get caught up in life and forget why you're living it. Some of us are living in a dry and parched land where there is no water and we have no thirst for God. What happens when you're dehydrated yet you drink nothing to re-hydrate yourself? Well, eventually you die. But before you die, you will have a lot of uncomfortable symptoms like headaches, muscle cramps, dizziness, and more. In our spiritual life, we can become dehydrated when we stop thirsting for God. In this Psalm, David says earnestly he seeks God, he thirsts for God, his whole being longs for God. And his "why" for living is in verse 3. He says "because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you." David always remembered his why. We must thirst for God and see him and his word as a necessity for life, even better than life. Without it, we will become very unhealthy and barely surviving until eventually we spiritually die. Our whole being should long for God because apart from him we can do nothing. (John 15)



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# Colorado Missions

About half of the Forgotten Ministries team left on Monday, May 27th, to go to Denver, Colorado for the week.

The team met with various leaders from different churches and ministries in that area to do a training on the Tellgate grill outreach. The town of Denver is very highly populated with immigrants. There was a school near them that had 60 different cultures and 80 different languages. So, the opportunity for people to be exposed to the light of Jesus through the Gospel is endless.

The team worked with quite a few different ministry leaders. Jason and his intern, Jeff who is a church planter, and a husband and wife who run a ministry called "Jesus on Colfax". Colfax Avenue is known as basically a less severe version of something like Kensington Avenue in Philly or Skid Row in Los Angeles. The drugs and homelessness are out of control in areas like this. While driving by, the team saw a man with a meth pipe out in the open. This is the reality of the darkness of this world!

The people who they met with were very excited about the Tellgate grill. Immediately, the men and women began envisioned themselves and their ministries and churches using the grill in all sorts of ways to advance the kingdom.

The Jesus on Colfax ministry said they will be using the grill at least two times a week.

A church planter, Jeff, wants to train a group of church planters to do the grill walk.

It was encouraging to the Forgotten Ministries team to see a fairly young group of individuals whose hearts caught fire for mobilizing the church of Christ and using the grill to be the hands and feet of Jesus in all these different areas. We at Forgotten Ministries know that we can't reach everyone with the Gospel, but we can mobilize and encourage disciples of Christ to do the same. Through that, we can reach hundreds and thousands of broken people with the saving power of Jesus.



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# South Dakota Mission Team

From May 23rd-May 27th, a team of about 20 students and leaders came from The Little White Church in Hill City, South Dakota. The week started out high energy as the team gathered up about 20 kids from the New View apartments and we loaded them up in our vans for a fun nature day! We drove them to a farm out west of Covington, Oklahoma where one of our partners, Rick West, owns land. As soon as we unloaded, Rick taught the kids not to touch a couple of different poisonous plants— then they split up into teams and started a nature scavenger hunt. After gathering all the items on their list, the kids put together a craft that represented a verse they were given. The kids also got to learn how to fish in the pond and they all had a blast! The rest of the day, the team did a VBS for the kids and taught them the Gospel through an example of someone wearing a t-shirt and letting the kids cover them in ketchup and mustard. The condiments represent sin, then they tried to wash him off with water but the only way to get clean is through getting a brand new shirt! The shirt represents our hearts and how Jesus is the only way we can become new and be forgiven of our sins. The SD team also served lunch to the Enid first responders. They set up a grill and cooked burgers for the city workers and first responders, from the city hall staff to firemen, to police officers. The city workers were thrilled to have us serve them lunch and they were so thankful. One police officer saw one of the oasis guys, Jeremy, whom she had arrested many times, and told him how great he looked! Jeremy was able to testify that the power of God had truly changed him this time and that really impacted this police officer.

That evening the team took a trailer full of grocery bags and passed them out at the Pine Valley apartments in Enid. The people were so thankful and happy to have the Ministry come out and serve them again. On Saturday the team worked hard during the first half of the day to pull weeds and mow the Paradise Garden and to sort clothes for the clothing truck. In the afternoon, the team and FM traveled about 45 minutes to Jet, Oklahoma to Partner with a Pastor who was a former Oasis participant and Forgotten Ministries staff. We split into two teams and did two grill walks in Jet and Nash Oklahoma. The team slept at that church that night and attended church in the morning. One of the girls on the mission team, Mia, shared her testimony to the congregation. God worked powerfully in her life this week during the mission team. That afternoon, the team setup a carnival for Nash and Jet. Through those grill walks and the carnival, the Nazarene Church in Jet had 21 families come and get free groceries that night and one man gave his life to Jesus through everything that happened!

We are so thankful for all the hard work that the South Dakota team did and the impact they made on so many people in Oklahoma through the Gospel!





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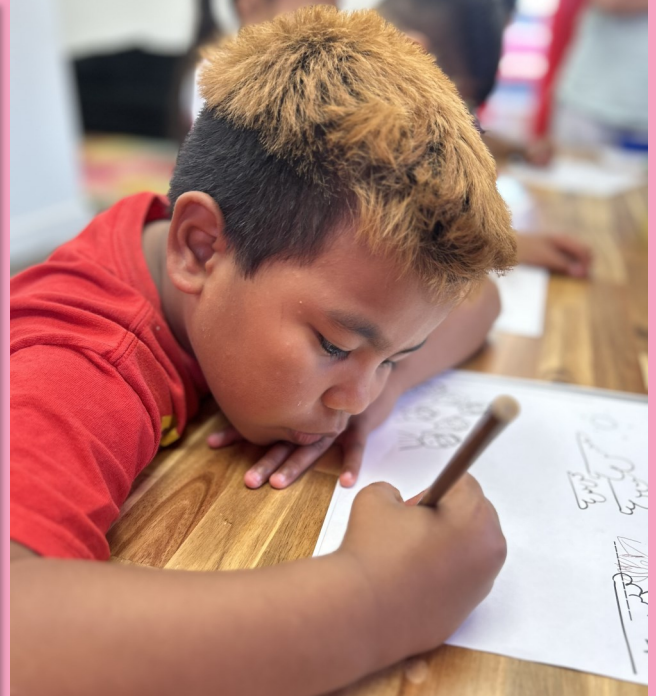
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# Kids Program

## Youth

The youth are out of school for the summer! Things for youth are looking slightly different now. On Friday nights, instead of only having youth night, the youth staff are inviting kids both young and old to play games. This keeps the kids busier during the summer and gives us another chance to share the love of Jesus with them.

The youth are also involved in all the summer outreaches and mission teams. They participated with the mission team from South Dakota and it was challenging and encouraging for all of them to keep living for Jesus when the world tries to pull them away from Him.



## Kids

We have just wrapped up teaching the gets the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus! The kids are excited for Kids Camp each week. We are going to keep learning about the Gospel and how we can live for Jesus in our daily lives! While the South Dakota mission team was here this month, we took about 20 of the kids on a field trip to a farm west of Covington, Oklahoma. The kids got to do a scavenger hunt, make a craft from what they found, and even learn to fish! Some of the kids had never gone fishing before and were so proud when they caught a fish! After returning from the field trip, the mission team did a VBS and taught the kids the Gospel, did dances with them, and played games with them. The rest of that evening, the mission team fed the kids dinner, and they played outside with them. The kids love to meet the mission teams! If you'd like to volunteer with the Kids Program just visit our website to sign-up!





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# Ministry Family

We are more than just co-workers at Forgotten Ministries, we do life together! We are family. God is continually teaching us what family means this year.

We have started working out together in the mornings before we do our daily bible study. We have been encouraging each other and pushing each other to get into shape! A lot of the work we do in the Ministry now and in the future will require us to have endurance and be able to carry heavy things. Being in shape also honors the body God gave us. That goes for keeping it in shape and also being conscious of putting healthy things in our body. This fitness journey has brought us closer together as a family.

We have also been able to have dinner together as a family this month. Some of the staff worked for a few hours to prepare a delicious meal for everyone to enjoy together. We were also able to celebrate the birthday of Autumn and Tristan's twin boys, Luke and Ezekiel!



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# Newsletter Process

Hi! I'm Autumn Bradley, I'm the one who has the privilege of writing the newsletters each month for Forgotten Ministries.

Throughout the month, I will keep a list of the things we do or see that are worth highlighting in the newsletter. Nearing the end of the month, I will have a complete list of pages to write. For each page, I like to interview other staff members and gather stories from different perspectives. I also like all the staff to send me their favorite photos that pertain to the stories I am writing.

One of my favorite things about writing the newsletter is that I get to hear all the stories and see the amazing things God is doing around me through asking the other staff members. Sometimes, it's easy to get stuck in a bubble of my routine and miss out on all the awesome testimonies of God's power through Forgotten outreaches and staff. Crazy enough, the stories I write about aren't even close to completely accounting all that God does here on a daily basis.

After gathering all the stories and info I need to write each page, I just sit down and let God work through me as I write. I know He has given me a gift and a passion for writing and I'm thankful that I get to use it to bring Him more glory.

Through writing about all that God does, we are able to share it with thousands of people who can be encouraged and impassioned to continue the work for the Lord in their own communities.





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# Food Ministry

This month during the South Dakota mission team, we did a grocery outreach. We loaded up a trailer full of a couple hundred bags of groceries and delivered them to the Pine Valley Apartments in Enid. Last year we began doing a weekly outreach at Pine Valley and we saw so many people who were grateful for us coming out there week after week. This is the first week we have been to the Pine Valley Apartments in a couple months and it was precious to see all the people who were excited to see us back. So many people were overwhelmed with thankfulness for the groceries and got to connect with some of the staff whom they had built relationships with over time. Erin Croley, who is part of the Forgotten Ministries team, re-connected with a woman who had a baby since the last time we were here. They hugged and caught up with each other and the woman was really encouraged.



**“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4**





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# Volunteer Opportunities

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

We need people to cook meals for our summer mission teams. Breakfasts, lunch, and dinners. The Mission team is June 23rd -28th.

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.**

