



ASLAN
YOUTH MINISTRIES

Fall 2013



Back To School Edition



Important Dates

November 2:

Beauty & The Beach Run

December 16-19

Christmas Parties

Can you believe summer is already over? Crowded beaches have become vast, empty spaces seemingly overnight. Green trees are already starting to turn brilliant shades of red, yellow and orange.

Looking back over the last couple of months, this was a really busy time for Aslan! Day camps ran in Red Bank, Long Branch and Asbury Park. There were trips to the beach, tours of Delicious Orchards, drumming and Chinese lessons. Missions groups came to serve with us from Boulder, Colorado; Glenn Falls, Colorado; and Jamestown, NY. Our annual fundraiser, "Island Nights," was filled with the cool breezes of our 2013 theme, "Catalina Island." All had a wonderful evening at the Rumson Country Club filled with dancing, auctions, and boat rides.

While there was a lot "to do" at Aslan this summer, the best part is always seeing the way students are continuously transformed by God's love. Whether a fundraiser so our programs can keep growing, or daily time spent with families, there's something special about our summertime memories. While we only get to see students after school during the rest of the year, the summer gives us a chance to go deeper in relationships for 6 hours a day, five days a week. We love using it as a launching point into the rest of the year!

Now, here we are once again in the Fall! Time to get into the "back to school" routine, and awaiting what new things God will do in the lives of our students, their families, our volunteers and staff! Before we blink, it will be summer once again!





Volunteer Highlight: A New Look At Missions!



Typically when one reads a “missions moment” in a newsletter, it is the story of where someone “went.” This summer at Aslan three groups from around the country CAME to us!

On the first and last day of their time with us each team was told, “Relational ministry is among the hardest. It’s much easier to clean a lot, build something, or paint a wall. You stand back and know exactly what you accomplished. When you pour into a life, it has a blurry ‘finish’ line.”

It was amazing to see how each person gave their whole selves in their time with us. There was a lot expected of them to help not



only run the camps, but to truly be “on” at all times while here. In short they were asked to not just talk or teach about Jesus, but to walk hand in hand with another child for the week as HE would.

It isn’t often that we have enough volunteers that Aslan kids can have one-to-three or even one-on-one attention. Our families were amazed that groups of people would ride in an airplane or drive as many as 30 hours just to be with them.

Compassion is an action word. We should be moved to “do” something as our hearts are broken for the least, the lost and the last. Each day these groups built momentum in giving all they could.

It was inspirational and fun to say the least! Next year our hope is a summer FULL of missions groups!



Island Nights



Technically I guess we have to call Island Nights a fundraiser. Its main goal is indeed to aid in financially supporting the work we do at Aslan, and this year it raised \$27,000!

However; it's also a time to celebrate who we are as an organization! One of the first students in our programming from almost 39 years ago, Cheryl Edmond, shared her story with our guests. It was wonderful to hear how the heartbeat of relationship began with Craig and Lynn Ann all those years ago. Bill and Beverly Van Winkle were our 2013 honorees for their long time support of our organization. One of the most powerful times of the evening was when our current students shared their dreams for the future and what Aslan means to them through a touching presentation. In their own words they told of wanting to be singers, doctors and, of course, ice cream truck drivers. To them Aslan is an extended family, an inspiration and a place that helps them dream.

The 2014 committee is already forming; we would love to have your help! Contact John Fix for more information.



Car Giveaway!

In 2012, Sansone Jr's Automall generously donated a quality pre-owned car to be given to an Aslan family at the annual Beauty and the Beach Run. Unfortunately, Superstorm Sandy cancelled the event.

Recently, Mr. Sansone honored this wonderful commitment. Choosing from a worthy pool of applicants, Sansone Jr's donated a Dodge Caravan to a Red Bank family. Our thanks to Paul and the entire Sansone Jr's family.



Golf Outing

On Monday, September 9th Aslan held its 8th annual golf classic to benefit our youth. Participants were treated to a gorgeous day of golf, food and fun at the Rumson Country Club. \$17,000 was raised through the generosity of many!

Aslan would like to thank Buckman, Buckman & Reid, Rob Swikart, and our many sponsors for making the day a huge success!





From Dream to Reality!

This October Craig and Lynn Ann Bogard's vision of having a medical clinic on Aslan's land in Haiti was fulfilled. After over two years stuck in Haitian customs, our units were finally released and transported to L'Acajou.

Hundreds of local residents met our team as they arrived during the night, cheering the arrival of the clinic and praising God for His provision. It was an incredibly moving moment.

The clinics are finally on their foundations, but there is still work to be done in the coming months to get them ready. We hope to have our first team use the clinic in early 2014. Stay tuned.



Falling Into Step!

As wonderful as summer was we are excited to be back into our school year programming. New volunteers have been interviewed and trained both as tutors and Bible Class teachers. A new curriculum has been prepared that focuses on how to: 1. Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind and strength; and, 2. Love your neighbor as yourself. The big blue bus has even begun its rounds in our Monmouth County neighborhoods picking up children for all we have to offer. Our focus in Red Bank is to expand our offerings. So far we have art and cooking classes getting underway.

We can't wait to see how God will work this school year! Please be praying for the children.

Beauty And The Beach

The "Beast" of this November "Fairy Tale, is a five-mile, all women's run. It starts and ends on the boardwalk of Long Branch, drawing over 1,500 runners to support Aslan!

You can run, walk or saunter to the finish line. There are, of course, many wonderful "goodies" as is true with any great race! There is still time to sign up, train and join us!

Don't want to participate in the race? An event like this can't succeed without many volunteers like YOU! Come and help stuff packets, pass out water, or even set up food at the end!! To register, visit <http://www.beautyandthebeachrun.com/>, or contact John Fix if you would like more information about this great event.

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