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Aslan Youth Ministries

Changing the World

One Child At A Time



Our Summer Needs YOU!

Living in the inner city has its challenges. Summertime seems to bring the restlessness that hovers there to the surface. Maybe it's the heat that triggers new levels of violence in the form of gangs, guns and fists. Perhaps, it's the lack of structure and schedules that causes so many students to take to the streets, inevitably ending up with the opportunity to make poor choices.

This is why camp during the summer months is vital. Each year as we bring Aslan students home from Baptist Camp Lebanon, they are armed with chants, a bag of dirty clothes, and amazing memories. Our two-week, full day, summer camps allow us more time with each student. These are both necessary to reinforce lessons we teach during the school year. Unfortunately, without Aslan many of our students would never be exposed to these life-changing experiences.

What many do not know is that our day camp costs approximately \$200 per child to run and Camp Lebanon's actual cost is \$400 a week. We ask our families to invest resources they have. We ask volunteers to invest their time. We need you to invest financially to get as many students involved as possible. Recently one of our 11 year old students asked why more don't attend Camp Lebanon. "If they can't afford it, I have some money saved up in my piggy bank. I think I could help out at least one of me friends," he offered.

All of our camps reinforce and encourage students to grow in character and with the Lord. We help them see that while the city heats up in the summer they can remain constant in HIM. As you know our tagline is "Changing the World One Child At A Time." When you aid us in offering camp to our students you may not even realize how you are deeply changing the world of one child, one family, and this means one community.

Save The Date!

Day Camp!

July 8 - Aug 16

Contact us if you would like to volunteer to serve.

Island Nights

July 27

We hope to see you there!

Golf Outing

September 9

Bring a foursome or consider a corporate sponsorship!



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Celebrating Easter

Candy, colored eggs, crafts and even “flash card” competitions were all a part of our Easter celebrations. However, the best part of everything was sharing Christ’s love for us through his death and resurrection.

Thank You Luther Memorial Church!

In a fun conversation with our church Ambassador Valerie we tried to figure out just how long this amazing body has been supporting Aslan. We figured out it is somewhere around 17 years of support. This Easter they hosted a party for Red Bank Bible Classes! All had a wonderful time! Their continued generosity ended with children going home with a new backpack!



Who’s The Fastest Flash?

Our tutoring program had a fun contest as part of their Easter celebration. Each student won a prize for how quickly they could work through their addition flash cards! Their progress is remarkable! Thanks to the hard word of each student and tutor!

Long Branch Teens Take The Lead

In Long Branch most of our teens have been a part of Aslan since they were very young. This year they have been participating in classes that teach them leadership. Taking what they learned and putting it into action they took charge of the party for the younger students. We talked of what Easter “means to us,” they led a craft, and of course headed up a great candy hunt!

Asbury FUN!

Our Asbury Park students headed off to a local park where they spent the day playing and finding candy! The best part of the day however, was when we took the time to share the “GOOD NEWS” of Easter with our students. What is wonderful is that this is not the first or last time we will talk about the love of Christ. This is a regular occurrence in all we do!





Learn The Heart Of Aslan

One Aslan Student Tells Her Story

As I sit here today and write this essay, I can't help but remember the things that helped make me happy.

When I was younger, and my family lived in Asbury Park, my mom signed my siblings and me up for Aslan day camp. We were all so happy to get on that blue van with the lion on the back. Whenever Mrs. LynnAnn and Mr. Craig would pick us up we were ready to learn about Jesus.

It was so much fun singing Christian songs, learning Bible stories and making new friends. Aslan taught me that God is always there for me. He showed me with "his angels," my counselors, who taught me I am special and made in His image.

(Chelsea went on to get involved in our other programming.)

Aslan was more than a camp for me; they showed us love, gave us Christmas presents and food when it was hard for my mom to do so. They didn't treat us as summer camp kids but as a family.

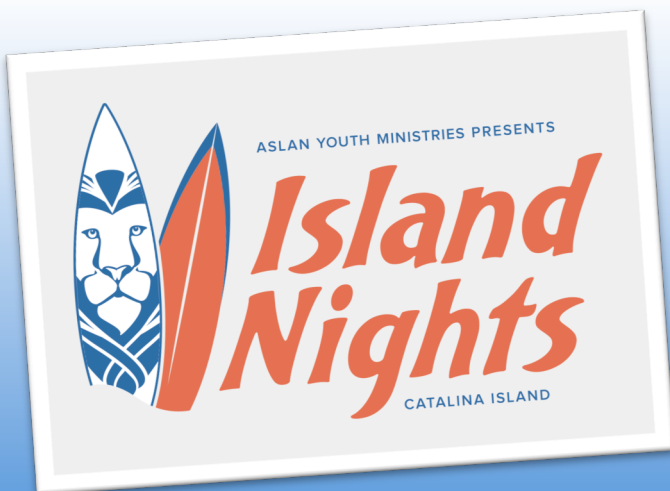
When I think of all the great people I met through Aslan like Mrs. Lynnnann, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Yvonne, Mr. Jim, Mrs. Karen, and Mr. Rob, I can't help but to focus on the one person who changed me the most; Mrs. Andi

It's funny how we met, but I think it was destined through God that we did. *(Chelsea was also a part of our Aslan tutoring programming.)*

When I got to the tutoring program that day, my friends and I were all excited to pick our tutors. Everyone knew who they wanted and we all were fighting over who would get Mrs. Karen. When they told us who our tutors were going to be, I was a little upset because I got someone I didn't know, Mrs. Andi. Boy did that change!

Every time we met up, Mrs. Andi made me feel ten times smarter than I probably was, and she always told me that I was number one! I still have the Narnia book that she bought me when the movie came out in my room. I reread it every now and then. Through tutoring she became a close friend.

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An Island Tour?

Gilligan, Ginger, MaryAnn and the Professor are busy in July so why not come on out to our little island affair and make it complete? Feel the cool breezes of Catalina Island while never leaving the docks of the Rumson Country Club. You could win a vacation or any number of great silent or live auction items. We will be honoring long time supporters of the ministry, Bill and Beverly Van Winkle. Enjoy good food, boat rides, new friends all the while learning a little more about what Aslan is doing these days! For more information contact John Fix: john@aslanyouth.org

Congratulations Graduates!

It's with a heavy heart we say goodbye to the High School graduates in Aslan.

One of our students, Tony, has been in our programs since he was FIVE! This past week in our Long Branch Elementary Program we interviewed him. When asked, "What would you tell someone you wanted to invite to Aslan?" His answer was: "Aslan becomes your family. It's where you learn about Jesus, how to follow Him and make good friends."

We will miss all of our graduates as they leave for college in the Fall, but know we will stay in touch. After all, we are family!



Marathon Madness!

Thank you to all the many volunteers and runners who came out to support Aslan at the New Jersey Marathon!

It was a brisk day, but a great day for a run as staff and volunteers conquered the half marathon and half marathon relay. Thank you for your generous donations!

Haiti Update

The goal for our land in Haiti is to build a medical clinic, an orphanage and a discipleship training school. You may remember that "phase one" meant our medical units were built stateside and shipped to Haiti. We hit a snag when they became caught in customs for TWO YEARS! However, thanks to hard work and many prayers from supporters like yourself we have FINALLY made progress. We are ONLY within a few small months of getting the units out of customs, and onto our land where they belong!

On June 28 a group from Step of Faith Ministries, led by Pam Hess, will be heading to L'Acajou to run a summer day camp for 200 Aslan children. We are thankful for our partnership with Step of Faith and the continued work they do with Aslan in Haiti.

As we continue to press forward with our work in Haiti we know this is only the start of all the work the Lord will do there. He continues to open the doors for our efforts to expand and grow in this magnificent country. We are thrilled to see all of the exciting things that keep happening through Aslan. Thank you for your countless prayers and continued support. They are much needed!



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She began to branch out of books and we would go on trips to museums, Broadway shows and even her house. I got to meet her daughters Jessie, Beth, Sarah, and her husband, Mr. Andi. I thought she was so cool because she and her husband were both "Andi's." I didn't feel like her student, I felt like her fourth daughter.

Mrs. Andi took me on my first train and boat rides, and my first trips to New York and Pennsylvania. Every time she did something with me I would come home and tell my brother and sisters about it. My mom loved Mrs. Andi because she showed me things she could not at the time. If I ever needed someone I could always count on Mrs. Andi and I still do to this day.

Now almost ten years later, she is still there. Even when we moved to Howell, she continued to come see me in my school plays or at my track meets. Every time I see her in the crowd I just shout out, "Mrs. Andi!"

Nothing has changed in our bond. Sometimes I can tell that she feels since I'm older I probably don't want to hang with her as much. However, I don't care how old I get, I will always be excited to see Mrs. Andi!

I always look forward to getting letters in the mail from Mrs. Andi, and I save them in my room. She sends me birthday cards for my birthday, she never forgets. She always emails me to keep up with my life. But most of all she helped me with my college decision.

Mr. and Mrs. Andi showed me Rutgers and they told me that no matter what happens or what school I pick, they will be there for me. I chose Rutgers and I'm happy.



I got the "EOF" scholarship and I will be majoring in animal science and minoring in marine biology. They were so excited when they heard I got accepted and they were even happier when they found out that I was enrolled!

Mrs. Andi will be in the crowd cheering for me at my High School graduation and at my College Graduation, just like she was there at my middle school graduation. She never misses anything, and even when I think she cannot make it, she'll pop up in the crowd with her camera, rooting for me.

She never forgets to tell me how much God loves me. Most of all she never forgets to tell me how much she loves me. I'm very happy and blessed to have someone so precious in my life. She is a true angel that I cherish; Mrs. Andi!

(Chelsea will be attending Rutgers as a Freshman, Fall of 2013)

Craig Update!

Earlier this month, in a crazy accident, our Executive Director, Craig Bogard was hit by a car while walking through a parking lot. This left him with 11 broken ribs, a week spent in the hospital, rehab and several months of recovery. Look out for a letter from him later this month as he shares more details of his story and the miraculous way he is bouncing back.

A special thank you to all of those who showed Craig and Lynn Ann love and care in the last few weeks. The hospital visits, meals and assistance have been much appreciated! As a matter of fact, one hospital employee remarked, "Mr. Bogard must be very special. He sure does get a lot of visitors." This outpouring reminds both the Bogards, and our Aslan staff, how much we would not be able to accomplish without people like yourself.

