

October Update!

The beginning of the month has been quite eventful! It finally decided to cool down in the North Georgia mountains (at least for a bit!), missionaries have been trained on our ropes courses, and youth ministers have been trained at the EDGE training conference. But devastatingly, Hurricane Matthew swept through the country of Haiti, leaving destruction in its wake. In the good and the bad, God is still at work and still making His presence known.

We want to inform you of everything going on at our camps and mission bases. Here's the update!



The earthquake of January 12, 2010 stirred the hearts of Life Teen missionaries, staff, and volunteers – the Life Teen family – to follow the missionary call to Haiti to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, to bring the love of Jesus Christ.

And now, God has us in place to help serve the people of Haiti during this terrible time. Over 1000 Haitians have died because of Hurricane Matthew and thousands more have lost their homes and livelihoods.

Many have asked how they can help at this time. First, continue to pray for the Haitian people. They continue to show us how to fully trust into our Lord, even after losing everything. This base is a beacon for so many and we want to get it up and going once again so that we can serve our community at full force once again.

Second, if you feel called, donate to the base. This money will go towards fixing many of the damaged buildings here at the base and help in the local community. We

recently partnered with <u>To The Nations</u> to assist with humanitarian outreach in Haiti. Because of the generosity of our donors, <u>we recently gave out 3,000 gallons of water to our local community</u>, providing them a safe and reliable water source for cooking, drinking, bathing, and laundry. If you feel called to donate to rebuilding the base or helping in the local community, please click on the button below!

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In mid September, both the Covecrest and Hidden Lake missionaries dove into Mission Academy, a two week intensive formation covering prayer, salvation history, and general missionary formation. Stephen Estes, the Director of Missionary Formation, led this first week of formation at Camp Hidden Lake.

Hidden Lake also had the pleasure of hosting the first ever EDGE Training Conference. Over 100 youth ministers and CORE were able to connect with each other, renew their relationship with the Lord, and learn relevant and practical techniques specific to middle school ministry.

More specific to the Dahlonega community, our missionaries began helping with Life Teen at our local parish, St. Luke's. Pray for them as they journey in relationship with the teens at the parish and lead them closer to Christ!

Donate to the Hidden Lake Missionaries











The second week of Mission Academy continued at Camp Covecrest. Kristin Niedbala and Fr. John Ignatius (of the <u>Servants of Christ Jesus</u>) led our missionaries

through formation in prayer, salvation history, and spirituality. A huge thank you to the two of them for forming our missionaries and leading them deeper into relationship with the Father!

New construction is also happening at Covecrest (pictured above)! A covered eating area, Caskey's Corner (named after a dear friend and benefactor of camp who has passed away, Tim Caskey) is currently being constructed. An additional 80 people will be able to eat and enjoy the beautiful scenery at camp! We are so excited to share this wonderful space with you and can't wait to see how it will be used!

The missionaries at Covecrest are beginning to immerse themselves in the community of Rabun County. They participated in "Keep Rabun Beautiful," a local initiative to pick up trash and clean up the public spaces in the county. Additionally, Alice, Anna, and Lauren visited Marge, a parishioner at St. Helena's (our local parish) who is homebound. They were able to pray a Rosary with Marge and simply just be present to her, a simple yet profound thing to do!

Donate to the Covecrest Missionaries











UPCOMING EVENTS:

Missionary-Led 8th Grade Retreats:

- October 19th-21st at Covecrest facilitated by the Covecrest Missionaries
- October 26th-28th at Covecrest facilitated by the Hidden Lake Missionaries

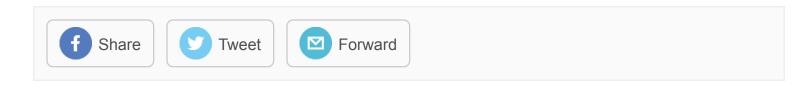
We're beginning formation with Haitians Missionaries this month! Please pray for:

- Yves Dor
- Yves Laure
- Caïna
- Jean Gerby
- Renald

This is our first time doing formation down in Haiti and it's really exciting! The missionaries are pictured above. Our long term goal is that these missionaries will then be sent from the mission base and then begin doing youth ministry throughout Haiti. So please pray for them and for our missionaries as they lead them in formation!

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