

State of Mind

Dear Friends,

Summer 2023 is in the books! House of Faith had an incredible summer filled with new adventures as well as some familiar summer traditions. Each of our programs were centered on our theme “State of Mind” which stemmed from our memory verse, Philippians 4:8, *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

I want to highlight the impact I have witnessed as the House of Faith camp experience allows our volunteers to build on relationships that have been built throughout the year. Overnight camp, where the students are away from distractions and their cell phones, is a powerful time of spiritual growth. The time we spend with students throughout the year encourages them to make Jesus the focus of their lives, allowing them to open up at a deeper level because of relationships that are already established. Larenz Hernandez, a faithful volunteer for our 321 Youth program, came to camp for his first camp experience ever to be a camp counselor. I asked Larenz about his experience and he compared his role to that of the role he plays as a coach:

“I was able to get them back on track, remind them why we are here, that we are here to grow stronger with God, to know God more and build that relationship with Him; and not just with Him but with one another, understanding that we all have our challenges and struggles, but that we are not going through it alone, that God is alongside every single challenge and struggle we face.”

Larenz came up to me at least two times at camp to tell me how he was so moved by how the kids were connecting to and experiencing the Lord’s work in their lives. His favorite activity was small group time when the students were able to meet after our camp worship sessions to share what God was showing them.

Alex Deanda, one of our girl counselors, shared this thought:

“I believe the students realized how much anxiety could impact their lives. I think the lesson of having a Godly State of Mind was definitely needed, because I know it was something that nearly all the kids struggle with. I feel like they all got a lot out of it, and it was definitely needed to help some of them either in their journey or starting their journey deeper with God.”

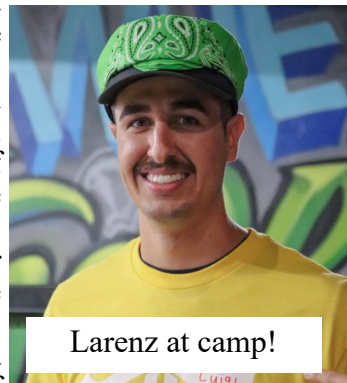
Spiritually, we know before camp we have to pray for the Lord to soften hearts. At the beginning of our week, I cannot explain in words the spiritual resistance we experienced with behavior and distraction. We dug our heels in and prayed for our students to have breakthrough in allowing the Lord to work in their lives. Our camp speakers, Alex Suber and Keenan Clark, declared the truth of the Word of God in such powerful ways. Many students chose to take steps of faith, committing to growing in their spiritual walk with Jesus. The desire to walk by the Holy Spirit’s guidance was on full display as students flooded the stage wanting prayer the last two nights. Alex also commented, *“The most meaningful moment I had at camp was definitely getting to pray and intercede for the kids as camp leaders. I was touched to see so many of the youth get prayer the last few nights at camp and really open up.”*

We praise God for all He has done through our time with our students this summer. We are excited to watch God raise up this next generation of leaders who will do great things in Jesus’ mighty name and we praise God for all the volunteers who answer the call of God to mentor this next generation of world changers for Jesus!

Pray our students and families take what they learned this summer and ask God to help them focus their “State of Mind” on growing their journey with God. Also pray for more workers like Larenz and Alex that will join us to build and strengthen God’s Kingdom. Who knows? Maybe God is even calling you to join us in this mission of taking Jesus to neighborhood children, youth, and families!



Keenan praying with students on stage at camp!



Larenz at camp!

Grateful for Summer!

The Delagarza Family



At House of Faith, we cherish each of our volunteers! It takes an army of close to 200 volunteers each week during the school year, and close to 100 during the summer to make sure our programs and camps run smoothly and safely. Individuals volunteer and sometimes their entire family gets involved.

Such is true of the Delagarza Family. Monica has been a volunteer for about a year, but it started with obedience to a plea for help. Monica said, “I remember the first time that we were asked to volunteer with House of Faith. The Lord was teaching our sons as believers in Jesus Christ to do what only He could do. Our boys pushed all fear and anxiousness away to be obedient to the Lord’s calling to serve! They led my husband and I by example!”

Monica went on to share that their family had a beautiful time serving the kids this summer as they each served in different capacities at the 4th-6th grade Day Camp, which included the kitchen, camp crew, and camp counselor.

“Our hearts were filled with the love of God through those children. The children shared the love of God over us as they sang praises, laughed, and every time they said thank you...This time away from the world gives our family time to do what we were created to do and that is to SERVE...If you’re still not sure about volunteering to serve the Lord through House of Faith, know you’re missing out on a huge move of God in your life!...You think you’re working or volunteering; but in truth, what you take from the experience of being the hands and feet of Jesus, is more than doing any job.” Delagarza said.

This summer, we offered a new experience for our 4th-6th graders by hosting a Day Camp, right here in San Angelo.

The camp offered many of the same elements our usual out-of-town overnight camps have provided in the past, but with few extra perks; one of which was getting to return home for a nice night of sleep in their own beds!

The students enjoyed fun activities, worship, teamwork, Jesus, and, of course, LOTS of sunshine and swimming to end the day!

They were given a choice of 11 different classes from which to choose for their activities. The classes were donated by individuals and businesses who wanted to invest in the youth of our community. The kids had a blast!

Thank you to everyone who made our first Day Camp so enjoyable!

Faith Carrillo, Ballet San Angelo · Tara Fattouh, San Angelo State Park · Alesha Ellis, Basketball · Julie Zesch & Jenny McClure, Cooking · Jenna Jones, Worship Music · Courtney Lyles, Fitness Class · Vanessa Hartel, Block Engineering · Kyle Johnson, Martial Arts · Brandi Whittle, Creative Expression · John Dees, Robotics · Billy Baugus & Lupe Mata, Fishing

Summer Volunteers:

Ana Lawrence
Addyson Trevino
Aedyn Trevino
Alana Byrum
Alex Deanda
Alex Lemus
Alex Suber
Alexis Benevides
Amy Zesch
Annette Mayer
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Mikayla Aguirre
Mike Schmitz
Miranda Aguirre
Monica Delagarza
Pattie Stroud
Rachel Graves
Ryan Calder

Ryan & Hope Moran
Samantha Neal
San Juanita Briones
Santos Renteria
Stella Zesch
Stonegate Fellowship Youth Band
Taliyah Franklin
Tammy Littlefield
Tianna Franklin
Trinity Bosworth
Victoria DePass
Weston Clark
Xander Arhelger

Summer snapshots!

Fun for the entire family



Celebration Church sponsored two pool parties for our House of Faith Families. There were backpacks, haircuts, hotdogs, and tons of laughter. It was so much FUN!

Geared up & ready to go



Our 7th-12th graders went to Circle 6 camp for the first time this year and had a blast on the "Challenge Course!"

Fun at Kids Connection



Over 100 children, ages 4-5th grade, came for Kids Connection in June. They loved wearing their bucket hats designed during craft time, and learning about Jesus.

Our First Ever Day Camp



This year, our 4th-6th graders had fun at our House of Faith Day Camp! Three Days of Jesus, fun, lots of sun, pool time, and of course all camp games.

Gifts Given In Memory of:

Colleen Baker
By Elanie Moore
Loren Gienger
By Terry Hee
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Loren Gienger
By Mr. & Mrs. Gary Witman
Loren Gienger
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SEPTEMBER 25:
321 YOUTH PROGRAM STARTS

SEPTEMBER 27-28:
BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB STARTS

DECEMBER 10:
CHRISTMAS PACKING NIGHT

DECEMBER 11-14:
FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTIES



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