

Our first VBS has taken place. We had a slow start with just eight (8) souls but ended up with a high of seventy (70) children! There were numerous lessons learned by the team

which included brethren from Central Oklahoma, and our local group. We believe there will be an even more fruitful VBS next year. Lord's willing, we will:

- I. Knock doors the week before to preregister and get contact info.
- 2. Pair one local with each class group to establish a relationship beyond the week.
- 3. Plan a later start for island time.

The main highlight of VBS was the eagerness to learn about Jesus. The theme was "Jesus is My Ticket to Heaven." Some comments like "Jesus is God's brother" and "this is baptism" as they watched a foot washing display indicated that the children need teachers to show them the way.

There are several VBS' that take place during the summer so we will be working diligently to distinguish the church from denominations in the area next year.

The only complaint from the children attending was that VBS was too short! Next year, we may be able to get one more day in



DOOR-KNOCKING CAMPAIGN

The Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ is coming during August to help door-knock with us. Very little door-knocking took place with our last group because the focus was VBS which resulted in long, rich, but exhausting days. In the little doorknocking that did take place though, we had good conversations with kind individuals and we are pursuing the possible studies.

As with VBS, this will be another great opportunity for our name to be circulated throughout the community and for our presence to be better known.

We plan to ask individuals in the community if there is any Bible Question they have always wondered about then invite them to come to the Gospel Meeting that will take place to get answers. This method has proven effective in other places so we are eager to give it a try!



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During the month of July, we were doing some in-house work. There is a member in our small congregation who has been delinquent. We had a sit-down and looked at the spiritual balance sheet as it stands. This meeting spurred a return to worship the following Sunday but we noted another absence the week thereafter. We are going to continue working on this heart.

In addition to the help with VBS and encouragement of week-long fellowship, we received a huge blessing of 50 books *Why am I a Member of the Church of Christ* and *A Muscle and Shovel* from the Central church of Christ. This was a blessing that will keep giving as we continue Bible Studies with the lost!

FAMILY NEWS



Our children have spent the last 60 days reciting Psalm I every evening in Bible Time and they know it now. Even twoyear old Providence can say a few words from each sentence.

They are all well spiritually and physically. God has been good to us.

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Please keep on praying that:

- We will gain more studies.
- We will find good soil.
- The completed studies will repent and chose Christ (Luke 13:3)
- We will not grow weary (Gal. 6:9)
- The upcoming August Gospel Meeting will be fruitful (Matt 13:23)
- This work will always be God's doing and never about us (Acts 5:38-39).

Thank you for your love, support and prayers.

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