



Our Little Lighthouse

By Mark Drake,
Executive Director

Each summer we hope and pray that at least one life is tremendously impacted and changed by Christ! This summer I have heard of many, many commitments and very encouraging stories. One life that has been impacted really touches me personally.

This girl was selected to be a teen counselor-in-training for the summer at Camp Summit. She came alive at camp! Sharing, helping, trying so hard to reach and love kids and teens at camp. That is great! The most amazing, wonderful and encouraging piece of her story is that just five summers ago we had her arrested after she beat up a boy in our Moline Youth Center! Her life has been a tragic story of pain, abuse and mistakes. Yet our staff kept pursuing her and loving her. I have called her a "lighthouse girl" for years because of her involvement in one of our banquets! Her involvement with Christian Friendliness will not end this summer. Her desire is to be on teen staff this fall and to help with our new Rock Island teen choir starting in October.

Welcome to your new life "little lighthouse girl!" We are so proud of you and the path you have chosen! We are truly blessed by seeing your life change!



"I Knew You Would Be Here"

By: Chris Britton, Rock Island Director

It was a busy Sunday afternoon for me and the camp staff. We were busy picking up kids for camp, checking their bags, and doing our final head count. It was at this point when we noticed we had a problem. One teen, Ken, was on the bus and ready to go to camp—but he did not have any paper work filled out.

I pulled him into the office and searched around for a few minutes to make sure his paper work wasn't misplaced. At this point I had to ask two questions, "Does anybody know that you're with us?" and "Why did you sneak on our vehicle with your bags packed knowing that you weren't signed up for camp?" His response was priceless:

"I knew you would be here. I knew you were picking up a boy that lived by me so when you showed up for him, I was already packed to go."

A smile crept onto my face, but I also wondered what could possibly be going on in this young man's mind or in his family that would make him want to do whatever it took to get out of his home for a week. As uncommon as this situation was, I knew I had to try to get this kid signed up. I talked to his mother and was able to get the majority of his information over the phone. A CF staff then went to Ken's house to get the papers signed.

I'll never forget the look on Ken's face when I told him to go back out to the van because he was all signed up for camp. Ken went on and had a fabulous week at Camp Summit. When I think of Ken telling me that he knew we would come to his housing complex, I couldn't help but think of Jesus going out and offering hope to everyone. Ken knew that HOPE was coming to his neighborhood. And during a week of his summer, he was able to experience the HOPE of the world!

Thank you so much for making opportunities like this possible. Your generosity keeps HOPE going to more and more kids and teens each week. Thank you so much!

DID YOU KNOW?

- * **Christian Friendliness will be shut down during the week of August 10-14. This is a time when all the full-time staff have a week off to relax and be with family.**
- * **The Moline Youth Center is in need of a new riding lawn mower.**

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



RYAN

"CF has given me a place to go and stay out of trouble. Before CF, I was always hanging out with the wrong crowd. Then one day I decided I didn't want to live like that so I started to take CF seriously and ended up giving my life to Jesus through CF."

Please remember to pray for the unreached youth in our community.

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7th Annual Yard Sale!! September 11th & 12th

Getting rid of those unwanted items? You can donate them to the Christian Friendliness yard sale. This sale will be held at our Moline Youth Center Friday, September 11th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, September 12th from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale of your items will benefit the children and youth of Christian Friendliness. We will be taking donations beginning August 17th. If you would like to donate items or if you are interested in volunteering to sort and price items, please call the Moline Youth Center at (309) 762-4577.

A NEW LIFE!

By: Dave Hodge, Moline Youth Director

*"I'm finally beginning to let things go
and I am letting God in."*

These words came from a teen, Jane, who has come up through the Christian Friendliness program. I have had the privilege of watching her grow these past 7 years. Jane has become a young woman who desires to live completely for God, and she deeply wants her family and younger siblings to find the relationship with Christ that she has. Jane went from fighting with other students and having an "I don't care about God in my life" attitude to an earnest desire to seek and know God in her life. Now Jane is totally committed to God, she is getting herself involved in a local church and working at camp this summer as a counselor-in-training. It takes time, but the investment is worth it when they discover life is all for God and not themselves.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support! Without you we would not be able to help kids enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus.



FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your donation of food items and monetary gifts that aid the underprivileged families in our community. We truly appreciate your generosity. Our numbers for the month of July were:

275 Families =
850 People

Cookies for Camp Summit Cookie Sale!

September 11th and 12th

Moline Youth Center

Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to noon

All proceeds will go to Camp Summit!!

Two ways to be involved:

#1 - Bake a cookie #2 - Buy a cookie

Two types of cookies you can bake:

**#1 - Cookie Jar Cookies,
packaged by the dozen or half dozen**
**#2 - Decorated or Specialty Cookies,
single serving beauties packaged to
be sold individually.**

**Please drop off cookies by Sept. 10th
or contact Lisa Francis: (309) 629-2102**

Open Positions at Christian Friendliness

Director of Children's Ministry in Rock Island
(Full-Time Position)

Assistant of Children's Ministry in Rock Island
(Part-Time Position)

Assistant of Youth Ministry in Moline
(Part-Time Beginning in the Fall)

If you feel called by God to be in full or part-time ministry,
please give us a call at (309) 762-4577.