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*"And [Jesus] saith unto them, Follow Me,
and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)*

The theme of "Follow Me" was on my heart when 2020 began. I had no idea that Jesus would lead us as a ministry to be *fishers of men* through brand-new online avenues. My responsibility was not to know where I was headed, but to know Whom I followed.



Summer 2020 was different in almost every way . . . yet in one way, it was identical to every other season as "*fishers of men*." We were *faithful* to do all we could to present the Good News, and we leave the results in the hands of the Master. Pastor Brad Gray recently stated, "*Faithfulness is rarely ever seen in boisterous results. Rather, faithfulness is primarily seen in a dogged determination for the things of God, despite the results.*"



Your prayers and giving made it possible for Meredith Gardner, our summer missionary, to assemble 180 care packages for JONAH (Phase 2). Many of these were delivered around the county by previous 5-Day Club hostesses, as well as distributed at Memorial Acres housing in Sunbury. These packages included fun snack items for the child who received it, but also a box of macaroni and cheese that could benefit the entire household. We created unique memory verse token keychains for JONAH, and it is wonderful to know that Scriptures like 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 and Romans 6:23 are in homes across the county, perhaps where the Gospel has never before been shared. The JONAH videos will remain accessible via our website through the end of September—God may still use us to be "*fishers of men*" through this tool!

Meredith was an invaluable help as we navigated the Google Classroom platform for PETER (Phase 3). Between the two tracks, Meredith graded 340 review quizzes, as well as updating the databases daily. The summer would not have been the same without her *faithful service*!



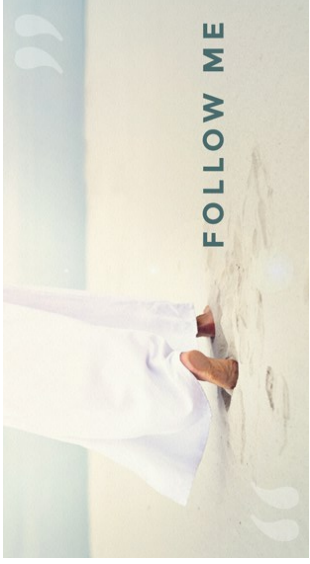
We mailed 13 prize packets to children who completed the entire JONAH series, and personally delivered 25 prize bags to campers who made it to the end of the PETER series! It was such a joy to see campers in person, usually getting to have physically distanced chats with them and a parent(s). Over and over parents expressed their surprised appreciation that we would drive house to house to deliver prize bags. Meredith and I thoroughly enjoyed our "delivery days," traveling more than 440 miles to go to where the children where and call them by their names!

It is impossible to quantify the results of this summer, this side of eternity. We have no idea the extent of the outreach as children watched the videos that proclaimed the Gospel. Who knows how many other household members listened along to the episodes? As I considered items to include in the PETER prize bags, God laid it upon my heart to include *Keys for Kids* devotionals. Again, I cannot help but wonder how He will use the truths that children will read to strengthen their faith as they, too, *follow Jesus*!

"What about Good News Clubs?" You might be wondering. As I write this newsletter, we are days away from the August online CEF OF EASTERN PA, INC. Director's Institute. I know more ideas will be shared and explored during that time. Meanwhile, all the options are still on the table: online connections from last year's after school Good News Clubs, new children's ministry partnerships with churches . . . whatever doors that God opens. We commit to be *faithful to seek His will* for what the next ministry season should look like. Being faithful to share the Gospel with the children of Northumberland County is not canceled!

May all who come behind us find us faithful!

Anna



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Pray, Remembering God Answers Prayer!



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>6 It was an honor to partner with two churches in care packages/JONAH videos for their children!</p> | <p>7 Pray for revival across our nation, beginning in your local church. May the light of God shine in dark places.</p> | <p>1 Lord, give us open hearts and minds to discern Your leading for the next season of missionary work to children.</p> | <p>2 May God grant Anna and Janet clarity and understanding in crafting the fall club and office schedule.</p> | <p>3 Pray with us that the seeds planted this summer will take root in good soil and grow.</p> | <p>4 Today is Deborah's birthday! We are thankful for her investment in the GNE Peter videos this summer.</p> | <p>5 It is an exciting privilege to teach the <i>Life of Christ</i> series this fall, no matter what the format will be!</p> |
| <p>13 School boards and faculty need our prayers. Please pray for our local superintendents by name.</p> | <p>14 <u>Milton School District</u> Pray for Dr. Cathy Keegan, administration, and teachers</p> | <p>15 God has blessed our county with godly men and women to serve on the committee! Pray over tonight's meeting.</p> | <p>16 <u>Warrior Run School District</u> Pray for Dr. Alan Hack, administration, and teachers</p> | <p>17 Would you pray that Anna daily answers Jesus' call to "Follow Me", in both her personal and professional life?</p> | <p>18 <u>Shikellamy School District</u> Pray for Dr. Jason Bendle, administration, and teachers</p> | <p>19 "God is not looking for men of great faith. He is looking for common men to trust His great faithfulness." -Hudson Taylor</p> |
| <p>20 Lord, grant our pastors boldness and conviction to speak Your truth from the pulpits.</p> | <p>21 <u>Mount Carmel School District</u> Pray for Dr. Pete Cheddar, administration, and teachers</p> | <p>22 "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called. . . ." (1 Timothy 6:12)</p> | <p>23 <u>Shamokin Area School District</u> Pray for Dr. Chris Venna, administration, and teachers</p> | <p>24 <u>Line Mountain School District</u> Pray for Dr. David Campbell, administration, and teachers</p> | <p>25 Uphold in prayer Pastor Doug Williams, CEF E PA Executive Director, and our State Board.</p> | <p>26 We are thankful for the continued faithfulness behind the scenes of our monthly newsletter mailing team!</p> |
| <p>27 How are you responding to Jesus' charge to be "fishers of men"?</p> | <p>28 Praise God for Janet's successful eye surgeries and recovery this summer!</p> | <p>29 "Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." (1 Tim. 6:19)</p> | <p>30 Pray for children who attended After School/In School Good News Clubs to desire biblical teaching.</p> | <p>"All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell! For I know, whatever befall me, Jesus doeth all things well" - Fanny Crosby</p> | | |

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