



REACH

WORKCAMP

Cheyenne Timm-

This was my second year at REACH! Once I got there and settled in, the nerves hit me about meeting my neighbor and my crew. I was nervous about making friendships and forming bonds with the people I would be working with that week. When we got to the worksite on Monday I met my neighbors Roland, Patricia, and their son Jeremiah. I wasn't expecting them to interact with us at all, but they explained their situation and we got to work. Right away Roland grabbed his hammer and he got right up on the roof with us. He worked up there all week when he didn't have to. I didn't get to form a very good relationship with Roland and Patricia, but they both ate lunch with us everyday. At the end of lunch Patricia always gave an inspiring speech that gave us the strength to finish out the day. I did have a great relationship, however, with Jeremiah. Everyday we would sit and talk with each other. He was such a great kid and I'm glad I got the opportunity to meet him. Overall my week at REACH transformed me. I developed new friendships that will last a lifetime, I gained new perspectives on different subjects, and I grew closer in my faith with Christ. REACH has impacted my life for the best; and I would like to thank everyone who made this trip possible. I had an amazing week, and definitely look forward to doing it again next year.

Ray Grossi-

After my fourth mission trip, what I've come to expect is not to expect anything! All 4 trips have given me 4 different experiences. Traveling to Monroe was the furthest we've had to drive, I wasn't sure how everyone would hold up, but I can say I did not hear any complaining! This was also my 4th year as a troubleshooter, and though I enjoy that role and good troubleshooters are generally in short supply, I found myself wondering if I should be a crew leader instead. I will have to pray about my decision for next year. I was in charge of 4 homes with a wide variety of work. I got to meet and work with 10 adult leaders and 35 Senior High youth. I was able to have devotion with each group throughout the week as we ate lunch together.

I cannot say enough about our leadership team, Caroline, John, Roy and especially Rose, for her planning and organizing of the trip. It is not a small task! I felt the trip was just about perfect in every way. Just like regular life, you have joys, concerns, and challenges, but with God's grace everything falls into place!! I shared with our group about 2 hours from home how proud I was of our youth. We had many people tell us how great our kids were. They interacted well with each other and with the other youth groups. They were prompt when they needed to be and engaged in our nightly reflections!

We talk alot about how to give Christian testimony by the example we live, and I feel their actions are a testament to you, the moms, the dads, and to our congregation. Our youth see your unselfish support, your love for the Lord and for each other and they follow your example! A lot happens between leaving and returning from the camp, but I always miss it when I get back and look forward to returning!