This June was the beginning of the clothing room ministry renovation-cleanup. As many of you know, the clothing room has been in existence since the Mission. Actually, God had Haman and Malettor Cross open their hearts and home to the people of the Northend with food and clothing before the Mission was in a building. Once the building was obtained, the food ministry occurred on Tuesdays, and the clothing was housed in a separate room.

The room had been cluttered and packed to the ceiling with donated clothes for years. Malettor (now deceased) always had a desire for the clothing to be organized. God came through! This June, SERVE, a youth organization with Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church, answered God's call. For three days teenagers came and sorted, threw out, cleaned and transformed the clothing room. It now has the atmosphere of a department store-- clothes on racks (with wheels), shelving built, crates with toys and an abundance of matched shoes.

The room was dedicated back to God on September 10, 2017. Representatives from Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church were able to come

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Choices: What choices do you make?
The 2017 theme for camp was "Choose You This Day."

As always, the camp ministry starts with fundraisers! We were able to have at least three different fundraising activities combining fun and hard work to raise money for our camping program. Working with the theme, Choose You This Day, we held a skating party, golf outing and our annual dinners fundraiser.

The selling of dinners went extremely well; over 150 dinners were sold! We try to keep the menu simple--chicken, ribs, fish and a few side dishes. We were encouraged by the many wonderful compliments received, but we were elated knowing that God had a hand in all of our endeavors. The dinners fundraiser generated more than $2,000.

The skating party (held at Northland Roller Rink) was a fundraiser mostly for the youth; they had a great time. There were lots of bumps and laughter as they skated to the sounds of gospel music. We raised $800 from that event.

Our largest fundraiser this year was the 8th annual golf outing. Every year we add to our number of golfers; we are delighted, encouraged and very thankful for this. The participants enjoy golf and a good dinner in conjunction with learning about a ministry that has been an integral part of the Mission since 1986. The golf outing brought in over $5,000 towards scholarships for camp.

Thanks to the glory of God, we were blessed going into camp this year to have more than $10,000 of the approximate $23,000 that it takes to run a full week of camp.

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for the varying conditions, situations and numerous health issues of the saints listed below in addition to the ministry at the Mission and the Mission family in general.

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Rebecca Curry

Canoeing Class 2017

"The heavens declare the glory of God..."

In three days, students learn how to be safe in the canoe, names of the parts of a canoe and paddle, and how to work together to make the canoe go in the direction that crew wants it to go. This year eight campers and one adult learned how to properly wear their personal flotation device, i.e. life jacket. They also learned the parts of the canoe (bow and stern) and the parts of the canoe paddle. When paddling, canoers use a forward stroke, pull stroke and a sweep stroke. With these three strokes they can go forward and turn around and get back to the dock. There are many strokes, but these three require two people to work together as a team.

This year it was very windy and a couple of boats had a hard time maneuvering, but with the assistance of the lifeguard everyone had a good time.

Donations

All donations given to the Mission for the advancement of the ministry are tax-deductible and appreciated very much. Checks should be made payable to Detroit's Afro-American Mission, Inc. and mailed to 1019 Clay Street, Detroit, MI 48211. Please indicate if your donation is to be used for a specific need, or it will be used where needed most at the time we receive it. Tax receipts are mailed by the end of January unless requested sooner.
Clothing Room Ministry

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Hebrews 6:10 NIV - "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” It was a great evening; God will not forget!

Five Day Club

“The Gospel was shared clearly everyday.”

We decided to continue the 5-Day Club concept this year as an alternative to VBS. Having experienced a big decline in attendance over the past couple of years, we found that the 5-Day Club concept works best with very small groups. Although the 5-Day Club is designed for youngsters, adults seem to enjoy the experience just as much. As a matter of fact, we registered more adults than children (13 adults and 9 children). However, attendance fluctuated throughout the week ranging from a high of 9 children one day down to 2 children another day-- averaging 5 children on a daily basis. Adult participants maintained an average daily attendance of 6; in addition, there were 5 adult staff members each day.

We were encouraged by the kids and their attentiveness to the missionary story, their eagerness and excitement to work on the crafts every day, their enthusiasm and commitment to memorize Bible verses daily and their mingling with each other at the end of the day. They would often form a little community as they ate their snacks-- all the while reminiscing about the fun they had that day and expressing their excitement in anticipation of more of the same to occur the next day.

We are confident that each child, down to the youngest child, knows how to share something about Jesus with a friend or family member. The Gospel was shared clearly everyday; the older children left there KNOWING who Jesus is and how to be saved according to the Word of God. The missionary story, Bible verses and the plan of salvation were reviewed daily.

The adults looked forward to hearing the missionary story each day and taking part in answering questions during the review the following day. Family members rejoiced in hearing the youngsters recite their memory verses also-- their reward for investing time in helping them to learn the new verse each day. One family member volunteered to help with crafts as well as help prepare snacks.

We give thanks to God for those who volunteered to serve in the 5-Day Club. We were small in number but "strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." It was a blessing to be used by the Lord to reach out to the little children while motivating the adults in the interim. We give all glory and honor to Him as we look forward to doing it all over again next year!
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