

# Christian Released Time Summer Camp!

Summer is just around the corner... and our CRT students are looking forward to attending Christian Camp! Those that attended last year said it made all the difference in their young lives, and two even attended the Fall and Winter Weekends as well.

This year, camp is being held from July 27 through August 1, 2015. Plans are underway to have horseback riding, swimming in their fantastic pool, canoeing, archery, hiking, and sitting around the evening bonfire singing praises to our Lord. Bible study and prayer times are an essential part of this experience. This proves to be a week that the students will

always remember as a life-changing experience, as they learn how to stand strong in the Lord while living in today's society. While some students may be returning for another year, for other students this may be the very first time away from home and the city of Philadelphia. In either case, they will be surrounded by loving Christian counselors who will help them learn more about Jesus so they can grow in their faith and become young men and women of God.

Please help us in this effort by providing funds for full (\$140.00) or partial scholarships so these students will be able to attend. Whatever you can send will be

most appreciated. Please note "For Campership" on your check and send your contribution to:

Skilton House Ministries  
P.O. Box 1045  
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Also, please plan to have a CRT (Christian Released Time) Program in your church, starting in the fall of 2015. How many new families do you want to join your church in the coming year? This is a way your church can reach out into the community and grow. For more information, call 215-646-1774.

## Operation Brotherhood 2014

Operation Brotherhood 2014 was outstanding. We reached 1,400 families through 27 churches and missions.

We started with the Organizational Meeting, where the churches that were interested in being considered arrived at the Korean United Church of Philadelphia to receive information about the 2014 Operation Brotherhood program. We received a devotional from Rev. Cooper of the Community Church of God and the session was closed in prayer by Rev. DiBenedetto from the Geiger Memorial Brethren Church.

The Rally was held on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at the Faith Tabernacle Church. After a warm welcome from Rev. Jesus Rodriguez and a beautiful prayer, Durwin Parks, president of SHM, brought greetings and shared our CRT program. He encouraged the churches to become involved with it, as it is a wonderful evangelistic outreach in their communities. Rev. Cooper, past president of SHM, explained the purpose of Operation Brotherhood, and Minister Leroy West graced us with a beautiful hymn. Elder Jaquelyn Pope from Genesis Christian Fellowship closed the service with prayer. The outside service included Reverends Cooper and Rodriguez, with a Spanish prayer by Rev. Carmelo Gonzales from Igle-

sia de Cristo Church. The Faith Tabernacle Youth Choir sang at the inside service as well as the outside service, and they were well-received by all. Everyone left the rally looking forward to all the excitement of Operation Brotherhood 2014.

Slip Night came and everyone was notified that they would get the number of turkeys and food baskets that they had requested.

Thursday, November 20th came, and canned goods were brought to the Korean United Church by schools and churches. Potatoes and onions came from the Korean Grocery, fourteen hundred bags were donated to be made up for Packing Night, and the work of sorting cans and bagging potatoes and onions began.

On Friday evening, we had an outstanding service in the beautiful sanctuary of the Korean United Church. It was decorated with fresh flowers and fruit to signify the harvest. Pastor Timothy Cho, Senior Pastor of the Korean United Church of Philadelphia, welcomed everyone and gave the opening prayer. President Durwin Parks also brought greetings and introduced Minister Leroy West, who once again ministered to us in song. Rev. Cooper gave devotions and Rev. Jin Jan closed the meeting with prayer.

Then, it was off to fill the bags. We sang, we greeted, we worked, we broke down boxes and we swept the floors.... And all 1,400 bags were packed in an hour and fifteen minutes!

Saturday morning arrived and the church representatives came to pick up their baskets and their books of the Bible, which were contributed from the Philadelphia Bible Society.

On Tuesday morning, November 25, the truck arrived with all of the turkeys. Everyone received their turkeys and started delivering them to those families that we have been praying for these many months and will continue to pray for, that they would grow in the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We thank all who have contributed to making Operation Brotherhood 2014 a great success!

We also look forward to Operation Brotherhood 2015, which will kick-off with the Organizational Meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2015. All of the information is enclosed on the Operation Brotherhood schedule and flyers. We hope you will join us in this important ministry to show Christ's love to the families of Philadelphia.



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## The President's Corner

We live in a broken city, state, nation, and world. We often look around and ask, "Is there any hope for the mess we see?" Two words in Ephesians 2:4 are very important to remember: BUT GOD! In spite of all the stuff that is happening, God, being rich in mercy and because of His love, has made us alive together with Christ. What we make of our circumstances depends on our view of Christ.

As co-heirs with Christ we are to be ambassadors for Him. As ambas-

sadors we represent Christ when we use our talents, passion, and past experiences to help influence others. Our lives are the proof of His love!

At SHM we want to be ambassadors for Christ through our outreach. One way is through our Operation Brotherhood program, as we connect with many partner churches to reach out to the many neighborhoods in Philadelphia. Another way is through the Christian Released Time program, encouraging churches to be host

churches to the needy children in the public school system. Do you have a talent, passion, or past experience that can help equip you to be an ambassador for Christ by helping us with OB or CRT?

Once again in 2015, SHM wants to sponsor CRT kids to go to Christian camp in Lancaster, PA. Could you help us? The cost for one student for 6 days at camp is only \$140.

Will you pray for these students? As we see changed lives, we are grateful to God for the things He is doing.



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

We have volunteer opportunities for those who have one day a week and would love to work for our Lord. Please send us a letter of recommendation from your pastor, your availability, and how you can be reached. We will be in touch with you and train you in our mission work. Please send your recommendation letter to:

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