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*So that all may know Christ and live like Him*



## Going The Distance

One of our greatest challenges as an outdoor ministry is social distancing. We use experiences that bring people together relationally and physically, and there is such a need for that connection in our world today: for the trust and love it inspires, which combats the judgment and hate that reigns on the news. At the same time, we do Covid screening, wash down all our gear, offer masks, and host our events outdoors. Are we being wise? Are we being faithful? Please pray as we aim to be both.

### Paddle Boarding

On a recent day trip girls learn about fear and Who they can rely on, by paddling blindfolded.



## The Making of a Leader

Because we are not hosting overnights, the retreat scheduled with the Fayette youth became two long day-trips with the theme of “servant leadership.” Through hiking, yard games, low-ropes activities, and water sports, the teens followed the example of the Good Samaritan by demonstrating courage, compassion, and commitment to the goal and to one another. On the hike, above, they began carelessly, some racing ahead while others struggled behind. Mid way up, we regrouped and encouraged them to decide how best to lead each other, caring for their 20 peers. They discovered that putting others first made the trip more fun for all—they experienced for themselves that Jesus’ way was best!

Please join us in prayer for:

### Discernment

We continue to seek God’s will for fresh ways to serve and share Christ during Covid. Pray that we would follow Him well.

### August events

Especially our two women’s paddle boarding trips, a movie night, the Global Leadership Summit, and school start-up.

### More laborers

Our staff member, Abby, in Asheville, is expecting a baby!! ☺ But that leaves teammate Peter largely on his own this fall.

## How Ministry Looks Today

In an ever-changing world, we are taking steps of faith to stay in step with the Lord and His plan for how He wants to use us—embracing “different.”

### Marriage Moments

In July we offered a 3-part series on communication over zoom, which was nerve-racking, hard, and fun for us, and by God’s grace, fruitful too! Here are a few of the comments from attendees:

“Applicable and very helpful for not only our marriage but also resolving conflict in other relationships.”

“...extremely helpful...toward understanding...and communicating to her that her thoughts and ideas are valued and important to me.”

### Free For All

We have decided to offer all our Thrive day events for free with an invitation to participants to “Pay it Forward” so they can help provide trips to others. We want the Gospel to be available to all, and are trusting that God will cover ministry expenses through grateful donations.

### Movie Nights

We have been hosting monthly backyard movie nights with a Biblical theme. One night, 45 of our co-op kids came to watch “Narnia.” It was such a joy to see these kids who are so desperate for camaraderie, laughing and playing across the yard. Please pray as we determine how to proceed with our Christian co-op this year with more than 70 kids involved. It is a huge outreach and privilege to help these youth grow spiritually and academically.

### Discipleship Program

We have finished developing a two-month discipleship course that our staff will be leading individually: Jenn with family members, Angie intends to do it with pre-teens, Tracy has friends from church who want to be involved... our goal is to create reproducing disciples who will lead others with the intent of leading others. The material is meant to be given away and to build confidence in serving, develop unity and purposefulness within the Body, and glorify God as we obey His command to make disciples. Want to join us?

