

**The Caring Place/Sycamore
Ex-Committee Report
April - June 2019
Submitted by: Virginia Alexander**

Statistics:

- Active volunteers 43
- Families served (CP & Bible study) 121
- Individual served 253
- Bible study average 12 adults and 7 children with 6 volunteers

Appreciation:

- Active volunteers
- Individuals and memorial donations
- Churches and VBS
- Donated items, food, clothes, towels, socks, blankets, hygiene supplies, monetary, etc.

Caring Place needs:

- Boys clothes and men's blue jeans
- Peanut butter, mac & cheese, cereal
- Hygiene items: soap, shampoo and toothpaste

Caring Place Bible study has had 12 adults and 10 children this spring and summer. One family attended Liberty Baptist Church VBS.

Thank you for your prayers and the churches which donate to the Caring Place.

**AL Raceway Ministry
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NASCAR, Talladega Speedway has many AL Baptist State Convention sites. Each site leads a 9:00am worship service each Sunday of the race. Also, each site conducts activities and witness to race fans and workers.

Spring race:

- The team handed out around 1000 Christian material to campers.
- This is the first race we were over the children's derby cars. We had a wonderful group of men and women who had worked with RA's derby cars. They did a great job!
- We added Children's crafts. These crafts had some Bible verse, etc. on them. That way as they took the crafts home, they would have something to remind them of Jesus and His love.
- The worship service was a blessing sent from God. We received the pleasure of praying with folks. One lady asked to sing with our praise team. All Glory given to the Lord.

Thank you for being apart of this ministry. Please be in prayer for the ones in which the seed was shared or watered. Also, please pray as the team prepares for the fall race.

Morgan Baptist Disaster Relief Summary

(April – June, 2019)

Submitted by: Geno Shirey

The Disaster Relief Team participated in a total of 14 activities, involving 87 volunteers, during the second quarter. Highlights of the quarter:

- (4/20/19) – Chainsaw team removed tree in Priceville
- (5/8/19) – Cleanup/Recovery team to Glenwood, Iowa
- June – provided support for VBS at Central Park and Bellview
- (6/15/19) – Chainsaw team removed tree in Flint community
- (6/25/19) – Chainsaw team removed tree at Circle Ranch in Danville
- (6/26/19) – Feeding team supported EMA's Browns Ferry Exercise

Preparations continue to be able to minister to disaster victims. This includes deploying chaplains, cook teams, chainsaw/cleanup teams, or the shower/laundry unit, as needed. The Disaster Relief team appreciates the support received from a number of churches in the association.

English and More
April – June 2019
Submitted by: Debbie Pirkle

We finished out ESL class and Bible study in May.
We do not meet during the summer months.
Two of our Japanese families have returned to Japan to stay.
One of our Chinese ladies is in China for the summer to visit family.

One of our former Japanese ESL ladies returned to the USA and resided in South Carolina for a few years. She renewed a friendship with one of our former ESL teachers who had moved to the state to be with family. The two of them were meeting on a regular basis and started studying the Bible together. The student's father passed away and she returned to Japan for an undetermined length of time. Her teacher friend was fearful that her efforts to witness to her former student might be over. The student's husband was recently reassigned to a new location in St. Louis, Missouri. They have just moved there. Her husband will be spending about 3 weeks a month in Mexico with his job and she will be alone much of the time.

My son resides in Cincinnati, Ohio now and is a co-pastor there.

He met this Japanese lady when he was a journeyman in Japan and she remembers him. He has a friend in St. Louis that we hope will be able to befriend our Japanese friend and help in her spiritual journey. Another former student from Brazil lives in Atlanta and is suffering from many health issues.

We got word that a former student from France will be returning to the US in August. She and her family will be living in the Atlanta area for one year. Her teenage daughter plans to attend an international school there. I hope that my family will be able to reunite with this family while they are in the States.

The Brazilian lady and the French lady were students in English and More and our ESL Bible study while they lived in Decatur many years ago. Hopefully, they will be able to reunite as well. The French lady has a nursing background.

Facebook and email have enabled me to stay in touch with many of my former students when they leave Decatur.

It is encouraging to know that I may be able to invest again in the lives of these precious people and be a light for Jesus.

It really is a small world.

English and More
April – June 2019
Submitted by: Alison Blackwood

I thought you might want to add to your report that I have been teaching ESL/Bible to a Chinese woman named Meng for about a year. She is a very immature Christian so I have been teaching her the basics of the faith in English with Chinese explanation. She seems to like it and is learning a lot. Her college age son, Sam, was saved last summer and got baptized at Central BC where they attend. I am sure you remember this family, but not sure you knew that I have been teaching her at the association office. Actually she is in China on some business right now, but will return in July. I hope we will continue to meet. She has a lot to learn!

Calhoun report April-June, 2019

The Calhoun Annual Fall Feast was April 18th which gives BCM the opportunity to pass out Christian Literature and engage students in conversation about prayer needs and their faith journey. Students continue to take the lead in this outreach. Raceway Ministries is another event that provides the opportunity to share the Good News. I was blessed to share in this ministry with former Calhoun students and others committed to reaching out to race participants. One student from Calhoun signed up but was not able to attend the event.

The semester concluded with Summer Commissioning service in Chelsea at Liberty Baptist Church, Campus Ministers Workshop in Montgomery and the SBC Convention in Birmingham. Alabama Campus Ministers and collegiate students from Alabama and Georgia worked at registration and participated in Crossover event in the City. Crossover events consisted of door to door outreach, VBS and church services.

Thanks for your support in reaching students and giving them the opportunity to serve. Pray for outreach on the campus this fall.

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