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Agents Honor

We have welcomed the first 73 campers for a week long Streamside experience. Already, 13 teens have been participating in the SLT program (pg 3) and Camp Restoration day camp is averaging 68 campers. Campers are learning of their True Identity in Christ where they are forgiven, adopted, cleansed and safe & secure. Through our Agents of Honor theme, campers are being rewarded for positive behavior by following a code of conduct as each cabin renamed as spy agencies compete for the coveted prizes of agent of the day and agency of the week.







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"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." Psalm 1:3



LIKE A TREE

Last Spring we heard that a tremendous ministry of evangelism and discipleship was closing it's outreaches in Philadelphia and York as well as the camp that served the ministry. Teen Haven has been a special place to hundreds of young people who found love and acceptance, a respite from challenging circumstances and the hope of a new life in Jesus Christ. Streamside recognized the void that these closings would leave and through the help of campership donors provided some of these children with a week of quality Christian camping. Along with the campers, we were also introduced to some of the young people who grew up in Teen Haven and were now seeking to serve the Lord.

One such person was Jerome Bennett. Jerome began attending Teen Haven when he was 12 after his foster grandmother, who was concerned about his behavior and choices in life, insisted that he go. At that time Jerome was struggling with feeling abandoned and was acting out with bad language and disobedience. It was at his first week at Teen Haven camp that Jerome committed his life to Jesus Christ. After this, Jerome began regularly attending Teen Haven Bible studies in Philly. It is evident that Jerome has developed a strong understanding of the Bible through the influence, modeling and teaching of the male leadership who invested in his life. Jerome was invited back to serve at camp as a junior counselor and later in the kitchen for weekend retreats. It was while serving in the kitchen at Teen Haven Camp that he became aware of the heartbreaking news that Teen Haven would be closing, but remained confident that God would open new doors. Upon the recommendation of Teen Haven leadership, Jerome joined the Streamside summer staff in 2014. Although he misses the memories and relationships at Teen Haven, Streamside has given Jerome a new place of safety where he has been able to continue growing and serving.

Like a Tree

Jerome began college at Shippensburg University, but struggled in his first year and returned to Philly where he attended a community college. After serving on the Streamside staff for a summer, he has spent the following school year in Streamside's College@Camp program re-establishing himself as a student at Northampton Community College. It has been a tremendous help to have a godly influence through the people supporting and encouraging him at Streamside. Jerome plans to return to a four year

college and be the first in his family to complete a degree.

Like many other young people, who through ministries like Teen Haven and Streamside have been introduced and immersed in the streams of God's Word, Jerome has not just survived a difficult home environment, but is growing and prospering in his walk with the Lord as he pursues a productive life.

Joy Serving

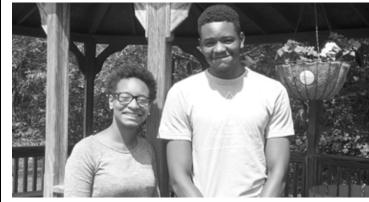


Roberta Wescott is a retired school teacher that we got to know through her attendance at Streamside's Labor Day Alumni Camp for adults. Her joyful demeanor and enthusiastic participation adds life to this annual event. Roberta is an advocate for the

ministry bringing others to the Labor Day Event as well as to volunteer for special needs like open houses and newsletter mailings. We were thrilled when Roberta began spending a week at camp each summer to serve as a counselor to 7 - 9 year old girls. She is an effective counselor and wonderful role model for both our campers and summer team members. Roberta is now married and she and her husband, Harry, volunteered together at Winter Blast and Roberta is returning this summer.

Check out streamside.org/join.php to learn more!

CITY VISION INTERNSHIPS One Year Internships in Christian Ministries



The first arrivals for Streamside Camp's 2015 summer team are 2 interns through City Vision. City Vision is a Christian counterpart to AmeriCorps and provides internships in Christian ministries while giving students full on-line tuition scholarships. Mark Jemitola, originally from Nigeria and now residing in England, is attending Salem International University in West Virginia where he plays basketball. He will be serving as our Men's SLT Counselor where he will disciple young men ages 14-17 and model a Christian work ethic as he leads these young men in caring for our grounds and buildings. Kristeenah Williams is from Flint, MI and will serve as a Marketing Intern. She has created her own major at Spring Arbor University. While at Streamside she will complete phase 2 of our retreat marketing plan, assist in the camp office and operate the snack shop.

Church Training: Grand Old Gospel Fellowship

BCM International is a global Bible-centered ministry dedicated to making disciples of all age groups for the Lord Jesus Christ through evangelism, teaching and training, so that churches are established and The Church strengthened. Streamside participates in the church developing ministry of BCM by making our facilities available for seasonal retreats.

Another event we sponsor and attend is the Unity Conference of GOGF. Grand Old Gospel Fellowship has a weekly half-hour radio broadcast that is heard locally in Philadelphia, nationwide and around the world.

This ministry has planted 15 New Testament Churches, which are still providing vital ministry in urban centers along the east coast.

They have a large emphasis on training pastors in

developing countries through 3 training conferences held quarterly which also provide short-term missions opportunities to believers as they join in support of the mission. Each year the east coast churches join together to be challenged with speakers, workshops and reports on the ministry and Streamside is happy to be there in support of their effective ministry of training.



Can I be an SLT9

Many of our teen campers desire to join this elite group of campers. On a weekend in April, over a dozen eager teens spent the weekend at Streamside, and were all candidates for the 2015 SLT Program. SLT stands for Service and Leadership Training. This is the first step in our Arise Leadership programming. Those selected attend Streamside for 5 weeks at no cost. They enter a rigorous schedule of kitchen, maintenance or housekeeping duties; spiritual discipleship and training in supervising younger campers. There is a lot of fun and relationship building along the way. By the end of the summer, these teens will have both the hard and soft skills for employment, spiritual disciplines to enhance their relationship with the Lord and a passion

to reach a younger generation. Many former SLT campers return as Counselors in Training eventually assuming adult roles in the ministry of Streamside. Learn more about leadership development at www.streamside.org arise.

