

## September Report

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We started the month with the distribution from our youth group mums fundraiser. The youth group sold 145 mums and made a little over \$600. This money will go towards camp, Winterfest, Alive, and the National Youth Gathering for the youth who sold mums. Our next fundraiser will be the Chili Cook-off at Fall Fest. Also, we had our Youth Group Kick-off on the 17th. We had twelve youth join us and we shared in food, games, and a lesson on covenants.

Pastor Elizabeth and I got to attend the Alive Middle School retreat and Nawakwa with four of our youth and one adult advisor. Two of our youth and I were able to be small group leaders. We learned about The Way of Jesus and how we may stray from The Way in our own lives. We participated in a water walk which helped put in perspective how blessed we are to even have something as convenient as safe running water at our fingertips. It was a great weekend full of learning, fun, and growing together.

Sunday school has gotten started and I have had the joy of teaching the preschool Sunday school class that averages about six kids in attendance each week. Also, I've gotten to lead Sunday school closing which has been a fun opportunity to bring everyone together at the end to sing, talk, and pray. We have had a wonderful group of kids for Sunday school so far each week.

On Wednesdays, I have been leading an adult youth group that has had between 3-5 people each week. It has been an awesome opportunity to go through the curriculum I am using for youth with adults. We have been able to go a little bit more in-depth into the curriculum, it has been an awesome learning opportunity for me to have different perspectives on the curriculum.

Finally, this month I have started to teach about 30-minute Christian Ed lessons in the Children's Garden. I have been in seven classrooms, four preschool, two pre-k, and one kindergarten. This has been a great chance to see all the different age groups of kids and be with their teachers. The teachers have all been very welcoming and willing to have me join their classrooms. It has been awesome to get to know some of the kids and see them in their classrooms and in chapel. Going in to teach is something I look forward to every week.

September has been a busy month with many things starting, but it has been wonderful to start building and growing relationships throughout the church. I am looking forward to our different events this fall.

Grace and Peace,

Grace Roux