

# December 2015 Update

Hi everyone! It's been a busy couple of months!



In mid-October I took a week-long class called "Healing in the Context of Community" at His Mansion in Hillsboro, NH. His Mansion is a well-respected year-long Christian discipleship program for people seeking healing from a variety of addictions and other life issues, and people came from as far away as Seattle and Fort Lauderdale to take the HCC class. In addition to experiencing first-hand the excellent work that goes on at His Mansion, HCC "serves as a training course for Christ-followers who desire to love and serve hurting and broken people in their own communities." It was an outstanding week, and I highly recommend the class as well as His Mansion!

In late October and early November I took an 8-day, 3,000-mile road trip, visiting 15 students and campers in CT, VA, NC, TN, OH, PA, and NY. Some have moved and some are now in college, and 2 of the young men I hadn't seen in 9 years! In addition, I stopped at Grove City College, my alma mater, to speak to a group of education majors about why I believe in Christian education. It was also a great blessing to catch up with a few college friends who work there!



Normally, a group of Concord Christian Academy high school students join our team each spring for a spiritual emphasis week at another Christian school; however, this year their service week was moved to November. Nine CCA students joined us in ministry at Christian Life Academy in Brookfield, CT, during the week of Veteran's Day. Whenever high school students join us, it adds an exciting and powerful dynamic to the team and to the week, and the staff and students at CLA seemed very pleased to have them there. The high schoolers provide a solid, inspiring example of what it can look like to follow and serve God at a young age!

After I spent 2 weeks working on summer camp lessons (it's never too early haha), attending students' sporting events, getting together with students, and celebrating Thanksgiving with friends, our team journeyed to South Shore Christian Academy for a spiritual emphasis week with grades 6-12. This was only our second year there, and we were excited to return and continue building on the relationships that were established last spring. I was blessed to stay in the home of Peter Fitzroy, a Bible teacher at SSCA who was one of my campers during my first year as a counselor at Camp Fireside in the summer of 2001! 😊



Peter and I in our younger days! 😊

Finally, we spent this past week with the middle schoolers at Mt. Zion Christian School here in Manchester. It was a rare treat to be able to sleep in my own bed! The students do a bowl-a-thon to raise money to have us come, and it's great that they're actively involved in making the week happen. We love partnering with our local Christian school!

*Next week we will be in Lenox, MA, at Berkshire Christian School, and on Friday I will leave for Florida to visit my parents for Christmas. I hope each of you has a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! 😊*



Clockwise from top left: Jacob helping in basketball practice, Dylan with students during lunch, our team cheering on the girls' basketball team, me using a headlamp to teach an object lesson about the Bible at the beginning of chapel, and story time with Clay. 😊

