



Summer 2026 News



Week # 1

39 Participants from two churches joined MI as we were hosted by Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. It was a great start to the Summer of 2026 and God blessed us immensely. 16 participants from Christ's Church (IL) served at Ritter Avenue Free Methodist Church, removing an stone fountain that was no longer needed, and doing some drywall repair along with painting. The remaining 14 participants from Christ's Church ;led a VBS for teens from a Burmese community on the southside at Falam Christian Church.

A new to MI group came from Main Street Christian Church of Rushville, IN. The group of 9 started the week by emptying and then tearing down an old mini barn for a widow. Then they got a great start on building a very nice-looking retaining wall for a couple of families over on the eastside, related to Englewood Christian Church.



WEEK # 2

10 participants came to serve from Piqua Christian Church (OH) and 13 came from Church of Christ NW (IL). New Hope Christian Church in Whitestown did a wonderful job of hosting us! The Church of Christ NW people began the arduous process of scraping off the old paint from wood siding so the house can be primed and re-painted. They got a one day break on Thursday as they went to FAME and served in various ways. The group from Piqua served three days at Victory CC, demolishing a ceiling where previous roof leaks had damaged it. Then the group went to the retaining wall that had been started during Week # 1, and finished it nicely! They worked so hard and did an amazing job.

What a “coincidence” that the group leader from Piqua had run her own landscaping business before getting into youth ministry! Thank you Lord!



WEEK # 3

65 participants came to serve from New Hope Church (IL) and 7 came from McGrawsville Community Church (IN). We were hosted at Chapel Rock Christian Church for this 3rd week of the summer program. The New Hope group was divided into 5 service teams. One served at Victory in the City, continuing the house priming and painting. Two groups served at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church; one ripped up old carpet in the too large food pantry rooms and repainted them. A second group cut a lot of brush and cleaned up a lot of trash along a ditch that goes around the Chapel Hill Property. They got a one day break on Thursday as they went to Parent Life at Chapel Rock and worked with Niccole Wilkes, serving in various ways. The fourth group served at Christian Student Fellowship Campus House, taking down an old wooden fence and replacing it with a black steel fence. The fifth group worked with Englewood Community Development doing things such as finishing a paver patio, leveling and beautifying a garden / playground for Daystar Childcare, and a ton of brush cutting.

The group from McGrawsville served all week inside Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. They took off many heavy wooden doors, sanded them down and re-stained them. Near the end of the week, the group also took up some carpeting and painted a pantry for their kitchen.





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We hope you have received this invitation in the mail! (If not, please let us know, so we can get you one). Note that you will need to click on the QR Code (either on your invitation, or below) to reserve your ticket(s) for the Gala. We surely covet your presence at the important event in the history of Mission Indy.

Come enjoy dinner, an impactful program, and a fun silent auction, among other things.

For more than three decades, Mission Indy has been a place where lives have been shaped, faith has grown, and community has been built. Today, we want to share an important leadership transition as we enter the next season of this ministry.

After 30 incredible years of serving with Mission Indy, I (Ron) have been reflecting with deep gratitude on the journey God has allowed us to experience together. What began as a vision to impact students and communities has grown into something far greater than I could have imagined. I have had the privilege of watching countless lives changed through the dedication of volunteers, staff, supporters, and partners who have faithfully invested their time and energy into this mission.

As with all meaningful work, leadership transitions are part of ensuring that the mission continues to grow and thrive for future generations. With great confidence and excitement, I am passing the role of Executive Director to Matt Cutler at the 30 Year Gala in October. Matt brings a strong heart for leadership, a commitment to people, and a clear passion for the work Mission Indy exists to do.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey.

While I am stepping away from the Executive Director role, I am certainly not stepping away from Mission Indy. I will continue to support the ministry financially and remain available to serve and volunteer wherever needed. Mission Indy will always hold a special place in my heart, and I look forward to seeing how God continues to use this organization in the years ahead.

