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Missionary Spotlight

Vacation Bible School (**VBS**) is synonymous with summertime, volunteers, cool-aide, crafts, Bible-stories, singing and the sounds of children. Do you remember? The sights, the sounds, the fun you had? I hope you have memories which take you back to the lazy, hazy, crazy times of your youth in which the love of God was demonstrated to you by adults who sacrificially gave their time so that you might have the opportunity to know about our Savior, Jesus Christ. Today, both young adults and older adults alike share fond memories of those times.

VBS has a role to play in the *Great Commission* of our Lord found in Matthew 28:19-20; and Mark 16:15. Another scripture that jumps off the page when talking about **VBS** can be found in Proverbs 22: 6 *Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.* Sharing the love of Christ draws men, women, boys and girls to new life. And we each can play a part through the giving back of the blessings we have each received from God of our time, talents and money.

These thoughts are flooding my soul today because our missionaries from all around the world are reporting in their newsletters about their **VBS** activities and the excitement being generated. We are already receiving reports of precious souls being surrendered to God. We expect to hear about some child surrendering their life to Christ but remember somewhere sometime one of the adults that volunteered their time also for the first time realize the simple truth that God loves them and paid their sin debt through his Son, Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

Faith, thank you for being great at giving back a portion of your blessings from God that others may see, hear and feel His goodness. Please pray that our hearts are generous, for laborers are needed because the fields are white unto harvest.

One song many may learn in VBS contains these lyrics "bring them in, bring them in, bring them in from the fields of sin..."

You can make a difference!!