

WISE

Windward Islands School of Evangelism

Youth Retreat

Games, worship, personal devotions, small groups, lots of food (provided by 2 of our supporting churches), bright t-shirts, challenging messages and workshops, staying up late, rising extra early, new friends, and so much more occurred this weekend at WISE. We held our first 3-day youth retreat on our campus. And while it wiped us all out, it also brought much excitement.

We loved seeing our student's welcome future students and young people into the dorms and their lives for the weekend. So many helped to make it possible for area youth to come and see what happens at Bible College and also how to grow in their faith and be challenged. Mike Ackerman (an OCC professor), and his family, came to share messages with the youth. Zach Bolin, a Kansas youth pastor, led games the whole campus loved. Our stateside coordinator, Andrew Stout, came to lead devotions. In addition, the whole WISE staff and current students joined in making meals and preparing rooms. Several new students committed to come to Bible College, and many students made commitments to grow deeper in their faith. We're praying for these youth as they grow to impact their culture for Christ.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

I heard about WISE from my pastor Kenroy Clarke and Bro Brice visiting my church. I had to put my job on hold to come to WISE. But I have learned so much about God and met lots of new people. I am hoping after I graduate to teach the gospel to everyone and become more like Christ through my studies. I look forward to trusting God more and more each day through this journey.

WISE Wish List

- Used Van to carry students and work teams - ~\$40,000
- Fans for the dorms - \$60 each
- New Chapel Doors - \$250 each for 6 doors
- Chairs- \$30 each

Dominica Update



The way God brought about the work in Dominica was amazing to witness. Three of our students' homes were destroyed in their home country of Dominica. We wrote about this specific need in our last newsletter and IDES (an organization who helps victims in natural disasters based out of IN) contacted us offering a grant to help build the homes! Our friends from Longview, TX and Woodland Heights, IN flew down on short notice to assist along with a few members of our local church here in Barbados. All of these hands, combined with community members from Dominica, got the roofs rebuilt! We are very thankful for the active Church body and the weight lifted for the students' families back home!

A WISE Christmas Tradition

Despite the heat in place of cold, palm trees in place of evergreens, and ham with rice in place of mashed potatoes and turkey dinner, Christmas is such a special time at WISE. It's a special time for us to celebrate God sending his Son. We talk about the calmness and peacefulness of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the angels and shepherds. Yet we also talk about the presence of the Dragon both then and now and our need to keep our eyes focused on the Lord.

It is a hard time being away from family- for both the missionary staff and the students. Gifts are hard to afford. This year one of our supporting churches helped give a special gift to each student. We also did our yearly tradition where each person made a gift for the exchange. This included homemade bread, a special tea, a painting, and a braided placemat. For our Christmas feast, we enjoyed favorite dishes from all over the Caribbean: Haitian sweet bread pudding, Jamaican rice, Bajan jug jug (similar to stuffing but made with pigeon peas), ham, American salad, a local sorrel drink, and more treats.

We're thankful for the family God gave us here to celebrate the very special gift of His Son.



Team Work

We just had our annual group of Mizzou Christian Campus House here. Their leader, Lance Tamerius, serves on our Board and is a dear friend who brings 20 college students every year to serve alongside our students and families. This group encourages, loves, and works so hard to grow WISE!



Property Update

After many prayers, a few years of waiting, and God growing us in many ways through this process - the last 2 properties in St. Vincent are under contract! We did have to take a lot less than we had initially hoped. But, through extra giving we are close to purchasing the property here. We are still praying for about \$90,000 more to cover the new property. This February marks the deadline that we owe the Baptists for this property. They have been so gracious in waiting for us to come up with the money. We are so thankful for how God continues to provide and for the grace the sellers have extended to WISE in this purchase. God is Good!



Prayers

- Final Approval from the BAC for the Associate Degree in Theology.
- Praise for decisions made at the WISE Youth Retreat and prayers for their growth.
- Prayers for new incoming staff and unity amongst the growing WISE team.
- Praise for contracts on all the properties in St. Vincent. Prayers for finished sales and remaining balance to be met in Barbados.
- Prayers for applicants preparing to come for the fall term.

Land Tributes

- Steve & Beth Dussinger – thankful for God’s mercy & provisions
- Jeff & Jane Robertson – thankful for the students of WISE
- Nancy Parker
- Daniel & Christie Herrington – thankful for God’s grace & mercy
- Darla Smith – thankful for getting brought to Christ & knowing Christ
- Carl & Susan Fogleman – missionaries willingness to serve
- Jared & Carrie Conklin – God’s provisions & blessing
- Jud Hurd
- David & Peggy Beamer
- Roger Bushong – The Termeer’s arrival
- Brad & Kristen Richardson
- Don & Jane Janzen – thankful for the values my parents instilled in me, so thankful for my parents
- Dan & Marla Muter – for family
- Forrest & Barbara Coltharp - thankful for over 65 years together
- Bryan & Kristi Champ - thankful for WISE
- Alan D Miller
- James Weaver - thankful for God, Jesus, family, freedom, and health
- Michael & Julie Maxwell - thankful for committed staff, patient, and devoted students
- David Shank - thankful for God's blessings
- Gary & Lawania McClurg - thankful for Wurdeman's at WISE
- Mr. & Mrs. Neil A Geyer - thankful for the Lord's work through WISE
- Mike & Pam Nichols
- Shelly Beyerle - thankful for friends
- Dayspring Christian Church - thankful for faithfulness to God's teachings
- Dorothy Bare – students who serve God
- Rob & Tierra Felder – God’s faithfulness
- Theo & Jeana Barley
- Kay & Lindsey Melching - salvation
- Chris & Sharon Koloff
- Chris & Adelheid Rutherford - thankful for God's grace
- Scott & Jodi Phinney - thankful for family
- David & Jackie Pittman- thanks for our family
- Chris & Karen Norris
- Norris & Susan Skonberg
- Guy & Jean Chase
- Mark & Karen Sutherlin
- Luella Muter - thankful for family & friends
- Curt & Connie Fay - for the Wurdeman's & their basketball team
- Randy Morrow
- Durbin & Wendy Seidel

Memorials

- Henry & Kathy Termeer in honor of Beverly Bushong
- Richard & Sylvia Clinkenbeard in honor of Beverly Bushong
- Henry & Kathy Termeer in honor of Al Termeer
- Tom Anders in honor of Tom & Lorraine Anders