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Iowa Missions Offering

Preparing and Embracing New Church Leaders in Iowa

Impact University

For the past seven years Impact University has offered a servant leadership group called the “Black School” providing the oldest group of students the opportunity to serve other students and staff during the week of camp. The goals of the week are, 1) to challenge students to be servant leaders when they return home, 2) to help students to grow in their relationship with God and 3) to return to Impact as staff in following years.

This year’s camp gives one example of success through the life of one of the former Black School students. David Livingston, son of Ken and Jolene Livingston, First Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, returned to serve at Impact as an Assistant Team Leader. In his normal weekly activities David also leads the Salt Company at South West Community College in Creston.

David was not the only example of emerging leaders of the Black School as several other past graduates also returned this year to serve as family leaders. God has used Black School to train students to serve and has also raised the bar for all the students at Impact as well.

- Pray that God will continue to use Impact to change the lives of junior and senior high students, so they can impact others.
- Pray that students will take up God’s calling on their life and step forward to learn and grow in their faith and to serve at Impact and in their community.

Friendship Baptist Center

Each summer the Friendship Baptist Center offers opportunities for youth and college students to identify and to use the gifts God has given them through ministry to others at the Center. Local high school students who have grown in their faith at the Friendship Baptist Center are recruited to serve alongside local church volunteers and mission teams that come to serve the families in the neighborhood.

This summer four youth served as Friendship Center Ministry Interns: Jose (19 years old) Buop,(17 years old), Leeh (15 years old) and Erik (17 years old). They provided childcare for ESL classes, led morning devotions for the mission teams, helped lead in a variety of ways to meet the needs of the 60 children who attended the weekly Day Camp. Through these leadership opportunities and interaction with mature believers, each of these youth have grown to a point of boldness in identifying with Christ in their own community and discovering their own spiritual giftedness.

Other leaders have emerged as well. In the past few years two young ladies, Mandi McCluer and Selah Ulmer have served as semester interns at the Center. Both have found a deeper calling and are now pursuing further Christian training. Mandi is beginning her second year at New Orleans Seminary and Selah is enrolled at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary starting this fall.

- Pray for the continued growth of these emerging leaders and that they will be strengthened in their faith and have the resources they need to be equipped for further service.
- Pray that those ministered to in the community would recognize the call of God in their own lives and respond to God by making themselves available for growth and service.