

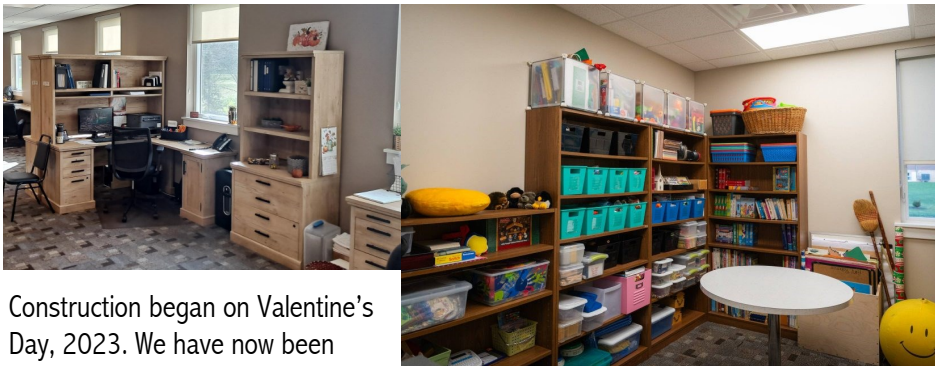
# Step by Step

A ministry update and prayer letter from Tara Kelley

Since last year this time, we have come a long way. We still have far to go, but we must not forget His FAITHFULNESS each step of the way!



## Snapshots of FAITHFULNESS: *How far we have come!*



Construction began on Valentine's Day, 2023. We have now been here *six months!* How time flies!

We continue to thank the Lord for the blessing it is to be in our own place! Because of this blessing, we have been able to add a daytime BASIS Support Group (for bereaved parents). Our evening BASIS and PIP (for parents of a child with a disability) Support Groups are growing since we are in a much more convenient location. It has been a treat to easily prepare and set up for our four smaller local Bible clubs and studies that meet here monthly, because *all* of our teaching supplies are conveniently stored in the building! People driving by, curious about what happens in this new building, have stopped to inquire about the ministry. Through those visits, connections have been made with new families affected by disability.

Local Home School groups have scheduled visits, asking us to give a snapshot of our ministry and to do some disability awareness activities with their students. Other area ministries have come to meet with our staff, developing opportunities for partnership. What a blessing this place has been already! PRAISE THE LORD!



March - May 2024

## *Please Pray:*

### **MARCH:**

- 1-3: Mid-year Disability Training (*new*) (*for camp staff, volunteers and church staff looking to be trained in serving people with disabilities*)
- 4: Explorer Ladies Bible Club
- 5: Explorer Guys Bible Club
- 7, 8 & 14: New Missionary Orientation
- 8: New Camper Open House (*new*)
- 11: PIP Support Group
- 12: Area Camp Director Meeting (*short training on sharing the Gospel with people who have Intellectual Disabilities*)
- 19: BASIS Support Group
- 21: JOY North Bible Club
- 22-24: Mid-year Handi\*Camp Retreat
- 26: New Camper Open House

### **APRIL:**

- 1: Explorer Ladies Bible Club
- 2: Explorer Guys Bible Club
- 8: PIP Support Group
- 13: NJ Ministry Luncheon
- 16: BASIS Support Group
- 18: JOY North Bible Club
- 27: BASIS Breakfast

### **MAY:**

- 13: PIP Support Group
- 14: Homeschool Group visit
- 21: BASIS Support Group
- 31: Training/Orientation (*for camp staff and other ministry workers*)

## *Please Join Us ~*

*South Jersey Ministry Luncheon*

Saturday, April 13

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

at Easton Bible Church

*No cost to attend. RSVP required by April 5. Call, email or visit our website for details or to RSVP.*



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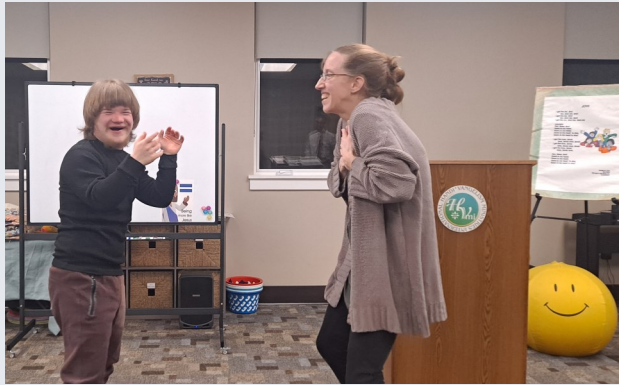
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# Snapshots of FAITHFULNESS:

*His work NOW!*

This year's Bible club lessons are entitled *FAITH: It All Adds Up*. Our most recent addition was "service for God." (2 Peter 1:6) As part of the lesson, I purposed to have as many of our participants up front using *their* gifts to serve! They helped



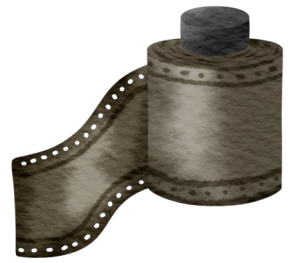
pray, read Scripture and lead worship. Most participants in our Explorers group prefer to stay in the background. Overstimulation and noise are HUGE challenges. But this month, God's work in their lives was clearly seen as Teddy (above) helped lead his favorite song, *JOY 2, 3, 4...* and Andrea and Marissa (below left) helped lead *their* favorite, *Trust In The Lord*. Another "stand-out" moment was Diza (below right) leading the group through the *Salvation Wheel*, a tool we use to share the Gospel through pictures. It has been INCREDIBLE to see fruit in the lives of those we serve. Please PRAY the local church will join our

vision to allow our friends to use their gifts in the Body of Christ!



# Snapshots of FAITHFULNESS:

*What is yet to come!*



While so much is happening, niggling in the back of our minds is the fact that, across from our office, sits the other portion of our land, fully excavated... but waiting for construction to begin on our final buildings! That will not happen until we raise the funds to do so. We need a place for our larger Bible club. We need individual classrooms. We need a place for support groups to grow. We need facilities to reinstitute overnight camp so families can have respite. We need God's abundant provision! The financial goal is well beyond all of us, but we are trusting God to provide. Please PRAY this will happen soon so ministry can grow and the "future" of a completed ministry center can become a "praise" for the past.

*THANK YOU! Thank you for praying, Thank you for being part of this ministry and the lives of those we serve!*

*With His love,  
Jara, ٥*

## Other Prayer Needs:

- For someone to join the ministry to help with administrative and ministry specific needs; and for someone to join the Disability Training team!
- For the more-than-usual number of upcoming trainings; preparation and effectiveness in each.
- For Handi\*Camp 2024: writing curriculum; planning schedules and activities; processing staff and camper applications; and for God's provision of staff, host families, supply gatherers, bakers and pray-ers. There are also a significant number of work projects to be done on the property pre-camp. ***Please contact me if you are able to help with any of these!***



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