

# WHOLLY MOSES!

*Spring 2010*



**Making OurSelves Equipped Servants endeavors to equip Christian young people and adults to share the love of God, the salvation of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit by its service of word and deed.**

*“Do you best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and one who correctly handles the word of truth.”  
// Timothy 2:15*

## Spring Break Reports

### McLain MS

This year, for the first time, we had an “advance team” precede us to Mc Lain. Gary Antcliff, Tom Meyering and Pete VanderArk left on Monday, March 29 to drive a load of supplies to both of our Spring Break sites, Cary and McLain, and to survey the long list of jobs Miss Tina Brown had lined up for us. This was a tremendous benefit for the team, since no one had to wait for supplies.

Each day began with breakfast and devotions, after which we headed in small work teams to three or four different sites. These tasks included putting up two jungle gyms for the children, one in McLain and one in Stateline, about 45 minutes away. We also installed several sets of steps and ramps, did a lot of painting and lawn clean-up.

On Sunday, we had the opportunity to attend several worship services. The Mount Olive Baptist Church had a 5:00 AM sunrise service; the First Baptist Church had their regular 11:00 AM service and the Triumph COGIC had its regular 12:00 PM service. Some people actually attended all three, gaining a tremendous cross-cultural and varied worship experience. We all attended the COGIC service, as this is Miss Tina’s church, and we were asked to participate. A couple people gave spoken renditions and we all went up to sing.

Overall, I was very impressed with the motivation and level of commitment of the young people with us. They truly enjoyed serving and making new friends, both within our group and in the community.

As the week rapidly was coming to an end, our “general contractors” began to realize that we weren’t going to be able to finish everything on our list. They unanimously decided to stay a couple extra days and finish it up. So, after a big celebration at Rocky Creek Catfish, we headed north and the three men headed back to McLain to wrap things up.

Again, the Lord blessed us with safe travel, tender and cooperative hearts and minds and spiritual growth in our journeys. We look forward to a return to McLain next year.

Judy VanderArk



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## Cary, MS

Spring Break 2010 was spent in Cary, Mississippi by 5 adults and 17 high school students as MOSES participants. We were welcomed by

the Cary Christian Center (CCC) staff, who gave us an introduction to the Center, and then we piled in a bus, and Mr. Dorsey Johnson gave us a tour of Cary, lasting all of 5 minutes, then he brought us to Maidenaddition, where we were to build a playground for the community. Immediately we attracted children; one of those was an eight year old boy named Rodney. During the week, as we built the playground, we noticed Rodney was always around helping and making sure things were going right. He also discovered the wet cement, and wrote his name in it. We soon knew Rodney was going to be the Mayor of this playground, and no one better mess with it.

We also roofed a house while we were there, including tearing off the shingles, rebuilding parts of the roof, and replacing plywood. Some of us spent our time painting a mobile home, and painting some interior rooms of another home. We also unloaded 3 semi trailers full of used furniture and clothing, all to be sorted through and put in one of the Center's 3 resale stores.

Every morning we joined the staff of CCC and other volunteers for devotions, taking turns leading them. We enjoyed interacting with the staff of CCC



**MOSES needs your help!**

We can always use a hand in our

and the people that came to hang

## Advanced Notice:

### Mexico Trips

We are already looking ahead to return to Ensenada, Mexico this summer. Here are the trip dates:

<b>Summer Trip I</b>	<b>July 13 to July 25, 2010</b>	<b>\$650 (Leaders: \$450)</b>
<b>Summer Trip II</b>	<b>July 20 to Aug. 1, 2010</b>	<b>\$650 (Leaders: \$450)</b>
<b>Combined Trips</b>	<b>July 13 to Aug. 1, 2010</b>	<b>\$850 (Leaders: \$600)</b>

We serve the community there through Construction, Vacation Bible School, and Sports Camp. Start thinking and praying about joining us this

### Mexico Fund Raising Opportunities

Is your budget holding you back from serving in Mexico? God always finds a way to provide. We will be having 3 car washes to help fund YOUR trip. Help us out and the money we raise will go towards your MOSES Mexico fund.

- Car Wash I**      **June 5 at the D&W in Cascade**
- Car Wash II**    **June 12 at Forest Hills Foods on Cascade Rd.**
- Car Wash III**   **June 26 at D&W in Cascade**

Can't go to Mexico? Come and get your car washed and

### Don't Forget!

There are a few new rules for the border crossing:

-You **MUST** have a passport or an Enhanced Driver's License with you when you go. You may not be able to leave Mexico without one!

-A new Mexican law says that donations can no longer cross the border. That means we cannot have separate boxes for donations like clothes, toys etc.

-Also, please be sure you buy a MOSES Travel Bag for

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## Bible Study News

Bible study is an integral part of the MOSES program, both on our trips and at our weekly gatherings. If you live in Western Michigan, join us each week or come when you are able. It's a great time of singing, small group Bible study, prayer, fun, and fellowship. MOSES Bible study meets every Wednesday night (7:30-9:30) at Faith Community CRC, 5250 Byron Center Avenue SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. All high school and post high youth are welcome, as are adults who like to hang out with teens! While regular attendance is great, we understand that other things sometimes get in

## Alumni Re-



We like to keep in touch with those who served in the MOSES ministries in the past, and it is always a blessing to hear from them. If you are a MOSES "graduate," we would love to hear what you have been up to. Please visit [mosesweb.org](http://mosesweb.org) for an Alumni

## MOSES Weekend Trips

MOSES offers a weekend experience for your church youth group. Most of these excursions go to Detroit or Chicago, staying in a church or ministry house. If your church is already some distance from Grand Rapids, we can offer a trip to the inner city of GR. Trips are cross-cultural, most to Hispanic or African American churches. MOSES provides everything! For \$50 per person, all leadership, round-trip transportation, meals on location, work projects on Saturday, devotions and worship services are included. Be prepared to rough it a bit. Sometimes we sleep on the floor and we don't always get showers, but that's what mission work is about. If you are interested in a trip for your church youth or ministry group (adult groups welcome, too), contact

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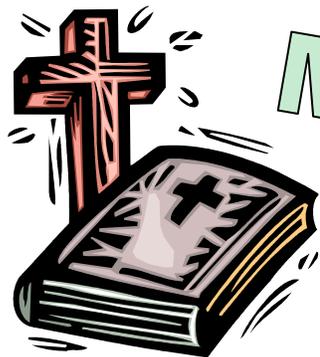
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