



Footprints

December 2018

So Very Thankful!!!



Girls from our Discipleship Club during their weekend at Camp Jabali in Newton County. It was a great weekend of connecting with God, enjoying nature, and building relationships with one another.

Yeah, yeah, yeah. We know. Thanksgiving has come and gone, but there's still so much to be thankful for in and around the STEP Family. It's only December, and we've already started our Encourager Programs all across central Arkansas and begun our Tutoring and Mentoring Programs in Eastgate Terrace.

We love having new friends join the STEP Family, and several folks who thought they were just volunteering for six hours during the Summer Mentoring Program decided to sign up for a full school-year of loving kids toward Jesus. Getting out of town and spending some time in nature creates an amazing environment for communing with God. Mentors and mentees from our Discipleship and Ambassador Clubs have made trips to Camp Jabali to have the time and space to do just that. All of our clubs spent an evening at First Baptist Church on Main Street in North Little Rock sharing a Thanksgiving feast with one another while

volunteers from several of our partner churches cooked and served to help make that happen.

On Giving Tuesday, we had two anonymous donors offer to match up to \$12,000 in donations, and we exceeded that amount by the end of the campaign. Churches all over the area are currently collecting toys for our Christmas store on December 15. This store allows parents to purchase gifts for their kids at greatly reduced prices. Also, a group of mentors and friends have already begun the process of planning the next Supper with STEP. Mark February 28 on your calendar and plan to celebrate with us at Park Hill Baptist Church.

Like we said, there's a whole lot to be thankful for around here. Jesus continues to show His faithfulness to STEP Ministries, our donors, our partners, our volunteers, and our kids. So let us say it a little more clearly...
THANK YOU!!!



Ty'Juan and Nicholas pose for a picture at this year's Thanksgiving meal. Thanks to First Baptist on Main Street in North Little Rock for hosting us!



Katrina Allen and her mentee, Emory, taking things literally at the DOGtown Derby in downtown North Little Rock this fall. Great weather and great racing made for a day of great fun.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Supper with STEP

February 28, 2019 | 6:30

Park Hill Baptist Church

Tickets available at:

stepministries.org/donate

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Your recurring gifts help enable this ministry to disciple young people through:

Weekly One-on-One Youth Mentoring
Service Projects & Life Skill Training
School-Year Tutoring in Eastgate

STEP's In-School Encourager Program
Retreats & Summer Camps
Summer Literacy Camps

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We appreciate your faithful support and prayers more than you can know!



Meet Rob Smith

If you know STEP, then you probably know Rob Smith. Mr. Rob, as he's affectionately known around here, has been helping to head up our Mentoring Programs for over 20 years. It's hard to go anywhere with him and not run into someone that he has a connection with. They pretty much all say the same thing. Whether he walked them through decades of ministry or just took the time to pray with them after lunch, Jesus has used Rob to impact their lives. When asked what STEP means to him, he gave a very "Mr. Rob" answer, "That's hard... STEP is the Kingdom of God at work, and we get to participate. What could be worth more than that?"