

Helping Hands Report Part 2

Following our morning times of devotion we entered our community with hearts ready to serve. So what did we do?

- We did odd jobs for church members.



- We worked in the Lake Shore vegetable garden by pulling weeds and gathering seeds.
- We painted a bench, chair, table, and bridge in the Peace Garden.
- We compiled and delivered first aid kits to the Meyer Center Community Clinic. This group cleaned the car windows for a woman and prayed with her.
- We compiled hygiene kits and delivered them to the Salvation Army Shelter. When we got there they asked if we'd be willing to

serve lunch. The stature and smiles of our children warmed the hearts of all who went through the line.

- We blessed Children's Center staff members by washing their cars.
- We cleaned up the Meals & Wheels central kitchen.

One morning was spent at the Mount Carmel Water Treatment facility. The staff ever-so-graciously welcomed us to tour and learn how our lake water is purified and stored. We were even invited to the control tower!



Our global learning centered on the African country of Malawi. Malawi is a country about the size of Alabama located in the southeast region of Africa. It has experienced a limited water supply due to severe drought. Similar to Ghana, wells are few and far between in Malawi and the girls must walk miles just for a bucket of water. We learned about how access to clean water opens up economic opportunities (especially for women) through micro-enterprises involving local craftsmanship and gardening. The organization Watering Malawi (www.wateringmalawi.org) was founded by fellow CBFer Colleen Boroughs, co-founder of Passport Camps which our youth attend each summer. Colleen grew up in Malawi as a "missionary kid" and maintains rich relationships with the people, there. The Lake Shore Helping Hands are currently collecting coins in empty water bottles to help raise money for the drilling of more wells in Malawi.



Each of our Helping Hands days ended with some wet and wild fun – water games and a giant slip and slide on our wide-open, green front lawn; a walk to the Mountainview Spray Park; and a dip in the pool at Molly Hepp's house. It was a week to remember.

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Peace,
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