

July 13, 2015

Dear Ministry Partners,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through the year! I wanted to take a moment to update you on how the Lord has both blessed and worked through Idols Aside Ministries/IAM thus far in 2015. We are eternally grateful for both the prayer and financial support we've received and are excited to share how the Lord has used those prayers and resources for His Kingdom's purpose.

In 2014, IAM launched our mentorship program, Me Without You, where young adults aging out of foster care are connected to stable Christian families. In June, the Lord brought us a new mentorship coordinator named Emily Trivette. Emily has a passion for seeing the Lord "set the lonely in families" and has been a wonderful asset to our team. Me Without You has held several retreats at the IAM lodge in Lake Wales and we are continually grateful for how the Lord provided us with such an amazing place to minister. Please continue to pray for this program as we anticipate about 40-50 referrals next year of young adults in need of mentors. We are beyond grateful for the mentors the Lord has provided us with and pray He will continue to send us families who have a heart to make a difference in the lives of these kids.

Since the completion of the lodge, our Sons Without Fathers program has averaged between 2-3 retreats a month. This program continues to minister to both boys and girls who are without an earthly father by affirming to them that there is a Heavenly Father who loves them. We are grateful for the time we can spend with these kids at the lodge and have seen many of them come to know Christ as a result of the investments being made in them through this program. Our Super Moms program is also making an eternal impact as it continues to minister to both single moms and grandmothers who are single-handedly raising precious children. "Super moms" retreats are a wonderful time of not only encouragement, but also spiritual refreshment as these women spend time together in God's Word.

Idols Aside has continued its feeding program at the Auburndale Rec Center, where kids in our local community are able to come and not only receive a good meal, but hear God's Word. This year, we have seen about 50 kids make decisions for Christ and we are so thankful for how the Lord is filling these hearts and bellies!

During Spring Training I was able to fly out to Phoenix, AZ to spend time following up with athletes our ministry has partnered with in the past. I was also privileged to share the Gospel with new athletes. Please pray for these men, that they would continue to allow God to work through and in them for His glory.

As we look ahead, we are prayerfully asking God for an opportunity to open a transitional home for the young adults the Lord is bringing to our ministry. We are finding many of the kids who are "aging out" not fully prepared to assume the responsibilities that come with independent living. This transitional home would be a safe, Christ-centered home with around-the-clock staff. This is one the greatest needs our ministry recognizes and we prayerfully hope to see this need met by the end of 2016.

Again, we are so very grateful for your support and would like to ask you to please continue praying that the Lord will accomplish all that He desires through Idols Aside. We believe what E.M. Bounds said is true, "Prayer puts God in full force into God's work." Please pray He not only continues to work and be full force in all we do, but that we would be wise stewards of the calling He's entrusted us with. It is our desire to continue ministering to the children God has brought to us and all He is leading us to, and to bring more staff to the IAM team so that our impact can be even greater. In order to do so we ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a monthly donor or send a one-time donation that will help us see this mission fulfilled! Donations can be sent through [www.idolsaside.com](http://www.idolsaside.com) or mailed to the IAM OFFICES at 214 Orange Street, Suite D., Auburndale, FL. 33823.

In Him,



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