

A photograph of a white double door set in a white frame, set against a white horizontal-siding wall. Each door has a decorative wreath made of dark brown twigs, adorned with pink and white flowers and a light-colored ribbon. A brass handle with a decorative knob is centered between the two doors. The door is set on a wooden plank porch.

Mission Update

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Family, Friends, and Mission Partners! I hope this update finds you well. You haven't heard from me in a couple of months, so I'd love to share what I've been so busy with!

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

In February and March, the Covecrest missionaries ran a retreat for around 300 teenagers from the greater Atlanta area. I had the pleasure for leading worship and also was able to give a couple of talks over the course of the weekends. Fr. Paul Koska, a co-founder of the Servant of Christ Jesus in Denver, CO joined us for our February retreat. I've been part of hundreds of retreats in my lifetime; this confirmation retreat will forever stand in my mind as one of the most powerful retreats I've been a part of. It wasn't emotional charged or dramatic... but it was very clear that the Lord was doing something new and profound. Just a little example: On Saturday, Fr. Paul heard 14 hours of confession. He started at 9:30am, took a short break for mass and then again for adoration, and then continued hearing confessions until 1:45am the following morning. I don't know what's more amazing- Fr. Paul's stamina or the fact that teenagers, of their free will, chose to wait for the sacrament of Reconciliation until 1:45 in the morning.

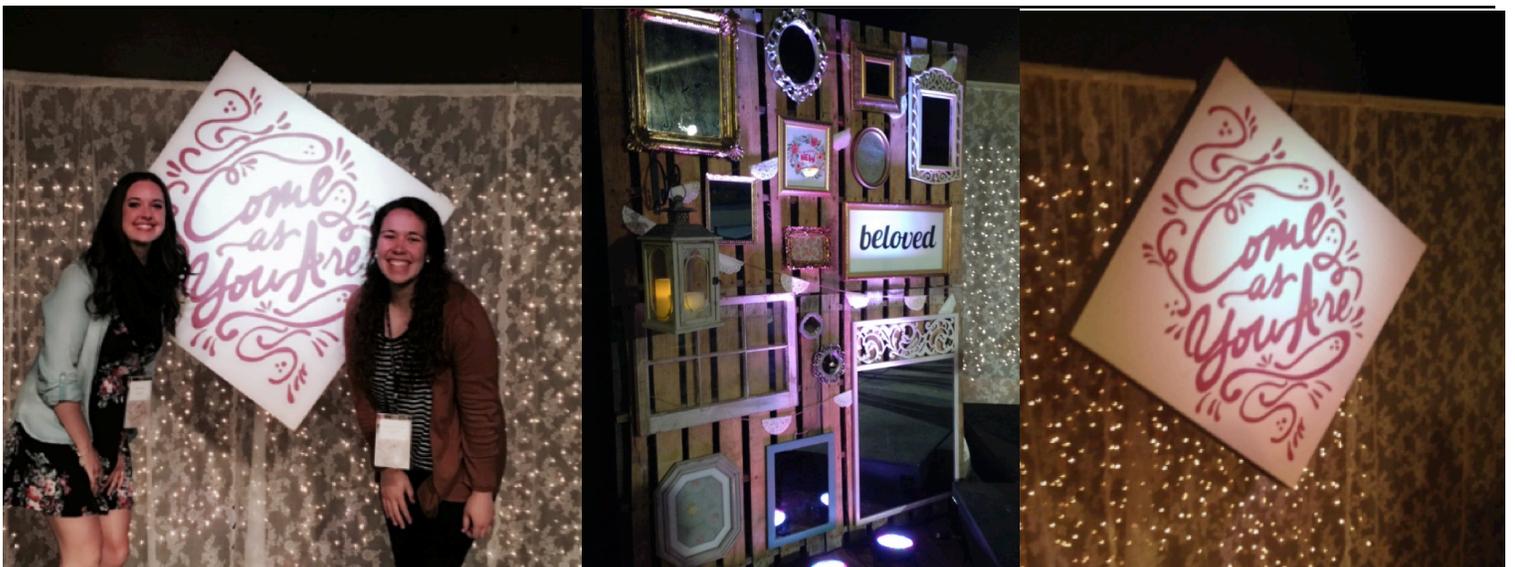




MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

Every year, Life Teen sponsors retreats for men and women from around the country at Camp Covecrest. The full-time missionaries had the pleasure of serving both the retreats in different capacities. During the men's retreat, the women of Joy House (where I live :)) did all the "behind the scenes" tasks for the men on retreat while the full-time missionary men served the retreat by leading small groups and attending small groups. There were men of all ages from all over the country. It truly was incredible serve and watch Jesus enter the lives of many fathers, husbands, and brothers.

The women's retreat was only a few weekends later! The guys and girls swapped and the full-time missionary women served on the ministry side while the guys did the behind the scenes. Wives, mothers, and sisters signed up months in advance just to have the chance to be at Covecrest for the weekend. I got to help with our set design! Check out the cool canvas that I made from the boards up!



FAMILY VISITS!

In March and April, my entire family came to visit Covecrest! After years of hearing my stories about this incredible place, they finally got to experience the community I'm a part of! Guy and Anne Marie (mom & dad), Jacob, David, and Maria flew down to Atlanta at the beginning of March for 4 days in the mountains. It was so cool to be able to share my daily life with them. While they were here, in true St. Germain fashion, they helped with work projects around camp! They new amphitheater stage and benches were hand crafted by the St. Germain family. :) Ever mass we have during the summer takes place at the amphitheater!

In April, my older sister marissa came to visit for about a week! She also helped with preparation for the women's retreat. When she was here, we realized that between school and my travels, it had been years since we had just hung out and spent time with each other. What a gift it is to have a family I can share my life with.





SPRING ADVENTURES

Between Easter break of preparing for craziness of summer camp, the missionaries have been doing a lot of intentional ministry! In the fall, we had spent 2 months running retreats for 8th graders, and just last month, we were able to return to their schools to do an end of the year retreat as they transitioned out of middle school and into high school.

We also spent a day serving our home town, Clayton in Rabun County. The event was called, "Keep Rabun beautiful" and involved trash and tire pick up! Jorge, of the guys missionaries, was our tire rangler.

In March, right before we left for our Easter break, a few of us went to a live recording for a worship band called Housefires. Their new album comes out in August! The cameras were up close in our face while we were praising, so be sure to look out for their videos. You may just see some Life Teen missionaries in the front row :)



Upcoming Events:

Summer Assignments: We find out what we're doing for the summer in just a few weeks! Can't wait to share what my ministry will be for the coming months.

Last retreats/end of formation: We will be serving our last parishes for the final weekends of the spring and finishing up our formation with all the first year missionaries.

Summer Camp!!: Summer missionaries show up May 15th! Please pray for safe travels for over 100 college students from all over the country who will be serving with Life Teen camps this summer.

Please let me know how I can be praying for you!

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