

# Freedom for Youth Ministries

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*“The Lord will open the heavens, the **storehouse** of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.”  
Deuteronomy 28:12*

Dear Friends,

What an awesome summer we are having at Freedom for Youth Ministries! So many children are finding hope in Christ and developing a loving bond with volunteers and staff. Our staff works tirelessly finding new ways to draw youth to our campus and engage volunteers. Here's some of the new programs we have implemented in the last 8 weeks:

1. A worship service on Wednesday evenings led by our own youth.
2. A new basketball court to draw youth and build relationships.
3. A boy's bike club for our 8-12 year olds. This group was started as we began to give away bikes to our young refugee boys, most all whom have no father.
4. Our rural outreach program led by Neal Bunn, which you read about in our last newsletter. Neal is already close to opening two centers in two small Iowa towns!
5. Our Country Market led by our teens, who are selling woodworking items, metal art, pottery, produce and more this summer.
6. Twenty-two teens wanting to go to summer camp are working on campus to earn 25 “sweat points” (each point is worth an hour of work).

Over the last 6 years I have become very familiar with God's pattern of sustaining this ministry. First, we follow God's lead for reaching youth, always praying and trusting that He will provide all of our needs. After we step out in faith, He fills our storehouses with financial gifts to operate the ministry by prompting some of you to give as you feel led. As the work is carried out, our storehouse is emptied without ever incurring any debt.

We are driven to never rest on what God has done so far, but to step out in faith everyday working as if it's our last. ***Now I come to you again with our storehouse empty asking you to prayerfully consider a financial gift that we may continue this work.*** Thanks for your prompt consideration, and I look forward to sharing with you the bountiful fruit of our labor this summer.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mark Nelson  
Executive Director