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Dear Son'Spot Family,

Praise the Lord! God is still in the life changing business. It is our privilege to witness His works each day. In 1 Corinthians 3:7, the Bible says, "The one who plants and the one who waters really do not matter. It is God who matters, because He makes the plant grow, He gives the increase." Many have received from the Lord through Bible teaching, worship, food outreach, and boardwalk outreach. It has really been a great summer and we give God all the glory.

We gather everyday (except Wednesday) at 10am for sharing the Word and prayer, then complete work projects, and at 5pm go on the boardwalk for outreach ministry. We gather again at 8pm for Bible, prayer, and fellowship, and at 9pm worship with music and song. Additionally, the food outreach ministry includes dinner on Thursdays at 5:30pm, and breakfast on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30am. We also deliver food bags and minister to people in their homes each week. And we meet on Sunday mornings from 10am to noon.

Each morning hundreds of people come in for breakfast. They are mostly international students here to work for the summer. We pray with them, love them, and share the Gospel of Jesus with them at the tables and from the front. Similar ministry occurs with the Thursday dinner while serving several hundred people. The reason for the food ministry is not to physically feed people, but to provide the opportunity to lift up the name of Jesus to our guests.

The Lord has sent people to help serve and minister in all these areas. Our desire at every occasion is to lift up the name of Jesus (John 12:32) and for God to move and minister as HE desires. Zechariah 4:6 says, "Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord".

Good News Reports From Visiting Missionaries (mostly youth)

"This year has been my third time on this trip. And all three years I have gotten something new out of it. This year I have experienced God in a new way. This trip was a great and needed refresher of God's love and grace. I have done things I never saw myself doing, such as worship on the boardwalk and praying with strangers. This is what I want to do. I want to serve the least of these, worship God, and spread the good news. Coming into this trip I was a girl who made mistakes, suffered from anxiety and depression, and lost the fire in my heart. Leaving, I am full of peace, joy, compassion and love. I was reminded of all of the truths and promises from God and I can not thank you guys enough for that. I have fallen in love with Christ and ministry all over again. I was able to connect with people on a deeper level. Now I know that I will continue to have struggles. I just pray that I would continue to press into The Word and lean on Jesus. I know that there will be times that I fall but the great thing about it is that God never leaves you. And for me personally, that is something I need. I hope to see you all again next year! Thanks for reminding me that I am PRECIOUS!"

"God showed me what unconditional love looks like this week."

"The Lord showed me (or reminded me) that Jesus had to learn obedience; He was sent in the flesh (totally human), and I can be encouraged because He has given us His example on how to live a holy life. What a blessing to see our youth excited about the Gospel and eager to share with many in OC. The boldness of our youth is an example of how awesome our God is; He's in the business of changing lives. Thank you Son'Spot for being faithful to our Lord and for allowing us to join with you."

"As a youth leader for many years, I have experienced many youth retreats, conferences, and mission trips. While every trip was wonderful in its own way, I believe Son'Spot has the potential to be a TRULY LIFE CHANGING experience for many of the teens who came to serve and evangelize here this week. Many found a gifting in evangelism that they had no idea was there. I witnessed 14 year old children praying for strangers on the boardwalk, even leading some to salvation. I watched every kid step out of their comfort zone into some new ministry opportunity. The youth were challenged in their own walk and challenged to continue to press into God. I want to thank you for the opportunity we were given to watch our teens grow their roots deep into the soil of God's marvelous love!"

"To me this week was so powerful because I didn't really want to come but I ended up coming and I changed so many lives. And before I never read my Bible but now every day I read my

Proverbs and a new book of the Bible and I feel like a new person. One thing that happened around me and I loved so much was the worship because I could definitely feel God in this building and it was awesome. So all in all I'm so happy I came and had this experience."

"This trip has been amazing. I have grown in my faith so much that it is literally indescribable. I have been amazed at how my friends have talked to people and even been able to tell them about Jesus. I shared my testimony and it felt so good to let people know who I really was and I felt free. I love serving people. I enjoy watching their face and see how happy they are and thankful because of what we are doing. We went and sang and people got saved and we prayed for people."

"This week God blessed me with the opportunity to sing and pray on the boardwalk. During the course of that time, three new people came to the Lord and hundreds of Bible tracts were handed out."

"I am thankful that God is able to provide this place to minister to both the community and in the volunteers."

"I've started a pattern this week of telling God I need Him as soon as I wake up, even before my feet hit the floor. I need Him!"

"God gave me a greater vision for consistency and diligence, and the fruit/value of it."

"God is such a good God. He ministered love, grace, goodness, and friendship to me. Thank you for allowing me to be used of God this week and fellowship with you. Thank you for letting God use you and work through you. You are changing lives one meal at a time."

"This week God helped me grow in my faith and in my spiritual body. I feel more obligated to God. I've also been reading some more verses and Bible chapters. I feel like I'm with the spirit more and listening for what God is telling me. Overall it was a fun and exciting week for me."

"The Word. Read it, study it, know it, do it!! This week has shown me that I need to get more in the Word for me and for my family's benefit. I need to have the youth read more Word and pour it into them more during our Youth Nights."

"After being at The Son'Spot for about a week, God impacted me through the Word of God. The Word of God that is sharper than a two-edged sword, pierced through my heart. We, as believers, have the power of choice. Our life is shaped by our thoughts. Therefore, choose to think and speak life (Proverbs 18:21). Re-establish that personal one-on-one time with God. Reinforce the godly traits that I once knew. Continuous speaking the Word of God, and whatever thing (ministry) you do wholeheartedly is worship unto God. (Colossians 3:23)"

"This week the experience has been fantastic. Watching and observing and helping people that are in need. God has blessed me being able to help others in need and to also spread His Word to others. Thanks so much for all you do for everyone. I have felt so welcomed. My heart and eyes are truly open. Thank you Jesus!!"

"I had lots of great conversations and prayers with our breakfast and dinner guests. At least three people I talked to had literally not heard the gospel before, so it was an honor to introduce them to the story and character of Jesus!"

"This week God made me understand my worth. He let me know that I am His and that all I need to do is spend more time with Him. God used me to touch the lives of many. I think the most important or impactful thing I discovered this week was that God makes us BOLD because He is with us. I also got to hear testimonies that stood out to me."

"This week was a great week. God made me understand that I am a servant of His Kingdom. One thing that God did through me was getting me better at leading people to Christ."

One of our long time friends that has been challenged by homelessness and alcohol addiction for many years has recently joined a Christian recovery program. We are blessed and encouraged by this, and Praise The Lord for the victory. Thanks for your part in this and please continue to pray with him.

The scripture tells us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. The nations of the world are here in Ocean City. People from many countries have come into The Son'Spot this summer. It is a great privilege to bless these young people each day. We greet them, share Jesus with them, and encourage them. Many have accepted Jesus into their life. Millions come to visit Ocean City each year and we are here to be available for Him. Please pray with us for the Lord to have His way in using The Son'Spot and us in Ocean City.

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of what God is doing here in Ocean City. We give Him all the glory! Visit the **SonSpot.org** web page, for history, pictures, and more. We pray for the substance of God and His anointing and presence in your life. Jesus Is Lord!

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