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IGNITING FLAMES OF HOPE

'And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within.' Zechariah 2:5

We have an opportunity and I would say an obligation here at Firewall to make a daily impact on almost forty young impressionable minds that in most cases do not have the role models and direction in their lives that they need in order to succeed in life. Taking advantage of these occasions to inspire and teach are what have made Firewall successful on an academic as well as on a spiritual level. We take this responsibility seriously and are very intentional in our approach of ministering to one life at a time.

A great example of the impact we are having on these young people is the story of a 14 year old girl that came to our program during the first month of this year. She is extremely timid and there are obviously a great many emotional issues that she has had to deal with in her short life. When she arrived the first day, there were tears of nervousness and she essentially ran out the door when we tried to start a conversation with her, but an amazing transformation has taken place.

She came back the next day and with the love and attention we shower on every child in our program her self-esteem has been immensely lifted. She now looks at the Firewall staff and the after school program as the best part of her day. When it came time to celebrate her birthday this month, her parent came and expressed what we already knew, that the Firewall family are essentially her best friends and that a cake would be brought in so we could all celebrate with her on this special day.

Her academics have also amazingly improved. Last year she barely made it through the school year with passing grades and when she began in September she had failing grades in both Math and Reading. Now, she has not only improved her Math and Reading but will be on the Honor Roll for the second quarter.

We have been witnesses to many other similar stories of changed lives over the last three years and that is why we so much desire your financial and prayerful support. Our mission is to reach every youth and family inside Palma Nova and its surrounding East Davie neighborhoods. Jesus took the time to get to know people and through those relationships was able to minister to them in powerful ways, that is our daily goal and by the grace of God it is working in truly miraculous ways. God bless all of you for being a part of our team.



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Firewall Yard Sale

Summer Camp is the goal, but getting there will take a lot of money and work. The kids will all be paying what they can, but the rest must be raised through a variety of fundraisers. In November we had a car wash and in January we had a yard sale. Church members, friends, and family donated furniture, electronics,

clothes, and much more. The yard sale was a

great success and we moved closer to our goal of sending 30 Firewall students to Summer Camp.

The 18 students that we sent to camp last year had a real encounter with God and they have not been the same since. Just imagine the difference that 30 students on fire for God can make in their homes, schools and community.

To reach our goal of sending 30 students to camp, we will need to have at least two more fundraisers between now and June. We are planning on doing one more car wash and one more yard sale. If you have a place of business that would like to donate their location for an event, or have an idea for a fundraiser that will help these kids get to camp, please give us a call. Please pray that we will be able to raise enough for every student that wants to go.



Student Corner (Sheila)

Three years ago I did not care about anything, only myself. I was 14 years old and making poor decisions and hanging out with the wrong people. I honestly did not care about school, I hated it, hated the teachers, hated the students, I hated everything about school. I started attending the youth services at Firewall and they told me about the after school

program. I eventually signed up for the program. That was the first step, now I had to actually try to do well at school. I started showing up to tutoring a few times a week and did nothing. One of the staff members noticed how poor I was doing in school and talked to my mother. Once my mother talked to me and Pastor Andy gave me a few speeches, I realized how important school was. Mr. Robert talked to me about all the teens he worked with that did not finish school and showed me where they ended up. So slowly I began bringing up my grades. I went from F's and D's to C' and B's. Firewall has also helped me get close to God. I went from hating God and not believing, to being a Jesus Freak



Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who financially support and pray for this ministry. May God bless you for all that you do for His Kingdom

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