

MISSION OKALOOSA STAT SHEET 2011:

40 middle school students
25 adults
19 High School Students
7 days
8 work sites
1 absolutely amazing week of loving service

SITES AND WORK ACCOMPLISHED:

1. Grace Rides: Gracerides.com

What do they do:

Grace rides uses horses to provide therapy to special needs children and teenagers.

What did we do

General maintenance and cleanup around the premises

Helped create elements for a therapeutic trail

Closed in and insulated one horse stall

“Sanded” two horse stalls

Created and hung 3 signs

Removed some walking hazards

Witnessed and assisted in horse therapy with special needs children



2. Harvest Vineyard men’s home: Harvestvineyard.org

What do they do:

Harvest Vineyard is a Christian recovery ministry designed to help Men and women connect with the power of Christ and develop Spiritual maturity and life skills.

What did we do:

Painted and cleaned the hallway of the dorm

Admired the bunk beds that we built last year!

Built an outdoor patio, so the men have a place to be other than their own room



3. Harvest Vineyard women’s home: Harvestvineyard.org

What do they do:

This is the women’s wing of the ministry described above.

It is located in downtown Crestview.

What did we do:

Patched and painted all of the walls in the dorms, bathrooms, and living room

Sprayed insulation to help keep the building cool, and energy costs down

Provided new blinds and window decorations to help the place feel more inviting and feminine



4. St. Mark UMC: Stmarkcrestview.com

What they do:

St. Mark is a great church in Crestview that has a partnership with the Niceville church. In addition to being a site for the trip, they also brought 20 of the greatest youth on the Planet to participate in the other mission projects.

What did we do:

Provided 22 adults and volunteers to help staff their vacation Bible School program

Built a deck for their youth group to provide more usable space for their growing group



5. The United Methodist Children's Home: UMCH.net

What they do

The Crestview Children's home is a long term group home for kids between 13 and 18 years old.

What we did:

Our team spent all week on site with the kids at the home showing them a great time: Movie Day, Blackwater canoeing, crafts, Beach day, lazer tag, bowling, inflatables, etc.

At the end of the week the residents were attending our nightly worship, and since the trip ended they have been spotted at St. Mark for Sunday morning worship!



6. Emerald Coast Autism Center: ECAutismcenter.org

What they do:

The ECAC is a not for profit school dedicated to autistic children and their families. They do things with the perfect mixture of excellence and loving grace.

What we did:

Made improvements to the playground
(removed fence and added two new elements)
Interacted with the kids and showed them love
Took the kids on a field trip to the zoo



7. Children in Crisis Center: Childrenincrisisfl.org

What they do:

C.I.C. is an organization that provides (mostly) temporary care for children while they are waiting to be placed with their family or a foster family.

They operate an excellent and very loving facility, and keep sibling pairs together.

What we did:

Built steps to a storage shed
Built and installed bicycle racks in a home's garage
General grounds keeping and maintenance
Top to bottom cleaning on a house to prepare it for new children
Built and installed some new games for the kids

8. Individual home in Crestview

In addition to the 7 organizational sites on the trip, we also did some repair on the bathroom of an individual's home in Crestview. We built and installed a new floor to provide stability for the tub and shower.

THE FINAL WORD

Our theme was "start here" and our guiding verse was Acts 1:8. We saw the work of the Spirit start to move in the hearts of our kids and leaders and move out to the community. We were blessed by what the Lord did in us, and we honestly believe that the community will be blessed by the work our kids accomplished.