## Mission team works at Christ's Outreach

By Shirley Cox Imagine leaving your home in an inner-city setting of concrete pavement, skyscrapers, noisy traffic and smog and traveling to a peaceful, rugged wilderness in Rockeastle County. That is exactly what happened when seven terenagers and four adult leaders left Kalamazoo, Michigan (opposed) to the control of the Blind in Mt. Verinot, Iodo mission work the week of June 23-28.

23-28,
The group, Hope for Teens, is one subsidiary of Vineyard Outreach Ministry, an inner-city mission with a pool of seventy volunteers and a ten member board of directors. "Vineyard Outreach Ministry-seeks to reach, out to those who are strugeling in an inner-city neighborhood to reach out to those who are strug-gling in an inner-city neighborhood in a way that lets them know that God is near, God cares and the pass on that God is love, "says Catherine Dance, Executive Director," I find Jesus in people that most people would be afraid of, in people who are not in the mainstram, as Mother Teresa said, 'Jesus in disguise,' street people,

The Outreach Center will help approximately 600 kids each sur

mentally ill, felons, addicts. You never know when the Spirit of God will reveal Himself to someone, an alcoholic, a teenager who drives you crazy." Hope for Teens was actually created by teens who composed their own rules and mission statement. Catherine stresses that this group is our troubled teens, test those who not troubled teens, just those who want to stay away from the negative aspect of inner-city life, who "wa to stay out of drugs and learn to wo and interact with others in positi

and interact with others in positive ways."

During the week at Christ's Outreach, the youth stayed busy cleaning out old trash dumps around the prond, shiring up a stainless steel food preparation table, installing drainage tile around an outdoor classroom, cataloging building supplies, picking up rocks and sanding walls. Since the young people had never seen a pond or many of the animals, birds and insects that inhabit the region, their work experience proved to be a learning one. "Being here in a rural area helps them have a wider world view which will help them make more in-

formed decisions...helps them see beyond their own culture. A mission trip such as this is beneficial because ey can help others," Catherine said. Mike Gates, Director of Christ's

Outreach, was commended by the young people when he shared his vi-sion to build a camp for the blind and disabled. Mike said that after he was blinded in a hunting accident in 1989,

"God spoke to me and told me that I could help others like myself." In Sharing-her impression of Christ's Outreach for the Blind, Catherine Dance says, "Mike, Lori and family see a way to provide a learning experience for blind children that people with sight might miss. Mike can see without seeing what can go into the land that can provide someonies. Mike's det takes, direction needed for the children who are

impresses me. Lori works constant to bring all this together, coordina

groups of people to do the work. This camp is being built with love and that is what will last beyond them."

Construction work at Christ's Outreach for the Blind, a nonprofit, Version, but the Wernon, continues as Mission Teams from Shelby Township, Michael Strom Shelby Township, Michael Strom Shelby Township, Michael Shelm of Didding on the Mission Teams and Chicago, Illinois visit in the month of July, When the facility opens, it will accommodate of the Control of the Mission Teams of hunting, fishing, swimming, moun-tain climbing, hiking, rappelling, gar-dening and independent living skills. defing and independent living skills.

If you have any questions about this camp for the blind and disabled, please call Mike Gates at 1-888-254-6319.





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work, that they did, they still had no clue.

\* Then Jesus came by and revealed to them you deadly sickness, called leukemia. Our hearts were forn apart, but we knew Jesus could take the sickness away. You battled something different for Je days straight at UK.

After you've come home, you've had to go back for chemotheray, fevers, from having reactions from the combination of chemo's (both times they were given), and from getting toxic from another medicine, but, thank God, Jesus was there every time.

ery time.
You told Mommy at the hospital
(Daddy overheard) "That the devil
attacked you and that Jesus healed
you!" And today you can walk, run
and play with little brother, Andrew

again.
You have made it through the first
year, and you have two more years
to go, but I know Jesus has been with
you and will see you through. Austin, it has been a year, July 3, and
you 've been so strong, even the times we been so strong, even the ti Mommy and Daddy have b you still had a smile and v

You have been a light to us, show

ing that all that matters is serving the ing that all that matters is serving the Lord each and everyday, no matter what comes our way. Times when I know that you were sick and your counts were low, you said, "Mommy, the only thing I want to do is go to church." Dedicated to the Lord you have been. You have sung and played the

You have sung and played the guitar since you were eight months old. You have showed us so many hings in life already, like waking up in the morning is a blessing from above and how we take life for granted everyday. I thank the one who came by that day, his name is Jesus and for giving us our miracle. We love you Austin with all our hearts, Mommy, Daddy & little brother, Andrew



## KCEOC offers opportunities for low-income families

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## Griffith granted CMD title in Long Term Care

merican Medical Directors Ceru-cation Program (AMDCP) is proud announce that George W. Griffith to announce that George W. Griffit MD, CMD, of Mt. Vernon, has been itle of Certified Me granted the title of Certified Medical Director in Long Term Care (CMD). Dr. Griffith is one of 60 physicians who have completed the CMD requirements and were certified at the Spring 2002 meeting of the AMDCP Board of Directors. Since the program's inception in 1991, 1,691 physicians nationwide have received the CMD designation. The Certified Medical Director in Long Term Care program was cre-

ated to enhance the profession of medical direction throughout the long serm care continuum (e.g., nursing facilities, hospice, subsecute care), and to reinforce the leadership role of the medical director in providing quality care. The CMD program recognizes the dual clinical and administrative roles of the medical director and requires indicators of competence in both areas. The dual nature of the skills needed makes the position of medical director unique in medicine. The certification process is based on an experiential model that incorporates mechanisms such critical to the competition of the certification process is based on an experiential model that incorporates mechanisms such critical to the competition of the certification process in the competition of the certification of the competition medical direction, continuing medi-cal education programs and administrative experience in fulfill certifi-

cation requirements.
Federal regulations and changes established the role of the medical director, as central to the deliveral director, as central for the diverse of maniged care in long term care settings. has emphasized credentialing, and CMD certification has taken on additional importance. The 6MD designation provides an indicator of professional competence to long term care provide, government and other quality assurance agencies, consumers and public. Currently administered by the AMDCP, it was established by the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) in 1991 after three cares of research and development to established the role of the medica

years of research and development to define the core skills and knowledge necessary for effective medical direc-

Response to the program has been very positive. Members of AMDA

commented: 'This program will increase per-

sonal satisfaction and pride, and rec-ognition of the role of the medical director."

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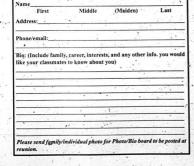
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