



IDW Mission Grant Evaluation Report Form

Grant recipients are to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort. If this is a continuing ministry, please submit a report by January 31st of the following year, in which the grant is received. Include pictures/videos that help share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their own ministry. Final grant funds will be sent upon receipt of this evaluation.

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1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort:

Our effort included meeting youth early in the morning over a cup of java, discussing a topic, turning to God's Word and ending in prayer.

2. What goals were established for this effort and what did you hope to accomplish?

One of our goals was to perhaps try and meet at a coffee shop in Holstein. The majority of our youth attend the high school in Holstein and it was our hope that we could attract a few new youth because of the convenience. We tried a few times to meet at that coffee shop and it didn't affect our attendance or our impact. There wasn't as much community patrons that we had contact with either. The majority of the times we went back to our old familiar coffee shop in Storm Lake. We decided it wasn't the location that is the important part of the puzzle!

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

Our bottom line goal which is the basis of Java with Jesus was always met. Our goal of encouraging and uplifting youth and bathing our day in prayer was achieved at every meeting. Like stated before, it isn't the location – it simply is meeting the need of youth in their daily walk with Jesus.

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?

No, not really. The randomness of this ministry is what is cool! We never know who we will come in contact with during our time at the coffee shop. It isn't our plan at all – we just go with the flow and see who God leads us to and how He will use this simple minded mission!

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

As their leader, I have learned that youth have a strong desire to be with others and spend time with Jesus. They are not necessarily looking for a well thought

out, organized event. They simply want time with their Creator and with peers. I have learned that they want to share with me important topics and concerns that they face at school. I believe that the relaxed, social aspect of a coffee shop allows them to share and chat.

6. Will this outreach effort continue and be sustaining? Did a new outreach opportunity present itself?

Absolutely – 100% sure with no doubt! We will continue because the kids demand it to continue! An outreach opportunity may arrive at any time. We are always aware and seeking for how we can serve others. There are many patrons that stop and ask what we are doing and why. There is a couple that has witnessed our meetings several times. When they happen to walk in while we are praying, they sit in a booth and pause as well. They complement the youth and encourage them to stay strong in their faith. The husband recently was diagnosed with cancer. Our youth heard of this and prayed for him and sent him an encouraging note. You never know who God will place in our path!

7. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?