



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:

We had many adult learners and 18 kids attend our 2017 VBS. Over 12 adults and up to 20 kids ate with us each night, plus members of the congregation joining us for a potluck the first night. Many on-site volunteers assisted and numerous others donated items and funds. The final night closed with a recap and celebration of the Good News while a large crowd of friends and family watched, including several parents with no church home. An offering was collected each night and the families were challenged to raise funds to purchase books for the mission of sharing God's word. They raised more than our goal and were able to donate \$141.55. We were able to advertise at one local school's events, a sorority music event, online, on our front sign, and our Sunday school kids were given the opportunity to invite their friends and families to join. Since we are still learning how to put a successful VBS together we still don't always know what our needs and cost would be and how to reach out more to our community.

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

Our goal this year were to be more mission based and try to reach out within our community more to spread the Word of God to the children and adults. We hoped that we would be able to bring in more families within our community so we could build relationships with them and within our own church family.

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

Unfortunately, we were not as successful as we originally had hoped. Due to the health of our original director we switched directors at the end of April. By then it was tough to coordinate and reach out within the community. We also were dependent on getting advertisements approved by the local school district. By the time they approved them we did not have time to print and distribute.

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

We need to figure out more ways to advertise within our community. Our church is in a college area so it is also tough to reach out to families with young children.

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

Organization is key. We also learned that we have many members within in our church that when asked individually will chip in and help with providing supplies. We changed over leadership of this outreach and there were a few bumps in the road due to this. Hopefully as we continue to share God's word and outreach to our community we be able to have a growth mindset.

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

We will continue to plan another VBS in the future.

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

Organization is key and be willing delegate tasks as well as ask for help. Often time people don't know the role they can play in helping and teaching God's word. They need encouragement and specifics.