

Streetlight Christian Ministries

NEWSLETTER

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Food, Stories, & Fun

by Heidi King

What would be your response if you were eleven years old and were just experiencing bread dough for the first time in your life?

My family and I visited Lavern's one weekend in March. Saturday for kid's club the "craft" was the annual soft pretzel making. As the number of kids that would come was so dependent on the weather, it was impossible to know how many would show up until it had actually begun. (It was predicted to rain and even a small rain shower can shut down most of the activity in Logan Park) Unfortunately it began raining fifteen minutes before 3:00 when club started, so only around twenty youngsters showed up at the beginning.

After they had been



delighted by the youngsters' creativity and enthusiasm in making something useful.

While Miss Heidi and Miss Rhoda dipped and baked the pretzels in the kitchen, Mr. Lavern used the flannel graph to tell the story of the angels leading Lot's family out of wicked Sodom and his wife being turned into a pillar of salt. We then sang a number of fun action songs before praying and dismissing for snack. Everyone enjoyed tasting the pretzels they had helped to make, complimented with orange slices and lemonade.



Before leaving, the children had one more opportunity for interaction with the adults. Miss Rosanna and Miss Heidi listened to anyone who could remember the previous week's story well



"checked in" by Mr. Lavern, the kids enthusiastically joined Miss Rosanna and me around the tables to form the soft dough into "snakes", then twist it into the form of a large pretzel. I overheard one girl ask, "Is this dough?" She became excited when she was informed that indeed it was, and commented, "I've never

made pretzels before!" And it was a little difficult to convince some that a 3D snowman will not bake very well! Others mastered the art rather quickly and it was fun seeing them helping their friends figure it out. I was

enough to retell it. If they could remember it satisfactorily enough, each one received a coupon for a piece of candy from the candy box. This was an ingeniously implemented strategy to encourage the kids to pay attention during



story. Once they were finished eating, the crowd dispersed.

Throughout our weekend visit, I was blessed by seeing the stability Lavern and Rosanna are providing in the lives of these hurting or lonely children, both through weekly kid's club as well as the daily inter-



Meet our Board Members

One of the things we have been very grateful for over the years, has been our board members. They have faithfully given advice and attended meetings even when it involved hours of travel by



Lavern Yoder
(Board Chairman)
Lavern and his wife Rosanna live in Sacramento, CA. He is the founder of Streetlight Christian Ministries.

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(Treasurer)
Dennis lives in Guys Mills, PA. He is the owner of Yoder Financial Services, a tax preparation service that specializes in non-profit financial work.

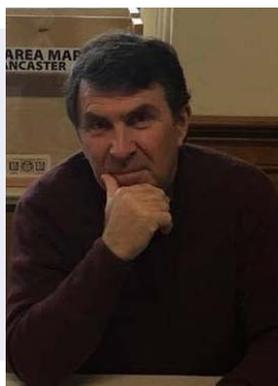


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(Secretary)
Steve and his wife Mary Etta live in Kennedyville, MD. He is the owner of Delmarva Feed and Farm Service which provides animal feed for farmers along the Delmarva Peninsula and beyond. Steve is a pastor at Harmony Christian Fellow-



Joel Nisly
Joel and his wife Sarah live in Sacramento, CA. He is employed by Backyard Unlimited, a local outdoor structure business, as a salesman. Joel and Lavern boarded together before either of them was married. They share a deep love for city living and city

Ernest Witmer
Ernest lives in Los Angeles, CA. He works for Choice Books of Northern Virginia as a service rep. Ernest is the foun-



der and pastor at LA ROAD Fellowship in Los Angeles, CA. Ernest and his family moved to Los Angeles to be involved in inner-

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Praise that Lavern was able to get a job as para-educator in Twin Rivers School District
- Praise for the blessing of Godly board members
- Pray that God would grant traveling safety and success at the conferences we record in March and April
- Praise God for improvement in the behavior of some of the older boys at Kids' Club

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