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Robert Wentz

MEET OUR STUDENTS

Hey guys, I'd like to tell you a little bit about a person who has become very special to me over the past several months. Robert Wentz, more commonly known as Bob, is a very happy, energetic man. Although he is already 34 years old, he is still very spry for his age. Bob has a very distinguished gait as he walks about doing his chores. Whether it's doing his trash route, walking the dog, or even just walking to the different cottages for meals, you can almost always guarantee that he will be several steps ahead of the others, walking at a very energetic pace.

Bob thrives under routine. It's almost like he has an internal clock ticking away inside of him. He always knows what is coming next, whether it's summer vacation, Parent's Weekend, or Fall Program Trip, and makes sure to ask you about it. If there is something out of the ordinary, you can bank on him letting you know that he noticed it. For example, when our mechanic buys a new boat, and purposely tries to hide it behind the mechanic shop, that does not go unnoticed by Bob.

Large, noisy equipment bring joy to Bob's life. He loves mimicking the sound of a dump truck backing up and releasing the airbrakes. Bob also loves watching the shop's air compressor run. He will often ask, "When will the electricity go off again?" (so he can listen to the shop's generator run).

Bob has already taught me numerous things in my few short months of being here at FMH. He is a prayer warrior. Without being asked, he will randomly pray throughout the day for the cottages, the Home, the preacher who has the message for the coming Sunday, etc. He almost always has a positive outlook on life. I look forward to seeing what else Bob will teach me in my time here at FMH.

Grant Miller | Master Shop Assistant | Shipshewana, IN

EVENTS



Boy's & Girl's Camping
May 18-19



PATRON'S PICNIC
June 19



SUMMER VACATION
June 20-July 4



DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE
June 23



FAREWELLS
May 29 | Steven Kurtz, Eric Mast, Hosea Troyers



KAYLEA
LEID

NEW STUDENT PROFILE

A bright ray of sunshine would be a good way to start describing Faith Mission's newest student, Kaylea Leid. She is a happy 12-year-old who has a song for every occasion. If it's raining, you are sure to hear "It's raining, it's pouring," or "Ashes, ashes, we all fall down," after she's taken a tumble. When we're heading out to the swing set, you'll hear a cheery, "I'm gonna swing (sing) when the spirit says swing (sing)."

Kaylea can't walk very well on her own, but with the use of her crutches she is very capable of going on our walk, making it to classes, or finding her way to the swing set. Her love of people gets her distracted as she travels down the hall saying, "Oh wow," to anyone in their office who will take the time to listen.

She loves looking at books and having them read to her. She loves looking at the pictures, but has a special fascination with the words, and wants you to point to each one as you read it.

Kaylea has been a joy to get to know! I'm honored to have her in my group. It's been great to see some of the progress she has made already. With the determined spirit she has, I'm excited to see how far she can go.

Aubrey Zook | E-Childcare | Seguin, ON



GROUP SPOTLIGHT

OAK RIDGE BOYS WITH GRANT MILLER

JEFF BEAVER, ALEX HUBBARD, TOM ABRAMS, ROBERT WENTZ

"I'M STILL RECOVERING
FROM MY SLEEP."

-EVERETT FISCHER

STUDENT QUOTE

PATRONS PICNIC

There are smiles of anticipation and happy chatter! The students are overjoyed to see their families again, and enjoy spending time with them and exploring the various activities available. It's June 19th and our annual Patron's Picnic has arrived! This isn't just a picnic. More than that, it's the day that kicks off summer vacation and gives the staff a chance to meet, and interact with, the students' families. One thing that is so delightful for us to see, is students enjoying the company of their relatives, their faces lighting up with joy.

To begin our day, we spend some time at Dogwood Park just down the road from the Home. From 10:15 to 11:30 there is plenty of fun for everyone to get in on, whether it's getting their face painted, gleefully riding the barrel train, seeing if they can get their most desired lollipop in the ring toss, or picking up a balloon at the balloon configuration stand, just to name a few of the activities.

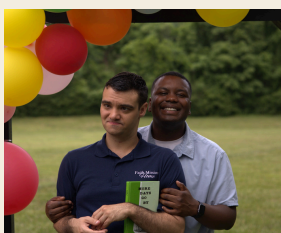
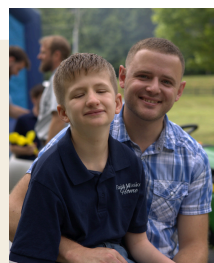
At 11:30 we head to our barn event center at the main home for a tasty lunch of burgers with lots of great toppings, pasta salad, chips, fresh fruit, and bars. Before we eat our lunch, Tom Abrams, an FMH legend who's been here for 59 years, is given the chance to say a few words since he is leaving FMH permanently the following day. We've enjoyed his time here as a student and he will be missed! After that, the bakeshop girls serenade us with some singing.

After lunch, we enjoy the opportunity to connect with various families while others head out directly to get a good start on their journey home. Some students leave with their parents right away while others will leave later during the two weeks of vacation.

In the afternoon, it's back to Dogwood Park for some softball. While most of the staff play, others sit on the sidelines, along with the students, watching and cheering. The game is a hit for both players and onlookers.

Following the softball game, we have our routine five o'clock supper at the main home. By now all the students' families have left. The crowd is a bit smaller than usual since some of the students have left as well. Patron's Picnic is over and summer vacation has begun.

Sharon Miller | Floater | Millersburg, OH



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