

Emmanuel Ministries

Dear Friends,

“Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth” – I John 3:18

As I look over the past several months I continue to be amazed by the faithfulness and generosity of you, our partners as you love “in deed”. Words are inadequate as I attempt to thank you for walking with us. The Lord has abundantly provided above and beyond our expectations and it is because of your willingness to help time and again.

In my last email I told you about our youth at Emmanuel who are learning that giving is a true privilege. We see them blossoming as they learn to look beyond themselves to the world around them. They have met some of you who have come to visit and they have observed your acts of kindness and have partaken of your generosity. It has made a difference. Thank you.

Our Matching Fund Challenge for our school Isaac Newton Academy has ended and, again, we are overwhelmed by the results. Our challenge was to raise \$23,000 to match the \$23,000 that our challengers contributed. As of May 31st we have received \$25,708 from over 75 individuals or groups for a grand total of \$48,708! Thank you, thank you!

It has been an encouragement to us, especially in these difficult economic times, that so many rose to the challenge! We have some fun and creative stories about how the money was raised. I would like to share one of those with you.



A young boy named Paul and his family came to Emmanuel with his church over spring break. He had a great time, worked very hard, and was inspired to give more once he returned home. He had learned about our Matching Fund Challenge so he and two friends, Shane and Davis, decided to raise money toward it. They created a challenge of their own, a competition between them to see who could raise the most money. The one who raised the least money would cut his hair! Their friends and families joined in on the fun and the boys raised almost \$400, for a total of \$800! We hear they had a lot of fun in the process.

We told our youth about Paul and Shane and Davis and they were pretty amazed that Paul would go home and tell these friends about them and that these friends would join in without even meeting us!



Thanks guys for your example of loving in deed!

Although our number of visitors is down this year, we still have people coming almost every week through July. The children are enjoying the fun and fellowship and crafts and games and extra hugs. Those that haven't been able to come have been generous with financial support and we are so thankful that your partnership with us remains strong. We look forward to the time when we can welcome more of you for a visit but please know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers, even from a distance! And, I would be happy to visit you at your church or company as well. We want to stay in touch.

With a grateful heart,

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