



Pictured above is KeAunti Hemphill working hard washing a car at the Old Skool car wash fundraiser on Saturday, June 30. Old Skool is raising money for projects to help the area's youth.



Children and workers at 2007 Living Hope Vacation Bible School: Top row left right: Martin Ramirez, Jesse Yanez, Paige Vandermark, Mikala Herrera, Shaina Bowen, Josiah Fling, Allyssa Young, Blythe Nava, Jaquita Woods, Stephanie Castillo, Sterling Fling and Gloria McCain, Second row, Pastor Mercy Fling, Dylan Ferguson, Marc-Anthony Gonzales, Sergio Hernandez, Brandon Teague, Amber Llanos, Jasia Cantu, Ryan Castillo, Todd Nicholas, Emily Garza, Trevor Jones, Lee Fields, Danielle Lopez, Keslie Perez, Savannah Vasquez, Jeslyn Cantu, Christina Lopez, Brittany Vasquez, Sabrina Llanos, and Cherrie McCain; Third row, Logan Young, Martha Yanez, Jayla Cantu, Julianna Castillo, Roy Garcia, Jesus Vargas, Jadelynn Almanza, Irene Vargas, Carlee Vandermark, Fabian Zapata, Ryan Trahan, Arlesia Henderson, Oliver Shorter, Christian Gonzales, Kayla Hurd, Madisyn Stancik, Jill Nava, Emma Kelley, and Cameron Marsalia. Bottom row: Jacob Snyder, Alejandro Gonzales, Chastity Scott, Shayann Llanos, Hailey Ferguson, Oddysey Alameda, William Diaz, Allazae Alameda, Tara Jones, Shaundrea Hurd, Jayden Shorter, Aaliya Almanza, Ashley Torres, Sophie Kelley and Maisyn Stancik.

Living Hope Bible School A Success

Living Hope Church held its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of June 11-15. It was the 14th annual VBS for Living Hope.

Pastor Joe Fling termed the VBS "A resounding success. We have so many children who have been to our program for seven or eight years, we feel like a big happy family every summer. Children from over a dozen different churches in our community attended the event, and some children came from as far away as Houston, with one from Boston, Massachusetts.

"It is always a joy to see so many children coming from every part of the community to learn about Jesus Christ," said VBS director Pastor Mercy Fling. "All of the children were so anxious to learn. They are so eager to learn about the love of Jesus."

Special thanks went to Mercy Fling and Sterling Fling who taught Bible Stories; Cherri McCain and Josiah Fling who did crafts; Martha Yanez and Blythe Nava who handled Bible memory, contests and the missions offering. Jesse Yanez served shaved ice refreshments. Gloria McCain and Allyssa Young organized games.

This was the third year that Living Hope used alumni of the Vacation Bible School to guide the children between activities and assist in the various centers.

The guides were Shaina Bowen, Paige Vandermark, Christina Lopez, Jaquita Woods and Stephanie Castillo. In addition Sterling and Josiah Fling who have been in every VBS at Living Hope and Blythe Nava assisted in the centers.

SonForce Kids was the theme of the VBS. The theme taught principles of the courage from Old Testament Bible stories. The children learned that God gives us courage to Obey God (from the life of Moses), Unite with God's People (Esther), Train for God's Service (Daniel), Follow in God's plan (Jeremiah) and Lead others into God's promises (Joshua). Elaborate decorations and wonderful games and crafts were enjoyed by all.

Pastor Fling commented, "All of the credit to this marvelous program goes to our teachers and workers. Many of our workers used vacation time from their jobs to be able to make this voluntary investment of their time in these youngsters."

The opening assembly and music were tremendous times of celebration as the children came together. Pastor Mercy Fling said, "The songs we sing in VBS will stay with the children and adults for years to come."

Five fun filled days concluded on Friday with the SonForce Kids Celebration, a closing assembly where each class performed a group song and awards were given. C. McCain added, "The closing ceremonies are always bittersweet, mixing the joy of a week together with knowing it is ending." The afternoon concluded with an afternoon party with games, food and fellowship for children and parents. Well over 100 attended the concluding program and party.

"The missions project this year netted over \$400 in offerings during the week, all of which will go to help Mike and Elaine Hrabal who minister in a country where work is considered dangerous and underground. The Hrabals

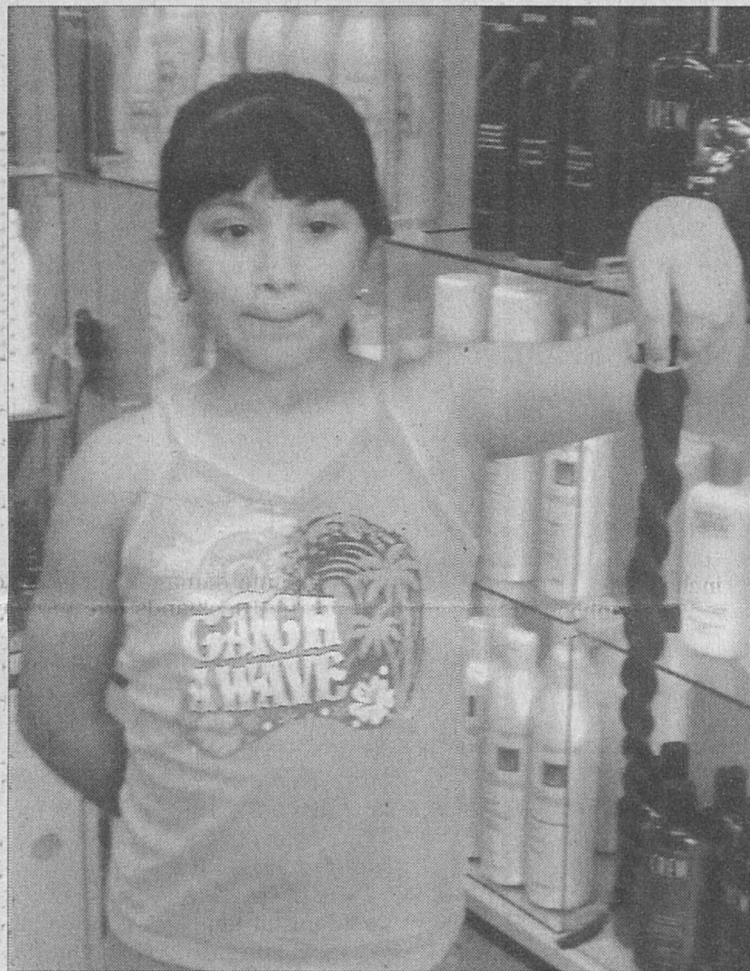
are longtime friends of the Flings and Living Hope Church who have worked on the mission field in Mexico and Cuba before embarking on their current work.

Pastor Fling reminded, "Living Hope keeps no part of these offerings, we provide VBS for the kids and the kids' offerings all go to our missions project each year. The young people in our community in this way share in a great work going around the world."

Jaquita Wood's class of mostly eight and nine year olds won the

prize for bringing in the most money, and were treated to watermelon for their Friday refreshment and other prizes. Prizes were also won by the classes that brought the most in mission offering each day. Over the last 14 years, the children in Living Hope's VBS have given over \$4,000 directly to workers in foreign missions.

Pastor Fling extended thanks to all in the community who let their children share in this wonderful experience of Christian love.



Pictured above is Samantha Joann Navarro holding 17 inches of her own hair that she recently donated to the Locks of Love Foundation.

Grain Totals Down From A Year Ago

According to the Texas Field Office, June 1 stocks of sorghum in all positions totaled 9.02 million hundredweight (cwt), down 27 percent from the 12.4 million cwt on hand a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 168,000 cwt, equaling last year's total. Off-farm stocks, at 8.85 million cwt, were down 28 percent from June 1, 2006.

Stocks of wheat in all positions June 1, 2007, totaled 23.1 million bushels, down 43 percent from last year's level of 40.5 million bushels. On-farm stocks totaled 300,000 bushels, unchanged from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 22.8 million bushels, down 43 percent from June 1, 2006.

The Texas Field Office no longer publishes corn stocks on farms, but the off-farm storage, at 49.8 million bushels, was up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Stocks of corn in all positions in the United States totaled 3.53 billion bushels, down 19 percent from the June 1, 2006 level. All old crop wheat stocks totaled 456 million bushels, down 20 percent from the June level of 571 million bushels a year ago.

U.S. stocks of sorghum totaled

41.9 million cwt, down 35 percent from last year.

Soybean stocks totaled 1.09 million bushels, up 10 percent; oats on hand totaled 51.2 million bushels, down 3 percent from June 2006.

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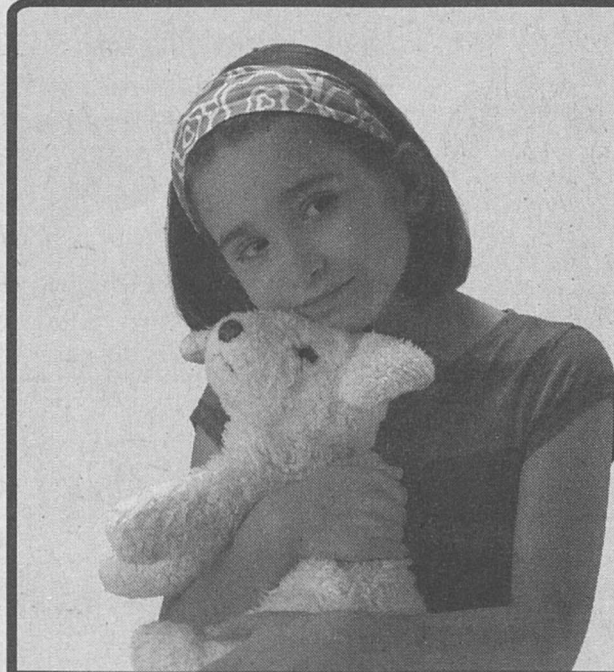
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