

# Heart 2 Heart

## Spotlight on: Sonshine Club

Sonshine Club is an weekly after-school ministry for Springfield Elementary Schools. The Cedarville ministry teams helps with Sonshine Clubs at Lagonda Elementary School and Synder Park School. During the hour long programs, the volunteers interact with the kids through songs, games, and Bible stories.

After the team arrives at the school, they spend time sharing prayer requests and praying for the ministry and one another. When they arrive, they sit in rows according to their grade and say the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and to the Bible which is followed by prayer. After that, they play a game, sing songs, and listen to the Bible story. This is usually followed by another game and or song. Then they have a closing prayer and have the kids line up to receive the snacks and newsletters as they leave. After all the kids are picked up, the team drives back to school.

Vashti Mensah, team leader for Sonshine Club, has been involved in this ministry for four years. "It's so rewarding to witness the kids grasp and remember the Bible lessons. I love when the kids come in the gym and run around and scream because school is finally out for the day."

One of Vashti's favorite memories is listening to kids say that month's memory verse. "Every week one little girl in kindergarten tries to say the memory verse to receive an extra prize, but since she doesn't really know it she usually starts out by saying the pledge of allegiance."

Meghan Steele, one of the team members, loves interacting with the kids and seeing them learn more about God. "I love working with kids. It is fun to play games and watch them learn about Jesus. One week, a couple 1st graders just came up to me randomly and gave me a hug, so that was a big encouragement.

I remember last spring semester after Jessica, the main Sonshine club leader told the Bible story, several of the kids came up to me and asked me a lot of questions about God. A couple of them were, "how do I know that God really exists," and "how do I know the Bible is true?" It made me so happy that the club was getting through to them and that the ministry I am involved in is helping kids learn about Jesus."

Sonshine Club usually has about 80-115 kids per week, but only 3-6 adult volunteers. They would love to have more volunteers.

Pray for the volunteer needs of Sonshine Clubs and the kids who come each week to Sonshine Club.

Contact Vashti Mensah for more information about Sonshine Club.



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## Prayer Opportunities

Pray for the following MIS teams going out over Christmas Break:

Eleuthera - December 29 - January 6

Jamaica - December 29 - January 6

Pray for the following discipleship team going out over Christmas Break:

Arizona - December 29 - January 8

"To be the best, you have to run with someone better than yourself."

Donna VanLiere  
*The Christmas Blessing*

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6