

Night of Music

February 7, 2020 7:00 pm

Needmore Bible Church

6939 Great Cove Rd,

Needmore, PA 17238

Directions: From I-70– Warfordsburg exit, take
US 522 North 7 miles and church will be on the left.

From McConnellsburg, PA, take US 522 South
14 miles and church will be on the right.

Local eating and hotel suggestions are
Breezewood, PA and Hancock, MD.

When registering at hotels, mention that you are with
Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute.

~2nd Term Tour~

Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia

~3rd Term Tour~

Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Pennsylvania

~4th Term Tour ~

Ohio, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas, Wyoming, Utah,
Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, Georgia,
South Carolina, Pennsylvania

Calendar of Events

Third Term Jan. 6 - Feb. 14

Missions Involvement Jan. 18 - 19

Annual Night of Music Feb. 7

Choir Tour Feb. 14 - 21

Ministers' Week Feb. 17 - 21

Fourth Term Feb. 24 - April 3

Missions Conference March 13 - 15

Graduation March 27

Choir Tour April 4 - 24

Fifth Term April 13 - May 22

We have openings for men & ladies in fifth term.

Ministers' Week
February 17 - 21, 2020

Registration: Monday, February 17, 10 am - 12 noon

Dismissal: Friday, February 21, 1:00 pm

Costs: Institute rooms - \$10 / night, meals - \$3.00/meal.

An offering will be taken to help cover costs.

Pre-registration is required.

Please contact the office for a brochure and/or registration. www.smbi.org

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Education Outside the Classroom

There are many ways to learn something. Obviously, one way of learning that is most commonly thought of here at SMBI is the classroom. However, even during the normal flow of term there is plenty of growth that happens in the informal environment. During the post-term opportunities attached to first term, we have opportunity to take that to a new level.

This year presented two opportunities– a study tour to Israel with 17 tour members from first term, joined by 27 others, and three urban ministries teams which went to York, PA; Baltimore, MD; and Washington, D.C. Following and on the next page are reflections written by participants.

Life Lessons in Israel



hiked up the rocky, mountain paths, through the waters of the tunnels, and into the desert.

One day, as we were riding the bus through the desert, I was amazed at the barrenness of the yellow, dry, dusty hillsides. I saw signs for En-gedi and I was excited.

I had heard about this place – this Oasis in the desert where David hid from Saul. (I Sam. 23:29, 24: 1,2) We got off the bus at the visitors center and started walking down a paved sidewalk to this mysterious place. On either side, we could see the towering desert mountains, stark and dry. In the valley, we could see bits of green and plants starting to come to life. As we walked we saw more green and more rushes, more grasses waving in the hot wind. The sidewalks disappeared and the path got steeper and rockier. But look! There is a small pool of water. I wanted to stop and stick my toes in. But, our “rabbi” kept

One thing was made clear to us at the beginning – you follow the “rabbi”! We followed his feet to the ancient ruins, picked our way along the rocks

of Galilee, up and down the uneven streets of Jerusalem, walked in the thorny, field lanes to the Jordan River, crawled through the narrow caves,



the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after you . . .”?

going. We went through sort of a tunnel of bamboo. It was beautiful. Inside the tunnel there was a trickle of water coming out of the rock. It was surrounded by moss, ferns and greenery. I stopped to take a picture and my husband pushed me to keep going.

I was getting frustrated. After all, we are here at En-gedi! This beautiful Oasis in the desert. Why can’t we stop and enjoy the beauty for a while? Other people were wading in the shallow pools we were passing and we were forced to press on along this increasingly rocky and difficult path. But, we must follow our “rabbi”. We passed a small waterfall and again, I was jealous of the people enjoying the refreshing water in this hot, dry, thirsty land. Would we ever get a chance to rest and just enjoy the beauty around us?

After what seemed like a long time, we rounded another huge rock and I was convicted! Before us was an amazing waterfall and huge walls of mosses, greenery, ferns and pools that we could wade in. The beauty of this tropical rain forest was overwhelming and the contrast with the desert so stark! Our “rabbi” knew where he was going and wanted us to experience the full depth and beauty of En-gedi.

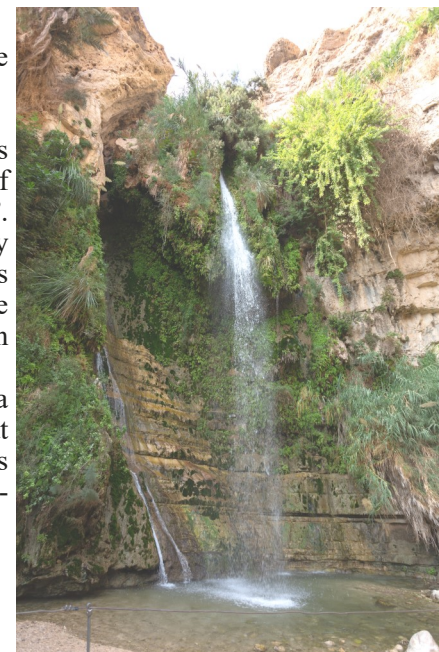
How many times in life am I content to wade in the small pools and not willing to do the hard work of pushing through to the grander things God would like to show me? How many times do I doubt his goodness and question the journey? How many times am I content with the still waters of the pools instead of the living, flowing waters from the Rock?

En-gedi means “springs of the goat”. Can I truly sing, “As

the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after you . . .”?

The trip to Israel was a gift on many fronts, but having these experiences and life lessons was definitely a highlight!

-Melody Schrock



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Post–Term, Urban Ministries
Baltimore Group

Post-term found me, along with two other ladies from first term, headed to Baltimore city. We didn’t know what to expect and tried to prepare our minds to be willing to serve in any way the mission needed us. Hampden Christian School hosted us, and was quite helpful in laying out the work projects that needed done in the next ten days. We spent a lot of time painting, washing class-room toys, staining, and assisting the teachers in their classrooms. On the side, we enjoyed walking the city streets, tasting ethnic foods, visiting with the church families, and walking around the Baltimore Harbor.

Being able to serve others in any way they might need, inevitably results in blessing the giver more than the receiver. This was truly our testimony! Some moments, while “hanging” up side down, frog taping yet another bathroom wall, it was tempting to feel overwhelmed or insignificant in the bigger picture of mission life. One lesson I will remember looking back on this experience, is the importance of faithfully putting my entire energy and heart into whatever tasks God calls me to do—big or small. “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.” Luke 16:10

Heather Martin—1st Term Student



Donated

In August, a group of over 150 alumni and other interested individuals donated a grand piano for the music room. It will be enjoyed for many years to come in the music classes, as an aid for learning choir music, and by the many students who play or enjoy piano music .



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Financial Report
July 2018 through June 2019

Income	
ROOM & BOARD	92,368.83
TUITION	94,428.96
PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS	83,895.14
CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS	98,169.14
WATER	85,007.93
FACILITIES RENTAL	23,610.00
CD SALES	12,279.43
SNACK BAR	2,922.90
STUDENT SERVICES	3,310.00
RESALE ITEMS	1,751.50
YEARBOOK	1,725.30
VIDEO INCOME	1,316.00
MUSIC INCOME	51.71
INTEREST	11.96
Total Income	500,848.80

Expense	
PAYROLL	186,960.35
FOOD	50,718.34
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	6,553.93
WATER PROG	64,529.38
ELECTRIC	26,902.91
RENT	12,469.16
OFFICE & PRINTING	19,700.90
PAYROLL TAX	13,834.06
FUEL	21,865.78
GIFTS & REMUNERATION	15,435.50
MAINTENANCE & BUILDING REPAIR	17,264.85
TUITION WAIVERS	7,647.50
MUSIC	11,146.52
REAL ESTATE TAX	8,775.82
SUPPLIES	10,473.67
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	54,977.04
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	6,362.88
INSURANCE	9,687.72
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT REPAIR	864.05
TRAVEL	739.00
SNACKBAR	2,740.56
SANITATION	2,531.00
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	1,729.24
POSTAGE	2,409.94
YEARBOOK EXPENSE	1,417.16
VEHICLE EXPENSE	898.95
RESALE	2,771.43
AUDIT & ACCOUNTING	22.22
PUBLICATIONS	548.31
CREDIT CARD FEES	142.84
LIBRARY	55.00
Total Expense	562,176.01

Net Income	-61,327.00
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Did you hear...

Marriages

David Gerrie & Rose Yoder ~ 9.7.19

Kevin Rojas & Joella Miller ~ 10.5.19

Tyrell Brubaker & Megan Nolt ~ 10.12.19

Shane Sensenig & Teresa Weaver ~ 11.16.19

Justin Yoder & Marjorie Hege ~ 8.24.19

Births

Duane & Crissy (Beiler) Fisher
~ Keneisha Lynn

Benjamin & Julia (Howe) Neff
~ Brianna Marie

Jason & Rosalie (Petre) Nissley
~ Serena Denise

Finance Report

This year has seen a number of donations of products and services. Laminate flooring was installed throughout the classrooms and main hallways, three commercial exterior doors were replaced, and expanded cabinets and sink were added in the snack bar area. We also received numerous contributions of food products including meat, apples, potatoes, honey, and more. It’s always dangerous to compile a short list like this because there are so many who contribute in a host of ways. We also completed significant HVAC repairs, roof maintenance, and office and kitchen equipment updates.

Truly God is faithful in providing our daily needs! Thank you for being a part of making it possible for SMBI to assist the local church body through the programs we offer. Your prayers, student support, encouragement, and financial support are invaluable. User fees for the institute continue to provide about two-thirds of the budget while contributions from individuals, businesses, and churches provide the remainder.

An upcoming project is drilling a well at our School House Village residence due to the termination of public water service with projected cost of \$5,000. If you wish to contribute to this need, please earmark your check “Well Project.”



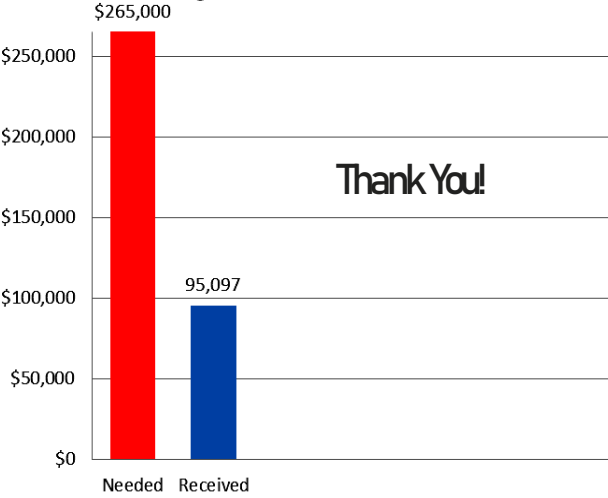
WATER 2020

Registration is open for the summer missions program which runs June 22 – July 31. Come spend a week on campus in intense orientation and then spend almost five weeks as a ministry apprentice at one of 30 locations of your choice in North, South, or Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, or Asia.

India is a new location offered this year as well as other locations that were not available for 2019 are available in 2020.

Contact the office or visit smbi.org for more Information and applications.

Housing Fund - Land Purchase



The pending property purchase is the culmination of many years of land restrictions and prayers. It is the first step in providing additional staff and student housing. This journey took a major step forward in July with the signing of a purchase agreement and a down payment of \$26,500. If you wish to contribute to this project, checks may be sent to the SMBI office noted for the “housing fund.” Donors who wish to support this project anonymously may do so through the Anabaptist Foundation. Make your gifts payable to “Anabaptist Foundation” with “SMBI Housing Fund” written on the memo line of your check. Mail these contributions to: Anabaptist Foundation, 55 Whisper Creek Drive, Lewisburg, PA, 17837. AF can also advise you in creative giving if you plan to sell real estate or sell farm commodities.

