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# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

During the most recent 15-week IAHE Internship Program, the students worked hard, learned a lot, and earned high school credit for their transcripts.

**This digital publication is a compilation of articles written by the students as part of the IAHE Internship Program. We hope you are inspired by their writing and enjoy reading their thoughts, interviews, book reviews, and more.**

The IAHE Internship Program is an exciting opportunity for junior and senior high school homeschool students to serve the Indiana homeschool community while earning high school credit. Interns gain valuable insight into what kinds of work they may be suited for and add practical work experience to their transcript.

IAHE interns from all over Indiana engage with speakers across the nation through live weekly video calls, explore individual strengths, gain insight into the inner workings of a nonprofit, learn about homeschool laws and research, try their hand at writing blog posts and designing graphics, and much more!

Interns build skills in a variety of areas including:

- ★ Critical thinking
- ★ Team problem solving
- ★ Creative innovation
- ★ Interpersonal communication
- ★ Research and reporting
- ★ Legislative bill reading
- ★ Google Workplace tools
- ★ Graphic design in Canva
- ★ Presentation skills
- ★ Magazine layout, design, content

This 15-week program runs from the end of August through mid-December.

***Indiana homeschooled juniors and seniors are invited to apply for the 2023 intern program!***

***See page 54 for additional highlights.***

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# MEET THE 2022 INTERNS



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## KAYLIN HIEHLE

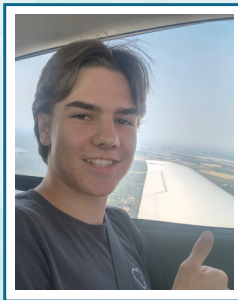
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# MEET THE 2022 INTERNS



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# Living as a Christian Teen

by Ellen Blackledge

It can be hard living in this world as a Christian teenager. Knowing that we are representing Christ is stressful, and it can often seem as though we are inadequate. But we are just as qualified as adults to tell about Jesus!

## 1 Timothy 4:12

*And don't be intimidated by those who are older than you; simply be the example they need to see by being faithful and true in all that you do. Speak the truth and live a life of purity and authentic love as you remain strong in your faith.*

## 1 Thessalonians 5:11

*Because of this, encourage the hearts of your fellow believers and support one another, just as you have already been doing.*

## Philippians 4:13

*I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.*

It can be really hard to say no to the things our friends are doing, even if we know it's wrong. Thankfully, we have God on our side. We can always call on him to help us make the right decisions.

## His Word Directs Us

We are tempted—everyone is—but sometimes I think teens are especially. We're just learning to make our own choices, and it can be hard to know what to do. It's really important to spend time in the Word, reading and understanding it, pouring over it. Not only will it bring us closer to Him, but knowing what the Bible says can help us to make the right choices.

## 2 Timothy 2:22

*Run as fast as you can from all the ambitions and lusts of youth; and chase after all that is pure. Whatever builds up your faith and deepens your love must become your holy pursuit. And live in peace with all those who worship our Lord Jesus with pure hearts.*

## 1 Corinthians 10:13

*No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it.*

## Isaiah 41:13

*For I am the Lord your God, who holds your right hand, who says to you "Do not fear, I will help you."*

## 1 Timothy 4:13

*So until I come, be diligent in devouring the Word of God, be faithful in prayer, and in teaching the believers.*

## Psalms 119:9

*How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.*

## We Are Created for a Purpose

As teens, it can be difficult to remember something so simple. We're trying to figure out who we are, our opinions, and probably the most intimidating question, what we want to do with our lives. In this time when you're trying to figure out where to go to college, what to major in, and where you want to work, take a moment to ask God to show you his plans for your life.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

*“For I know the plans I have for you” - this is the Lord’s declaration - “plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”*

**Matthew 6:34**

*Refuse to worry about tomorrow, but deal with each challenge that comes your way, one day at a time. Tomorrow will take care of itself.*

**Ephesians 2:10**

*For we are God’s masterpiece, he has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

**Philippians 1:6**

*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

## The Lord is Faithful

He’s there to always pick you up when you fall, to be by your side. You can’t always count on people, but God will never let you down. We’re going to have hard times. Things don’t always go our way. But they go His way. Things always go according to His plan. That is something we can trust.

**1 Peter 5:7**

*Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you.*

**Joshua 1:5**

*No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or abandon you.*

**John 16:33**

*And everything I’ve taught you is so that the peace which is in me will be in you and I will give you great confidence as you rest in me. For in this unbelieving world you will experience trouble and sorrows, but you must be courageous, for I have conquered the world!*

**John 8:12**

*Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, You won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life”*

As Christians in a sin-filled world, we will have struggles, and we will sin. When we trust in God, our problems don’t disappear, but we do gain a helper, an instructor, a father, and a friend.

All Bible verses were taken from the versions, TPT, CSB, and NLT.



# Biblical Daily Decision Making

by Emily Bowyer



**Decisions.** Every single day we are faced with masses of decisions. Some, such as *What do I eat for lunch?* are small and inconsequential. Others, like *Who will I marry?* will continue to shape our lives years from now. The number of choices thrown at us can be stressful, confusing, and overwhelming. As Christians, we believe the Lord is sovereign over our lives ... but is that enough for all life's decisions? We must ask: "How should I go about making everyday decisions?"

What if I were to tell you that making decisions doesn't have to be that complex? The practical decision-making process can be simplified by looking at Scripture. By following God's truth, we find a pathway to practical decision making.

The wisdom model, a model based on Scripture, gives Christians both a Biblical and practical approach to everyday decisions. At a conference I recently attended, Brett Kunkle (founder of Maven ministries) summarized this model in one of his talks. The following four-step decision-making approach loosely reflects his model.

## 1 - TRUST GOD'S SOVEREIGN WILL

The sovereign will of God governs everything that happens in this world. As James 4:14-15 tells us "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" Everything we can ever do will always fall within God's sovereign will. This should automatically encourage us and lighten the load off our shoulders.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (Psalm 73:6)

Each decision we're faced with is ultimately held in God's hands, but let's take this to an even more practical level.

## 2 - FOLLOW GOD'S MORAL WILL

Every decision we make (the career you choose, the person you marry, the activities you're involved in) must be driven by God's desire for our life. But what is God's desire for us? Holiness. God wants us



to live in holiness, or total obedience to God. Total obedience to God is adherence to Scripture and the truth by which we are commanded to live. Our ultimate desire as Christians must be to love God. Scripture shows us how to love Him: "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love." (John 15:10)

It is here that we must keep in mind this simple truth: God's will never contradicts God's Word. If you struggle to find the Godly answer to a decision, Scripture usually has a truth which can point you in the right direction. The Bible is perfect, consistent, and the only straight path for following God's plan for your life. It is the only means for living righteously.

### 3 - APPLY WISDOM

I know many individuals who guide their decisions by God's word and obedience to it, and it is still challenging for them to make difficult decisions. At this point, we must seek and apply wisdom. The Lord knows we will face tough decisions and has provided ways to make wise choices.

The best source of wisdom is ultimately Scripture. I encourage you to read Proverbs, and read it again, and then read it one more time. It is a book filled with wisdom that applies to a plethora of situations. More than this, take 10 minutes to read the Bible every day. God has given us all the wisdom we could ever need in this world, and it is in His inspired Word.

Outside of Scripture, I encourage you to seek out advice from a mature believer. Chances are, they have a snippet of wisdom which applies to whatever decision you're facing.

And of course, pray. James 1:5 expresses, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

### 4 - CONSIDER PERSONAL FACTORS

Once you trust God's Sovereignty, apply God's Moral will (obedience), and seek wisdom, you may decide

to do what you want. Yes, you can apply personal preferences to the decisions you make! If we seek holiness and act practically, we can make a final decision based on personal inclination. St. Augustine said, "Love God and do whatever you please; for the soul trained in love to God will do nothing to offend the One who is Beloved."

If your desires both follow God's will and align with wisdom, feel free to consider them when making decisions.

### SUMMING IT UP

What current difficulties are facing you? As Christians, we are blessed with the greatest joy possible: a relationship with the Lord. But while still on earth, we will be faced with difficult choices. If you are struggling with daily decision making, try applying these steps. A quick overview of practical decision making made simple:

- Remember, the Lord is in control.
- Act righteously, or in accordance with God's will as supported in Scripture.
- Seek wisdom, whether through Scripture, prayer, or mature believers.
- Consider your desires, gifts, or personal conscience.

Our chief purpose in life is to glorify the Lord. And as his children we know that He cares for us and is watching over us. As Romans 8:28 says, "we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." The surest thing we can do is trust. Trust God's sovereignty over your every situation or decision. There is no pursuit greater than glorifying, loving, trusting in our great, great, God!

### FURTHER RESOURCE

If you're looking for deeper insight on this topic, feel free to listen to the mentioned talk by Brett Kunkle, president and founder of Maven ministries.

[youtu.be/kkL66c-h6HY](https://youtu.be/kkL66c-h6HY)

# WITNESSING TO PEOPLE IN TODAY'S CULTURE

by Elijah Sager

## DO WE NEED TO WITNESS TO PEOPLE IN THE USA?

Christianity is growing in China at an incredible rate compared to the United States and is getting close to catching up. As of 2022, there are around 130 million Christians in China, and in the United States there are around 210 million Christians. This is pretty crazy on a few accounts—Christianity is not only looked down on in China, it is outright illegal to have a church service as compared to the United States where it is completely legal to be a Christian and have a church service. This is just some of the evidence that would suggest that we as Christians need to be more proactive in sharing the gospel. This is one of the most important callings from God.

## WHEN SHOULD YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL?

One of the first things we need to understand when proactively sharing the gospel is that this is not just something that we do once in a while. It is not something that is only done when you go on a mission trip, or participate in a church outreach project. It is great to share the gospel then, but you should also be sharing the gospel in your everyday lives.



The Great Commission is for our everyday lives. Matthew 28:19 says, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Many Biblical scholars translate the first part of this verse more accurately as, “As you are going, make disciples...” This means as we are going about our normal lives and activities we should be praying for and looking for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the people around us. It might seem scary at first, but just remember that you have a life-saving message to share. You can do this!

## WHO SHOULD YOU BE WITNESSING TO?

Another thing that we need to understand as Christians is that we should never assume that someone is a Christian just because they say they are.

Since we live in a fallen world, there are going to be all types of people that claim to be Christians but are not really. Maybe they do some of the things Christians do like go to church, but if you look closer at their lives, you can tell that they aren't actively trying to follow



God's law. Maybe they just go to church because that is how they were brought up so they are not really going for any specific reason.

I made the mistake of assuming someone was a Christian just because they were at a Christian event. But after talking to them for a little bit, I realized that though they had some Christian values, there were some pretty big gaps in the faith. I was really surprised. The whole time I was thinking that they were a Christian, but instead I should have been finding a way to witness and help them on the journey to know Jesus.

Even for those of us who are Christians, we need to hear the gospel message every day. We need to be reminded of who we are, who Jesus is, and what he has done for us. So talking about the good news no matter who we are with can yield wonderful fruit.

If you are looking for specific help and resources you can use in witnessing, you may consider using pamphlets and passing them out at parades or big public events. A good place to find witnessing pamphlets or tracts is ***Tomorrow's Forefathers***. Also just look for times in conversations you have with unbelievers to say something about how amazing God is. You are planting seeds wherever you go. Remember, in all that you do, do it all for Him.

# GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

# CAREERS THROUGH VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

by Obadiah Bird

As homeschoolers, it can be hard sometimes to decide on what career path to follow, and even to know where to start looking for one. It turns out, there are organizations that can help with that. Vocational schools are a good career training option for many people. They usually offer classroom time and hands-on training in a wide variety of fields. Students can start while they are still in high school or after graduation.

## **BENEFITS OF ATTENDING A VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL:**

- ✓ Some of them receive government funding, making them affordable to attend.
- ✓ Career schools also offer more direct preparation for the workforce by providing specific training for the area of work you plan on being involved in.
- ✓ Even if you don't end up following a career in your training area, many of the skills taught in vocational schools are universal and can be used effectively in many areas.
- ✓ There are usually ample opportunities for internships at companies looking to train workers.



# VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMS IN AREAS SUCH AS:

- 🔍 Construction and Landscape
- 🔍 Manufacturing,
- 🔍 Health Sciences
- 🔍 Protective Services
- 🔍 Human Services
- 🔍 Transportation
- 🔍 Media and Information Tech
- 🔍 And many more opportunities for work-based learning in all areas of study.

If you would like to consider a hands-on, vocational education, now is the time to think about it and get started planning. Check out vocational schools near you. You can also try asking trusted adults around you about vocational training opportunities in your area.

One of the best ways to explore career options is to shadow someone who is doing something you are interested in. So don't wait. Reach out to someone now and explore your options.



# PERSONALITY TESTS

## What Now?

by Molly Brubaker

So you've taken another personality test. After taking your best guess on a lot of difficult questions, you have the results all laid out, neatly organized on the webpage in front of you. You feel pretty overwhelmed by the information. After all, isn't this test basically telling you how to exist?

Nope. It's the other way around.

First of all, let's get one thing straight. A personality test's job is to take the answers you plug in and produce a result—and a very general one at that. The creators of the test have taken into account a lot of different personalities, but that doesn't mean we aren't all created humans that have unique flaws, desires, and motivations.

For example, let's say that Mark and Steven get the same test results. They're introverted, quiet, thoughtful, and emotional. They both love to read and write, and the idea of a day at home playing video games sounds better to them than a music-pumping party any day.

They're similar people, right?

But Mark hopes to someday become a renowned author, writing fantasy novels to bring his magical stories to life for others to enjoy. Steven plans to pursue journalism, writing book reviews, and traveling the world to pursue experiences and write about them online.

So, definitely not.

A personality test doesn't say how you should act. It says how you do. It's important to acknowledge this because the application process is what matters—and you don't apply the results by molding your personality to fit what the test says it should be.

The test is really saying, this is what you do. You can do it even better.

A personality test can be something that gives you an outside perspective. When it tells Steven that he likes to think about things and analyze a situation, it's not giving him a personality trait that he didn't already know about. But Steven may not have even noticed that he enjoys this.

And if Steven is currently looking for a hobby, or he's been really bored lately, he can double down on, let's say, journalism. That includes analyzing situations, right? To his surprise, he really enjoys it! It wasn't something that he'd ever really imagined himself doing before—and he didn't do it just because his results told him that's what he should like. It helped him discover something he hadn't ever considered in the first place.

So while it may be tempting to get results and “apply” them by shifting your preferences and tastes to fit that, we're all created beings with unique tendencies. The results of a personality test simply give us that stepping stone to push off, setting a fire for something we may not have realized we even do.

And hey, it can't hurt to get a helping hand, right? Getting a boost with an outside perspective is always helpful. Just don't trust any random website! If something sounds inaccurate, it probably is.

Understand that this test isn't telling you how to change your life. It's telling you how to hone your existing skills to take advantage of life.



Find out what you love to do and learn how to do it even better!

Here are a few personality tests/strengths assessments for you to consider:

**Clifton Strengths Strengthsfinder Test** - [gallup.com/cliftonstrengths/en/home.aspx](http://gallup.com/cliftonstrengths/en/home.aspx)

**Free Myers-Briggs Personality Test** - [16personalities.com/free-personality-test](http://16personalities.com/free-personality-test)

**Free DISC Personality Test** - [crystalknows.com/disc-personality-test](http://crystalknows.com/disc-personality-test)

# PHYSICALLY FIT

## *The Why and the How*

by Abby Archer

Seemingly endless classes. An impossible amount of homework that is due tomorrow. Family to spend time with, friends to hang out with, still more work to do ... and, somewhere in the midst of that, a couple hours of sleep!

Busy, busy, busy is the phrase that has taken over our culture—and with so many important tasks that must be accomplished, it's not a huge surprise that many people, including teens,

struggle to fit regular physical activity into their hectic schedules.

Did you know that the CDC claims that less than a quarter of kids between the ages of six and seventeen get the recommended sixty minutes of moderate exercise every day? That leaves the other seventy-five percent of us with deficient exercise plans ... and the consequences of not being physically active.





# THE WHY OF STAYING FIT

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Even though it might not be the first thing that pops into your head when you consider the list of things that you have to get done today, exercise is a vital part of maintaining a healthy body and mind and offers a wide variety of benefits, including:

- ★ Decreased levels of stress
- ★ Better sleep
- ★ Happier mood
- ★ Feelings of accomplishment
- ★ Decreased risk of heart disease, cancer, obesity, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, and high blood pressure (CDC)
- ★ And, last but not least, with some of your energy out, focusing on and finishing schoolwork becomes easier!

With all of these fantastic benefits, the necessity of physical exercise becomes clear. But how does one begin? Great question!

# THE HOW OF STAYING FIT

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If working out has not been a part of your daily routine, it can be hard to know where to start! And even if you happen to be the fitness pro in your friend group, it's always good to remember these tips:

## START EASY AND WORK UP FROM THERE

Nobody runs a 10-mile race the first week they begin working out! If you haven't been keeping in shape, you might not be impressed with the amount your body can do before giving out... which is okay! Start with small things like 10 push-ups, 20 sit-ups or a one-mile run. As you get stronger, start pushing yourself to more difficult tasks.

## TRY A VARIETY OF THINGS

Jogging, running, walking, swimming, biking, raking leaves, shoveling snow—even dancing!—the list goes on and on. You'd be surprised at how many activities can make you start sweating and breathing hard! Experiment to see what you enjoy... and remember, don't do the same thing every day. Completing different exercises will work different muscle groups while other muscles have a chance to rest.

## WORK ON LITTLE EXERCISES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Don't have an hour to work out at the gym? That's okay! You can really put in physical activity anywhere. Feeling a little antsy (or sleepy) while reading that loooong literature book? Try doing a set of ten squats, jumping-jacks, or high knees to give yourself a break. Or run up and down the stairs for five minutes! With a little of that energy out (or with a little more awakesness), you'll probably be able to concentrate better anyway.

## TRY A SPORT

Some people (including myself) aren't fans of working out or going to the gym just for the sake of working out! If it helps your mental machine to concentrate on a ball instead of how many minutes you've been running, try soccer, basketball, football, or baseball ... an incredible number of awesome sports exist!

## USE THE RESOURCES YOU HAVE

You can exercise without any equipment, but if you have dumbbells or a weight-lifting bench at home, use them! They can definitely help make a workout routine more interesting. Another essential tool is (let's admit it) the internet. If you're not sure how to do a certain exercise or deathly bored of the routine you now have, you can find solutions using YouTube or that search bar!

# TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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You now know different things you can do to start working out ... but it won't do you much good if you start and then gradually return to the condition you were in before! How can you successfully reach your fitness goals?

## MAKE IT FUN

Hate running? Don't choose to jog everyday! You don't have to do something you absolutely despise just to get some physical activity in! Like I said earlier, there are so many different options out there. Choose something you truly enjoy and work at it.



## KEEP YOURSELF ACCOUNTABLE

Like anything else, worthwhile physical activity requires diligence. You're not going to turn into a body builder overnight! If you are an incredibly responsible person, maybe you have the drive to keep on an exercise routine by yourself ... but if you are more like me, it might be good to ask a parent or friend to periodically check in to see how things are going. Even better? Do it with one of them. Then you can push each other and enjoy each other's company at the same time.

## SET GOALS AND CHART YOUR PROGRESS

Keep track of the exercise you accomplish each day. Watch as your endurance increases, your muscles grow, and your mood improves. Show yourself that it is worth it!

## GET OUT THERE AND START!

Don't sit on the couch a day longer playing video games all afternoon (or writing essays)! Get up and start sweating! As we saw earlier, working is worth all of the time and effort you put into it. You CAN succeed and reach those fitness goals!

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# PODCASTING & STREAMING

## The Basics of Content Creation

by Kaylin Hiehle

As the age of technology advances, so the ages of communication and entertainment advance (and expand) with it. Online entertainment options like podcasting and streaming have exploded in popularity over the last few years and have become accessible to anyone with an electronic device. Nowadays, almost anyone can share their thoughts and personalities with the world through a multitude of online platforms like Youtube, Twitch, and Spotify.

Maybe you've even thought of creating a podcast or Twitch channel yourself. But where do you start? What do you focus on? These questions may seem overwhelming, but once you grasp a better understanding of what you want to do, they become much easier to answer. By thinking of these things, you just might realize that content creation is the perfect fit for you!



# YOUR PURPOSE

When considering either podcasting or streaming, the most important question to ask yourself is this: “Why do I want to do this?” Maybe you want to share important information, or maybe you simply want to have fun and make people laugh.

Whatever your reason may be, it needs to have a strong foundation that keeps you dedicated to your goal, especially in the midst of discouragement. It’s important to not be greedy for attention or an audience. These things take time—sometimes lots of it, and you may not see the results you want to see instantly. It’s also important to remain humble and be mindful of your audience. After all, you’re serving them, not the other way around. Attitude and purpose are everything.

# EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The most worrisome aspect of content creation for most beginners is equipment. Microphones, headsets, cameras, recording devices, audio software—the list seems to continue forever. It gets overwhelming, doesn’t it? Like any other form of art and creation, the equipment you use is important ... to an extent.

As important as equipment may (eventually) be, it shouldn’t be the make or break decision of your content creation career. You can start your journey using whatever you have, even if it’s really cheap. Before you spend tons of money on equipment, you want to make sure this is something you want to pursue and continue. There are plenty of articles and websites filled with knowledge of the best content creation equipment for any price range, such as [The Podcast Host](#) for podcasts and [Restream](#) for streaming. These websites can help you later, but for now you can always make do with what you have.

# THE BASICS OF PODCASTING - AUDIO & VISUAL

Podcasting is perfect if you have something you want to communicate audibly to a listening audience. Whether that be through storytelling, information sharing, teaching, or interviewing, podcasting is great for utilizing speaking talents and skills. Informational podcasts are some of the easiest to create. They require research and work, but sharing information about any given topic(s) that you’re passionate about and interested in will make any podcast enjoyable. Starting out, it would be best to choose a topic you’re already very familiar with, so that you are comfortable enough to talk about it naturally.

Podcast creators often rely solely on audio recordings for their podcasts. However, some hosts choose to include video recording along with the audio.

# THE BASICS OF STREAMING

Streaming, though it can share similar concepts with podcasting, is generally a completely separate form of content creation. Through streaming, you have the ability to share more of your personality than you could through a podcast. Streaming may include more complications, as it involves video recording of both whatever you're streaming as well as (optionally) a video of yourself.

Almost anything can be streamed online, ranging from video games to art to music to anything else you can think of! Streaming is much more interactive with your audience than podcasting is, which means that it will require you to engage with your audience while live and sometimes make you split your focus between your streaming topic and your stream chat.



Because streaming is more interactive, you need to have good communication skills and quick thinking when you talk with your audience. You normally don't have to worry as much about making everything "perfect" on your stream though, since it should be relaxed and informal. People are usually drawn to those who are more expressive, so the friendlier and more entertaining your personality as a streamer, the better.

To be successful, you either need a personality and humor that will encourage people to continue watching you and/or you need to be extremely skilled at whatever you're streaming for an audience to continue watching. Combined, both skills will attract an audience the most efficiently, but excelling in one area will gain you attention as well.

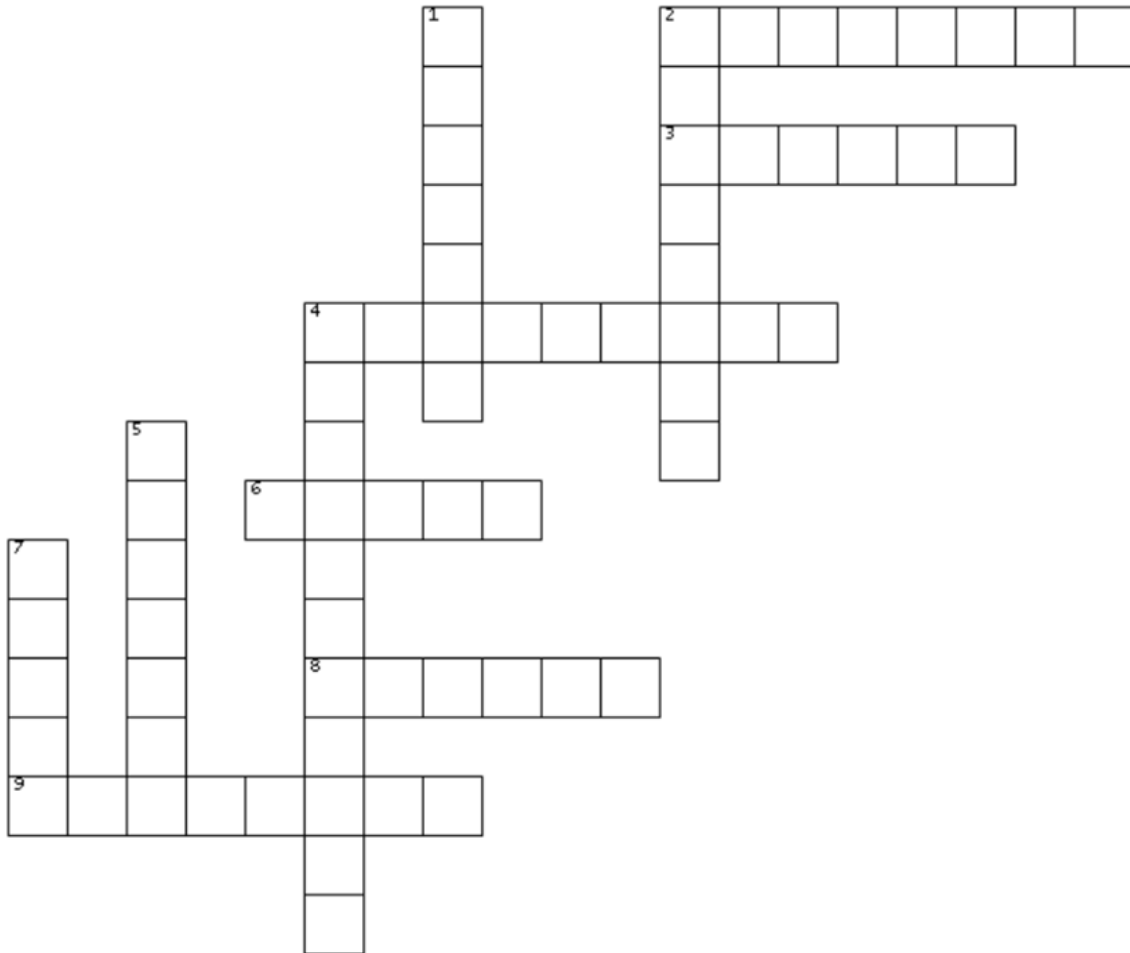
## ABOVE ALL, LISTEN TO THE LORD

So what are you interested in? Making a podcast? Making a Twitch channel? Maybe both! No matter what you decide, it's important to pay attention to the basics. If you lack a strong foundation or any consistent plan, chances are you won't last long in the scene of content creation. These are some of the most basic (and important) things to consider when considering podcasting or streaming.

But above all of your plans, dreams, and ideas, make sure to keep the Lord at the center of your goals. Be obedient to Him and follow where He leads, even if the details seem overwhelming. If it's within His will for you to begin creating content, step out in faith and the rest will fall in place.

Enjoy this crossword puzzle based on the content of this epublication.

**Created by Kaylin Hiehle**



**ACROSS**

- 2. Someone who adheres to the teachings of another; a follower or learner, especially of Christ (Taylor)
- 3. An occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person’s life and with opportunities for progress (Obadiah)
- 4. A genre which depicts an imagined world or society in which people lead dehumanized, fearful lives (Ellen)
- 6. Firm belief in the integrity, ability, or character of a person or thing; confidence or reliance (Ellen)
- 8. A writer of a book, article, or report (Molly)
- 9. Activity requiring physical effort, carried out to sustain or improve health and fitness (Abby)

**DOWN**

- 1. To have and share knowledge of an event or change from personal observation or experience (Elijah)
- 2. A conclusion or resolution reached after consideration (Emily)
- 4. The lack or denial of something considered to be a necessity (Emily)
- 5. To put to use, especially to make profitable or effective use of (Taylor)
- 7. Freedom from disturbance; tranquility (Abby)

**ANSWER KEY ON PAGE 45**

# THINKING ABOUT ENGINEERING?

by Elijah Sager

Do you think you might be interested in engineering? Are you always trying to figure out how things work? Do you enjoy designing and creating projects? Engineering might be a great career path for you to consider. But what type of engineering? Let's take a look at three of the main types of engineering and what they are all about!



## DO YOU LIKE WORKING ON LARGE SCALE PROJECTS?

Then civil engineering might be for you. Civil engineering is everywhere. It is a part of all our lives in many different ways. When many people think of civil engineering, they think of bridges and big buildings—and those are for sure some of the things civil engineers design—but they also take care of water treatment, and humanitarian aid. For example, civil engineers may design wells for people in poor countries or where water is lacking. They are also the ones to figure out ways to keep water cleaner by developing systems to clean dirty water or finding ways to keep the water clean in the first place. Civil engineering is vital to a country's economy because they are the ones to create the paths of transportation like canals, railways, roads, bridges and many more. Civil engineers are also known for large projects like dams and skyscrapers. So if you decide to become a civil engineer, get ready to work on projects that could change the world.

## DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH SOFTWARE AND CODING AND SMALL SCALE WIRING?



Then electrical engineering might be for you. This type of engineering is, just like civil engineering, in our lives every day, but in a much more personal way. Electrical engineers design the microchips and computers around us. That includes phones, laptops, fridges, washers, and even toys like RC cars. This type of engineering includes a lot of time on a computer and a lot of math. Electrical engineers don't normally make huge things like civil engineers, but in a smaller and very important way, they keep the world running.





## DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS WITH SOME COMPUTER SKILLS THROWN IN THERE?

Then mechanical engineering might be for you, and is one of my personal favorites. Mechanical engineers deal with things ranging from the mechanisms in door knobs to the hydraulics on an excavator. Electrical and mechanical engineers actually work really closely because, for example, the mechanical engineers would put together an excavator and an electrical engineer would wire up and code the brains of the excavator so it can be controlled easily. Another example of both types of engineering working together is a robot. Mechanical engineers would design all the moving parts and the electrical engineers would program and wire the robot. Though electrical and mechanical engineering are two different types of engineering, they still work really closely together.

### HOW CAN I REALLY KNOW WHICH ONE I LIKE?



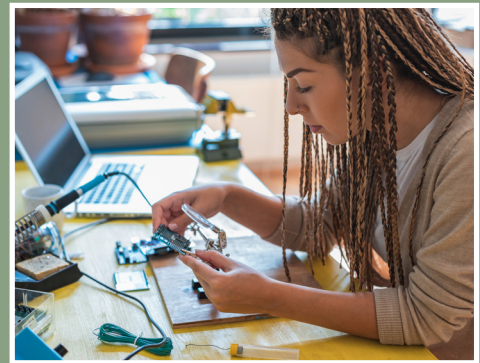
Finding an opportunity to get some hands-on experience would be beneficial to you as you explore these different engineering fields. Maybe you have a church friend or someone in your community who is an engineer and would let you job shadow. You could also consider attending a summer camp that exposes students to the different engineering fields. One camp that I absolutely loved is the **Cedarville Engineering Camp**. This camp will get you hands-on experience with everything we talked about and more. If you don't want to do that, feel free to just try things yourself by looking up projects you could do on YouTube or other platforms. **Mark Rober** has an excellent online class to get you started exploring engineering. There is a wealth of information out there if you just look.

#### **CEDARVILLE ENGINEERING CAMP**

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#### **MARK ROBER ONLINE CLASS**

[studio.com/mark-rober](https://studio.com/mark-rober)



# A Teenage Missionary's Story

by Abby Archer

A couple of years ago, I met Mariah Larson on a two-week mission trip to Florida. While most kids who do short-term mission trips travel back home and finish high school in the regular four years, Mariah broke the mold. Although she is only seventeen, this partially-homeschooled senior decided to spend the first semester of her last year of high school overseas in Liberia, helping out a mission organization there. Throughout the last couple of months, I have been amazed by my friend's adventurous spirit and by stories that she has sent back home. I decided to email her questions about her time on the mission field to learn a little bit more.



*Mariah feeding a baby animal*

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## **WHY LIBERIA? DID YOU FEEL A PARTICULAR DRAW TO THIS COUNTRY, OR WAS IT THE ORGANIZATION? WHAT ORGANIZATION ARE YOU WORKING WITH?**

I am working with a group called Hope in the Harvest. Missionaries who are part of this organization have given multiple mission presentations at my church over the years, are close friends of people in my congregation, and know my parents. This connection really helped to make this all possible.

**2****WHAT HAS YOUR HOMESCHOOL EXPERIENCE BEEN LIKE?**

My homeschooling was classical Christian with a heavy emphasis on critical thinking skills. I have taken both online classes and a few public school classes.

**3****DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR HOMESCHOOL EXPERIENCE HAS HELPED YOU TO GET TO WHERE YOU ARE NOW?**

Yes, particularly the critical thinking skills I've learned.

**4****WHAT MADE YOU FIRST CONSIDER SPENDING A SEMESTER ON THE MISSION FIELD?**

Last school year, I was really dissatisfied with how I was spending my time and energy. I wanted to spend this year pointedly focused on the glory of God and His kingdom. That desire led me here.

**5****HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO WORK EVERYTHING OUT? AS A MINOR, WAS IT MORE DIFFICULT TO PLAN AN OVERSEAS TRIP THAT EXTENDED OVER THREE MONTHS?**

Most large mission organizations will not send minors overseas due to the insurance demands. In order for me to come here, the missionaries who I am traveling and staying with signed on as my legal guardians for my time here.

**6****WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN LIBERIA? WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?**

I am working as part of the Agricultural Research Center that is on the Liberian International Christian College campus. The research center has a full scale demonstration farm, with pigs, goats, ducks, turkeys, chickens, rabbits, etc. I work every morning alongside the staff here, doing farm work. The afternoons vary greatly. I try to go wherever there is a need.

**7****WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR?**

Take care of goats and talk to people about Jesus.

**8****WHAT IS THE HARDEST PART ABOUT BEING ON THE MISSION FIELD? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'VE PARTICULARLY STRUGGLED WITH?**

There are the practical things that I've struggled with, including understanding the language and health problems like malaria, but the hardest part has been handling the frustrations of engaging with a different culture.

**9****WHAT IS ONE THING GOD HAS BEEN TEACHING YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN LIBERIA?**

A lot of patience. I'm working here at an agricultural research center, which hires Liberian workers. A lot of times they are not faithful to finish their work. On multiple occasions, this has resulted in animals dying. When this happens, I have to remind myself that this is a ministry, not a business. We are here to train people, to teach them to be faithful in their work, but more importantly than all that, we're here to teach them the gospel. If all the animals on the farm die, but the souls of all these workers are at peace with God, then praise the Lord!

*People walking over the tree***10****IS THERE A STORY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN LIBERIA?**

The town I'm currently staying in is Ganta. Just outside of Ganta is a town called Gbasala. Gbasala is known as a hub for the secret society, the group who regularly practices devil worship. The cotton tree is incredibly important to these people. It is a huge part of their devil worship. The legend says that a cotton tree is planted over the body of a person who is killed in ritual sacrifice. In Gbasala, there were two massive cotton trees that were over 160 feet tall. About a year ago, the pastor of the Inland church there cut down one of the cotton trees. Just a few days ago, they cut down the other one. It was a wonderful picture of God's power over the spiritual forces of evil. We got to walk on the fallen tree.

*The tree after it was chopped down***11****DO YOU LOOK AT ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY NOW?**

Yes. I have definitely come to value things differently. I'm sure this will become more obvious once I return to the U.S., but after having lived in a third-world country and seen both the depths of human depravity and the intensity of human suffering here, things like losing a soccer competition matter far less, and things like the gospel matter so much more.

**12****DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR TEENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE MISSION FIELD?**

Pray about it and start researching it. You may not feel a super big loud, "Yes, I want you to do this," from God, but start down the path, and if God opens all the doors, then that's His will for you, which is super exciting. If it doesn't work out, then God has a different role for you in His kingdom work, which is super exciting. If you are going to go, I would recommend going for at least six weeks. It's really hard to get to know a culture in ten days!



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# My Brothers'

## HOMESCHOOL EXPERIENCE

by Molly Brubaker

In this interview, I'm going to investigate two of my brothers' homeschool experience. I'm interviewing my mother, but not because she's accessible to me! I am the only girl in my family and I have eight brothers, four older and four younger. Each of our homeschool experiences has been very different despite living in the same house, so we enjoy the freedom that homeschooling gives us. My brother Truman graduated college with a computer science degree and a mathematics minor when he was 17. My 22-year-old brother Calvin, officially diagnosed as cognitively impaired, never learned to read or write and functions more like a preschooler. I think this story is significant because it can show that everyone has a different experience with homeschooling, and there is no "right" or "successful" way to do it.

Questions about Truman and Calvin ...

### **AT WHAT POINT DID YOU REALIZE IN EACH OF THEIR LIVES THAT THEY WERE GOING TO FOLLOW A DIFFERENT PATH?**

Calvin was around eighteen months to two years old when we realized he wasn't meeting developmental milestones. We did some testing and began to understand that he would probably never catch up. Once he was school age, it became even clearer. Curiously, Truman was around the same age when we noticed he was learning so quickly. He learned to read without much instruction and was reading chapter books before kindergarten.

### **WHAT WAS HARD/EASY ABOUT EDUCATING CALVIN?**

The easiest part about teaching Calvin was his consistent willingness to try. Because he is a hard worker, he always kept at it when we worked on his lessons. The most difficult part about teaching Calvin was making sure school was at his level. We also tried to include life skills as part of his day, and that can be time-consuming.

## **WHAT WAS HARD/EASY ABOUT EDUCATING TRUMAN?**

The easiest part about teaching Truman was that he could teach himself because he could read. He is naturally curious and loves understanding how the world works. The hardest part was figuring out if we were giving him the right level of material. Sometimes I overestimated his understanding or interest, and I know school often became busywork because he already knew the material.

## **WHAT ARE EACH OF THEIR STRENGTHS?**

Calvin's gift is his love of people. He always has a warm smile and loves being around others. Truman's strength is his ability to intuitively understand the world around him

## **WHAT ARE EACH OF THEIR CHALLENGES?**

Calvin's challenges are pretty obvious. He is mostly nonverbal and acts more like a three-year-old, even though he is twenty-two. Truman's challenge is that he often doesn't push himself to achieve more than he could. Because understanding life comes so easily to him, he doesn't feel the need to push to achieve more difficult goals.

## **WHAT WAS IT LIKE WHEN YOU FIGURED OUT SOMETHING WASN'T WORKING?**

When we realized something wasn't working, we tried to analyze what aspect of the situation was broken. It took me a long time to learn that curricula and workbooks didn't always need to be completed. One of the benefits of homeschooling that I love is being able to meet specialized educational needs, and sometimes I could have been more willing to switch something up midyear.

## **HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE EACH OF THEIR PERSONALITIES? AND HOW HAS THAT AFFECTED THEIR EXPERIENCE?**

When I really think about it, I'm surprised to realize that they have similar personalities. They're both easygoing and willing to try new things. They're also kind and love hanging out with people.

## **WHAT RESOURCES DID YOU USE TO HELP YOU FIND OUT THE BEST WAY TO EDUCATE YOUR SONS?**

I was always researching. I read books, blogs, and listened to every expert I could. I also talked to other parents about what worked for their kids.

## **WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR OTHER PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH SIMILAR LEARNING CHALLENGES?**

Accept your child for who they are! Research and adapt to their unique needs. It's essential for parents to try to understand how their students learn. Try to include them in the decision-making process when possible—this might mean listening to our kids by interpreting their behavior when they can't tell us directly.

## **WHAT WAS THEIR POST-HOMESCHOOL EXPERIENCE? WHAT HAVE THEY DONE POST GRADUATION?**

Calvin lives at home. His favorite activities are playing Lego® and watching TV. He loves *Go, Diego, Go*. Truman attended IUPUI and earned an honors degree in Computer Science with a Mathematics minor. He currently works for a local IT consulting firm doing data analytics. We treasure them along with their wonderful, unique, and equally amazing siblings.

# The Sargeant Family

FROM MESSY SCHOOL SITUATION TO BUDDING  
HOMESCHOOL EXPERIENCE IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR

by Emily Bowyer

What would it be like to completely flip upside down your method of educating your high-school student ... in the middle of their freshmen year? This is exactly what Nate and Emily Sargeant did in February of 2022 with their daughter Maddie. I was able to witness this change unfold as we are involved in the same church. The Sargeants went from a messy school situation to a budding homeschool experience in less than one year. In order to fully grasp the ins and outs of the Sargeant's experience, though, I needed to dive into their journey through an interview.

## HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND WHAT ISSUES MOTIVATED A CHANGE?

Public education was our first option for both of our children. We chose to live in specific neighborhoods, both in Virginia and in Greenwood [Indiana], based on the school district. We knew from researching the areas that the primary school and even middle schools were good learning environments. We also were aware of differing levels of opportunities at the high school level with varying degrees of success depending on the student and their abilities. Our kids are five years apart in school. In that span of time, the public education quality deteriorated rapidly.

The same programs (Early College and Dual Credits) were offered, but the support system within the high school for average students needing assistance was nonexistent. The school system seemed to be focusing on high ability/high achievers (those with above average standardized test scores) and the lower end of the spectrum, those with IEP's.

As a stay-at-home mom, I had always been involved in the children's schools, volunteering and serving, communicating with teachers, and keeping an awareness of the curriculum/ materials being taught. By high school this became impossible. Teacher communication was nonexistent, most of the materials were online with not a textbook in sight, tutors were no longer present in the building. The



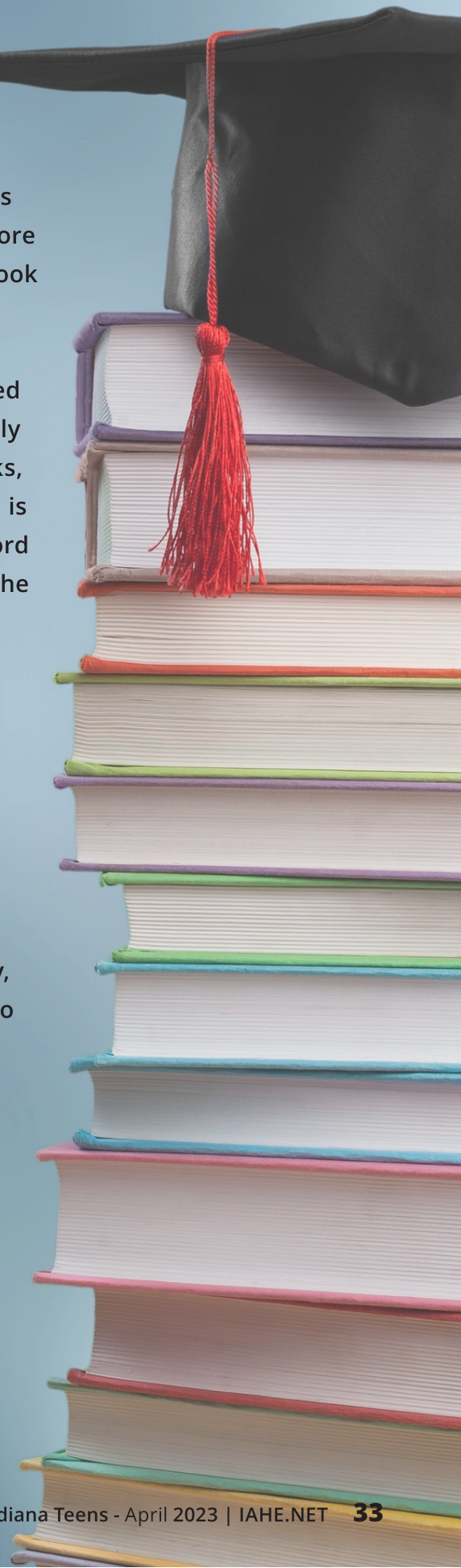
social and emotional aspect of Maddie’s school experience was bleeding over into her schoolwork. She was unable to focus during class, missing notes, not doing well on tests, and she was spiraling down with the weight of it all. She finally asked for help before a math test and had no notes, no online lecture—not even a math book to open. We knew we had to make a drastic change.

Maddie has big dreams of a medical/technical degree. If we allowed her to continue down a path of merely “getting by” without truly understanding the material she needed as basic building blocks, there is no way she would achieve what she wants. High school is eight semesters. We had already lost one of those. We couldn’t afford to lose 25% of her high school career to an environment where she was miserable both emotionally and academically.

Looking back, we realize Maddie’s middle school career was also marred by inefficient and ineffective teaching. COVID closures, online learning, and Maddie experiencing quarantine lockdowns led to weeks if not months of poor learning. As a parent, it was tough to watch. There was also a sense of hopelessness because I had no access to the curriculum. We excused what was happening because everything was just “unprecedented times.” The reality was Maddie was not learning, she wasn’t being taught effectively, and she was slipping further behind with no support system to help her. We thought she would outgrow her struggles and move forward. That wasn’t happening.

### **WHY HOMESCHOOLING? DID YOU CONSIDER PRIVATE SCHOOL? DID MADDIE PUSH FOR HOMESCHOOLING?**

We did consider some private schools. It would have been impossible to enter mid-year in second semester. Her Early College program also made her high school slate of classes very different from other school freshman schedules. The cost of the private schools was also prohibitive. We were concerned



about sending her into a social environment where she would be the odd person out since most of those classes have been together for several years. We didn't think this would improve her emotional and mental well-being. We were unsure about pulling her from her semester of public school in February, but when we weighed the ramifications of leaving her there to sink versus pulling her to start fresh, we decided to not wait.

Maddie had not considered homeschooling as an option. She was trying to decide on a new place to learn but was considering Greenwood High School or a private Christian school. But, we ended up homeschooling.

Having a support group of home educating families as resources and encouragers for us was huge. There is no way Nate and I would have been able to piece this together and put a plan into action for Maddie without their help. The amount of information and curriculum was so overwhelming, but also freeing! There are so many options to customize exactly what your child needs.

### CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR FIRST WEEKS HOMESCHOOLING, CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY, AND MADDIE'S LEARNING EXPERIENCES?

There were times in the beginning where Maddie was unwilling to be taught by us. She needed to learn how to let us be involved in her studies. It was a change to hand in her work and have it graded, checked, and taught by her parents.

She has an independent spirit and can resist help, but we are all learning how to interact with each other with the main goal in mind: **learning**. Once we focus on that and keep her goal of a university degree in mind, most things fall into place. It's all building blocks, one piece at a time. There is still the struggle of laziness versus diligence in approaching her work and studying habits, but hopefully her home learning environment gives her room to grow and stretch herself.

Co-op group learning has been a great resource for classes Nate and I can't give her such as lab sciences and foreign language. She enjoys being with other students and has found her teachers to be engaging. Maddie has also discovered she does better learning with a physical book, highlighters, pencils, and notebook paper. Her time in public school with online assignments and reading were not well spent or digested. She tended to overlook and rush through the material, not retain it.

## WHERE ARE YOU NOW IN MADDIE'S HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, AND HOW IS THAT GOING?

Maddie is in her sophomore year of high school. She is improving her writing and comprehension skills. She is building her confidence as she approaches tests. She is doing much better in mathematics. She is very much enjoying her lab science classes. Maddie is also enjoying extracurricular activities such as participating in her third season with the Indianapolis Youth Orchestra and an upcoming track season with Indy Genesis. She is also active in her youth group which has a majority of homeschool students.

## DO YOU HAVE ADVICE FOR OTHER PARENTS IN A SIMILAR SITUATION AS YOURS?

As parents, you have the best knowledge of your child. No one else understands them better. Having open conversations with your students and understanding how they learn is vital. Talking to other homeschool families is a great resource. Sampling curriculums and getting recommendations from other parents is a great help. There are so many options out there! Knowing your student's goals is very important to setting her on a path that suits her needs. Looking at the state standards for high school graduation and then filling in her schedule with classes that she needs and electives she wants to learn is setting her up for success.



# BRIANA HOWE

## interview ● ● ●

by **Ellen Blackledge**

I've known Briana nearly my entire life. We met at our church, which we've both been going to since it started. I remember the days when she taught me as a little girl in Sunday school, and when she began to have her own kids.

I wanted to interview Briana because I was curious about her journey to becoming our church's worship pastor. She's an amazing person and easy to talk to, so I was excited when she said yes. I hope that for anyone interested in the musical worship area, this interview will give you a bit of insight into someone else's story. I found Briana's answers interesting, and I hope you do too.



## ● TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF AND WHAT YOU DO AS A WORSHIP PASTOR

In addition to being a worship pastor, I'm a wife and momma of 7. I love coffee, playing basketball, listening to podcasts and sermons, and envisioning the future.

Being a worship pastor is both a high honor and a weighty responsibility. When I think about the pastoring aspect, I think of two categories of people who are being pastored: my team and the crowd. Pastoral care with my team happens through personal relationships off the stage. It's the side conversations about a team member's son and daughter-in-law who are having marital issues. It's following up in the middle of the week with the team member going through a child custody battle. It's staying after band rehearsal to pray and process with a team member who made a life mistake.

It's also having to confront team members who deliberately and continuously break the code of conduct, going into the conversation knowing they won't want to hear it, but understanding that loving confrontation is the seed for growth. It's honoring those you serve with humility, knowing that the greatest leaders are the greatest servants. It's walking in God-given authority and not being afraid to lead your team in the direction you feel the Holy Spirit leading.

Regarding the crowd, while I might not be pastoring them in the ups and downs of life like my team, I am caring for their hearts by stewarding the incredibly important moments of worship they are in. When their hearts are vulnerable in the presence of the Lord, what I do and say regarding the direction of the Lord is so important.

## ● HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ON THE WORSHIP TEAM AT VERTICAL CHURCH?

12 years

## ● HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE WORSHIP LEADER?

3 years

## ● WHEN DID YOU REALIZE GOD WAS CALLING YOU TO LEAD OTHERS IN MUSICAL WORSHIP?

When I was a teenager, our church had a guest worship leader come in and do worship. He was an older teenager himself. I had already been involved in the church choir, but that day I asked my mom and dad for a keyboard for Christmas. I wanted to sing and play for Jesus. I didn't think about leading others into worship necessarily, but leaders around me saw the potential in me and called that out. It's so important to be planted in a church where there are leaders that can recognize and call out the gifts and anointing on your life. From there, I just told God that I would do whatever he wanted me to do whatever that looked like. My continual "yes" to whatever door he asked me to walk through has brought me here to being a worship pastor.

## ● DID YOU HAVE ANY TRAINING SPECIFIC TO MUSICAL WORSHIP?

Nothing professional, per se. My training has been through experience on worship teams and leading worship, and studying how other worship leaders I look up to lead worship. I'll watch YouTube videos and see how they flow and direct their teams. I listen to a worship channel on YouTube that I love and have learned a lot from. Studying what the Bible says about worship is always helpful!

## ● WERE THERE ANY DIFFICULTIES OR ROADBLOCKS YOU HAD TO OVERCOME BEFORE GETTING TO THIS POSITION?

There were really no roadblocks. I took a couple of days to pray and think about the offer, and then I followed the peace of God and accepted it.

## ● WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A WORSHIP PASTOR?

After leading a set, the feeling of knowing that I did, sang, and said everything the Lord asked me to do. There's something about knowing you were fully obedient to the Lord in leading people in worship that is just so satisfying.

## ● WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU DISLIKE ABOUT THIS POSITION?

When team members grumble with a bad attitude instead of sharing opinions with a good attitude and humility.

## ● WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO TELL SOMEONE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A WORSHIP TEAM OR BEING A WORSHIP LEADER?

For someone wanting to be part of a team, I would first tell them how awesome it is that they want to step out and serve. I would then encourage them to connect with the worship pastor at their church and ask about the onboarding process. At our church, we have people go through something called Growth Track, where they can find out their strengths when it comes to their God-given gifts. This is a helpful starting point for people to filter through which area they'll be most fulfilled serving in.

When someone wants to join the worship team after that, they then contact me and fill out an application. The application has information that goes over leadership conduct including having integrity, humility, being aware of your presence on social media, etc. I think it's important for people to understand that when they're on a worship team, people often look at them as leaders. It requires another level of purity (not perfection) when you're leading other people into the presence of God. "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart." Psalm 24:3

For someone pursuing being a worship leader, I would say all of the above applies and I would also ask them if their leadership also sees that there is a gift and call there for being a worship leader. It's good to get perspective from a spiritual authority, sometimes we can get caught up in our ambitions instead of what God is directing us to do. If that checks out, I would encourage them to get training from either being on a worship team and to learn from the worship leader, or attending a ministry school or local training for that if possible. Be a student of other great worship leaders, even if from just watching online. Constantly be in the presence of God.

## ● IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH ME ABOUT YOUR JOURNEY?

Don't let disappointments define you. There will be times when you mess up or even don't do, say, or sing something that God wanted you to in the moment during a worship service. Bring the disappointment to the Lord and start over the next time. Be BOLD. People are hungry for the presence of God, even if they don't show it or don't know it. They need what the presence of God has to offer.

Also, you can't lead people to the hill of the Lord if you haven't been there yourself. I frequently put on one of my favorite YouTube channels at night after the kids go to bed and just soak in the worship, word, prophetic words, and presence of the Lord. Praying in the Spirit is a spiritual superpower. Do it often.

# Corban McGaughey

Interview by Kaylin Hiehle

Corban McGaughey is a 15-year-old high school sophomore I used to go to school with three years ago, and who I also now attend youth group with. Recently, I have seen him be on fire for God in many ways, which I had never seen before. Curious about this sudden change in behavior and attitude, I asked him about his testimony. As simple as it may be, Corban's testimony is a powerful one.

## **WHEN DID YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN?**

Growing up in a Christian household with a father for a pastor, I started following Jesus at a young age and called myself a Christian, but I truly surrendered my life to the Lord at youth camp in July this past summer.

## **YOU GREW UP IN A CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD, SO WHAT MADE YOU REALIZE THAT YOU NEEDED JESUS IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL LIFE?**

I realized I needed Jesus because I was prideful, sinful, and self-righteous. In reality, I probably wasn't saved in the first place! But when I gave my life to the Lord, everything changed. He renewed my heart and changed me immediately!

## **WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU TRULY STARTED FOLLOWING CHRIST?**

Everything had changed in me since I started following Jesus. Before, I was rude, prideful, and self-centered. I wanted everyone to serve me. Now, whenever I get the chance, I serve everyone I can and love them fully.

## **SINCE THE LORD HAS BEEN WORKING THROUGH YOU SO MUCH, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'S NOW CALLED YOU TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?**

The Lord has made me an evangelist. He's confirmed it time and time again. He also tells us to not neglect our gifts, so since the Lord has made me an evangelist, I'm here to spread the Gospel and lead people to Christ! There's no greater joy than that!



## HOW DID THE LORD TELL YOU THAT YOU WERE MADE TO BE AN EVANGELIST?

He has confirmed it through two occasions. Firstly, a lady I didn't know approached me and told me that the Lord has made me in order to spread the Gospel. Secondly, another lady simply told me that the Holy Spirit was strong in me and that the Lord made me an evangelist.

## HOW ARE YOU CURRENTLY USING YOUR GIFT OF EVANGELISM NOW?

I'm currently using it by spreading the Gospel daily! Talking about Jesus as much as I can. Going up to others, and asking people if they know where they are going when they die.

## DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR OTHERS WHO SAY OR THINK THEY ARE CHRISTIANS, BUT HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED A TRUE CONVERSION OF THE HEART?

I'd say, if you haven't experienced a true change of heart, and you desire it, surrender to Jesus. Go home, get on your knees, and surrender. Give it all to Jesus. That's all it takes.

## IS THERE NOW A SPECIFIC BIBLE VERSE, PHRASE, OR MOTTO THAT STICKS TO YOU, OR THAT YOU LIVE BY?

Yes! I have a few references here.

- Romans 10:9-15, which explains salvation.
- 2 Timothy 4:2-5, which instructs us to preach the Word of God.
- Colossians 3:17, which tells us to do everything in the name of Jesus Christ.



# MORE THAN CONQUERORS

## The Victorious Story of Corrie ten Boom

by Abby Archer

Anxiety. Fear. Loneliness. Depression. As stress levels rise, rampant emotions easily take control and make us feel hopeless, lost, worthless, you name it. Everything less than what God has created us to be.

Unfortunately, that's not just true for you and me—it's true for a large number of teens across America. According to a 2017 study by the Pew Research Center, thirteen percent of teens between the ages of twelve and seventeen admitted to having had at least one major depressive episode in the last year. That might not sound like a lot, but this equates to about 3.2 million people, a 1.2 million increase from those who said the same thing ten years earlier.



*Corrie ten Boom*

If we look around at the world we live in, though, such numbers shouldn't be surprising. Whether it's the scarred cities and war-ravished people of Ukraine or the civil wars and malnourished children in Africa, the effects of the Fall stare us in the face from every direction. At first glance, it appears to be a world of darkness and pain, corruption and evil, death and destruction. A world that should only evoke feelings of fear, confusion, and ultimately hopelessness.

When you compare these normal responses to that of one of my favorite giants of the faith, Corrie ten Boom, however, you see something quite different.

## The Woman Who Cared

Corrie was not a giant in stature, looks, or position in the government. She was not especially pretty, and she certainly could not be classified as wealthy! Instead, she was a simple Christian who cared about those around her.

When the Nazi regime exploded into the Netherlands in 1940 and the extermination of the Jews began, many people looked the other way. Many turned away in horrified fear. Corrie was not among them.

Instead, she, her father, and her sister, Betsie, started taking in the hunted fugitives who fled to them when there was nowhere else to go. In her home city of Haarlem, Corrie slowly became the leader of an underground ring that procured illegal ration cards, identity papers, and places to stay for those in desperate need. A secret room was constructed inside her own room in case the Nazis raided their home—something that was very likely to happen at some point.

As time progressed, Corrie knew they needed to stop what they were doing. There were too many people involved, too many chances of being caught. And yet where else were the Jews to go? She pressed forward, continuing in her underground work until February 28, 1944, when the Nazis finally did arrest her, her father, and her sister.

## The Deepest Pit

What followed were the worst ten months of Corrie's life, humanly speaking. She was sent to prison while desperately ill, and then placed in solitary confinement because of her sickness. While in that confinement, she learned that her father had perished just days after his arrest. Later, she and Betsie were transported to the dreaded camps of Vught and Ravensbruck in Germany. There, they found themselves in one of the deepest pits ever created by mankind.

Darkness, pain, unimaginable cruelty, and pure, unscathed evil surrounded them. Prisoners were crammed and crushed together, fleas ruled their bunkhouse, and death and disease filled the air. Worst of all, just a short time before she was released, Betsie, Corrie's sister and best friend died.

How? How did Corrie find hope in this madness around her? How did she find the strength to go on? In her book, *The Hiding Place*, Corrie tells us that she did not do it by herself. Even though she knew that God was working His perfect plan out, she still had moments of questioning. Just like you and me, she was not perfect.

## The Love that Changes Everything

In one reflection, she voiced a thought I have had many times: “Love. How did one show it? How could God Himself show truth and love at the same time in a world like this? By dying. The answer stood out for me sharper and chillier than it ever had before that night: the shape of a Cross etched on the history of the world” (The Hiding Place, Ten Boom).

That was, and still is, the answer. God came to this sinful, terrible world as a man. He loved us so much that He died a horrible death at the hands of cruel human beings. He suffered so that we wouldn’t have to and so that, even in the most horrible situations, we can find hope.

That is where Corrie found hope in her darkest days. Somehow, she had received a Bible in one of the earlier prisons; every night, she and Betsie shared this hope with the people around them, watching as face after face lit up as they read the precious words of Romans 8. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (The Hiding Place, Ten Boom).

Inside the hopeless confines of the concentration camp, as things became darker and darker, the light of Christ and His hope shone brighter and brighter. Those women, prisoners of the Nazis, knew that they were more than conquerors through Christ, the One who had loved them and purchased them with His own blood. They were conquerors of fear and conquerors of depression. They were conquerors of the pain and of the fierce hatred they witnessed all around them.

They were even conquerors of death itself. When Betsie perished, she died filled with peace and joy; her face, when Corrie looked upon it for the last time, was radiant. The Nazis had not won—her soul was in heaven, and the hope of someday reaching that reality still tied Corrie to her.

## The Hope that Transforms

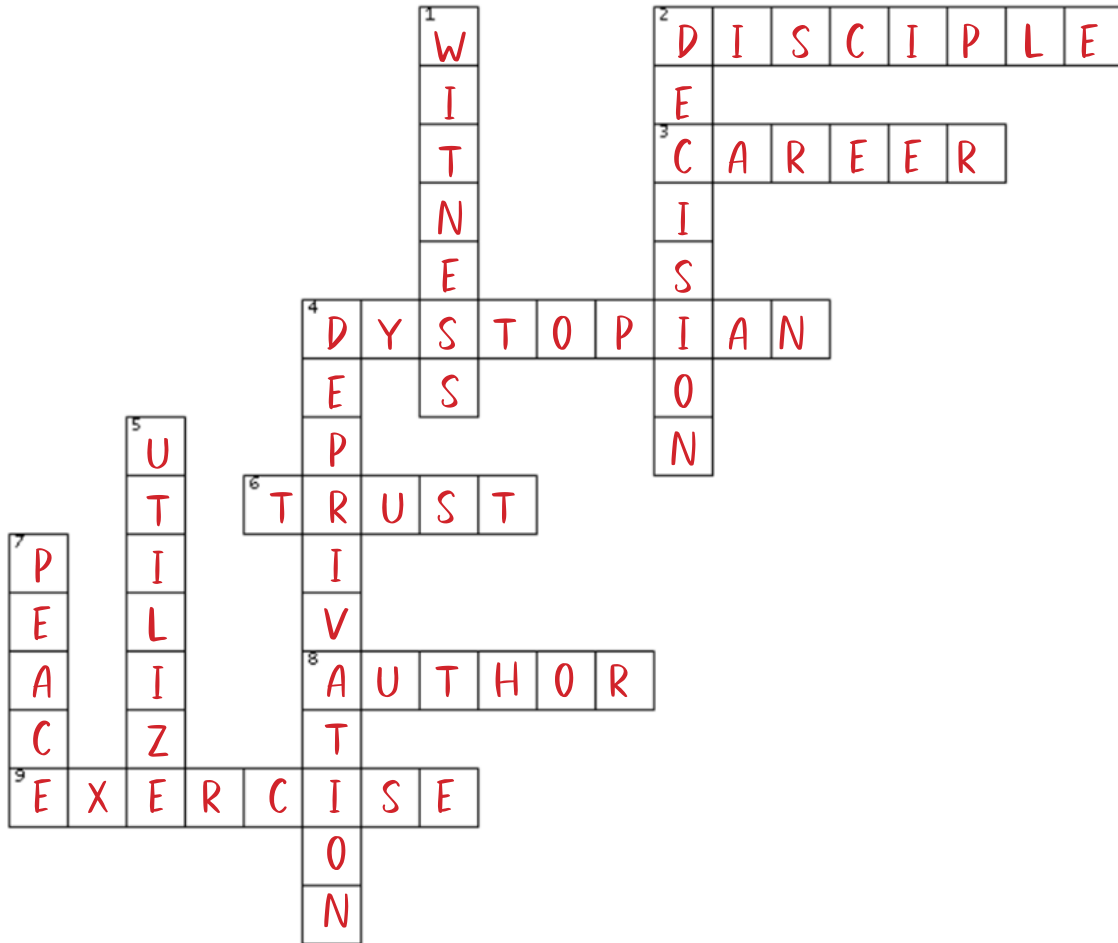
In America, we do not face concentration camps or Nazis. Our biggest fears don’t revolve around whether the government will uncover our secret underground ring that dares to help Jews. However, we still deal with fear, death, disease, evil, and darkness, and as the Pew Research Studies show, we still battle with depression.

Despite all of this, the good news that Corrie had to tell the world remains true today: there is hope! By ourselves we are broken; but God did not leave us to ourselves. By ourselves we succumb to hatred; but God sent His Son Jesus into the world in His love. By ourselves we are depressed and hopeless; but God has transformed us into people who are more than conquerors through Christ.

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ANSWERS for this crossword puzzle based on the content of this epublication.

Created by Kaylin Hiehle



**ACROSS**

- 2. Someone who adheres to the teachings of another; a follower or learner, especially of Christ (Taylor)
- 3. An occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person’s life and with opportunities for progress (Obadiah)
- 4. A genre which depicts an imagined world or society in which people lead dehumanized, fearful lives (Ellen)
- 6. Firm belief in the integrity, ability, or character of a person or thing; confidence or reliance (Ellen)
- 8. A writer of a book, article, or report (Molly)
- 9. Activity requiring physical effort, carried out to sustain or improve health and fitness (Abby)

**DOWN**

- 1. To have and share knowledge of an event or change from personal observation or experience (Elijah)
- 2. A conclusion or resolution reached after consideration (Emily)
- 4. The lack or denial of something considered to be a necessity (Emily)
- 5. To put to use, especially to make profitable or effective use of (Taylor)
- 7. Freedom from disturbance; tranquility (Abby)

# THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP

by Emily Bowyer



You must finish that paper, and then study for that test, and after all of that, do the usual homework. The last thing you have

time for is sleep. Sleep... everyone knows we don't get enough of it, yet few are willing to improve their sleep schedule. Teenagers require 8 to 10 hours of sleep every night... and most of us aren't even getting that much. But what's the big deal? Do we really need that much sleep? Isn't finishing that paper more important?

## THE TRUTH ABOUT SLEEP DEPRIVATION

- ▶ Sleep deprivation causes mindless mistakes. (It is among the leading causes of car accidents!)
- ▶ People with poor sleeping habits have higher risks for obesity, heart disease, and immunodeficiency.
- ▶ Most sleep-deprived people do not even realize it! Less sleep begins to feel "normal" and people rarely notice when they're not performing at their full potential.
- ▶ Teenagers who sleep at least 8 hours a night are more likely to receive A's. Conversely, those who sleep roughly 7 hours of sleep each night, have grade averages of C.
- ▶ The sleep deprived are prone to mind wandering and irritability, negatively influencing both learning ability and personal relationships.

Is it really possible to develop healthy sleep habits? Well, the good news is, healthy sleep habits are attainable, and even the busiest people can have them!

## SETTING A ROUTINE

- ▶ **SET A CONSISTENT BODY CLOCK.** Regardless of how much sleep you get, go to bed, and wake up at consistent times each day (even on weekends!). Setting this internal body clock makes it easier to fall asleep when you go to bed each night.
- ▶ **TAKE POWER NAPS.** If you find yourself drifting off during the day, it's ok to take a nap, but don't take naps longer than roughly 15 minutes. Anything longer will make it harder to sleep at night.
- ▶ **HAVE A BED-TIME ROUTINE.** If you prepare yourself for sleep the same way each night, you'll find yourself falling asleep quicker. For example, wash your face, brush your teeth, put on lotion, and read for 10 minutes ... in that order, every night.

Of course, having a good routine is useless if you don't sleep soundly!

## HOW TO BE A PRO AT SLEEP

- ▶ **EXERCISE.** Yes, getting your blood moving (early in the day; at least a few hours before bedtime) will make it easier to sleep. Try to go on a walk for 20 minutes everyday; just be a little active.
- ▶ **DON'T WATCH THE CLOCK.** Constantly looking at the clock while falling asleep increases sleeplessness and frustration. Once you hop in bed, don't check the time.
- ▶ **RELAX.** Working on that stressful paper right before bedtime will make it harder to sleep. Try to work on school early in the day, and work on more relaxing activities closer to bedtime.
- ▶ **DON'T EAT BEFORE SLEEPING.** If you minimize eating and drinking before going to bed, it will be easier to fall asleep and stay asleep.
- ▶ **AVOID SCREEN TIME.** Limiting screen time before bed results in better sleep. If this is difficult, try to remove phones and computers from the bedroom.

## KEEP GOING!

Like all habits, a healthy sleep routine takes a while to establish. Start small and pick a few things to work on at a time. And most of all, stay consistent.

The best way to get 100% on that paper is to sleep. Yes, sleep! If you have a healthy sleep routine, your mind will work faster, absorb more, and stay fresh longer. Your grades will thank you for it!



# Writing Tips

## FOR THE ROADBLOCKED MIND

by Molly Brubaker

Writing can be relaxing. Writing can also be difficult.

Putting words down on the paper can be mentally exhausting, whether it's a book report, a biography for history class, or a creative piece of magical fiction. It's important to acknowledge this and not get burned out.

Maybe you've hit some writer's block, or you're stumped and tired from racking your brain for ideas for half an hour. Here are some tips to help you get through it!

### TAKE A BREAK

Think about it. How long have you been writing for, and what's your usual time slot in comparison? If your common approach is to write for half an hour, and you realize it's been two full hours, do something else completely different. Paint. Go for a jog. It's going to refresh your brain and you'll come back totally energized.



### DON'T LOOK AT WHAT YOU WRITE

If you can't see what you're writing, you can't be a perfectionist and overthink it!

This wasn't my idea, but one of my favorite things to do is to turn my font white and switch off spellcheck. My words flow freely, and I can get my ideas on paper without worrying about the delivery. That's for later!



## WRITE SOMETHING COMPLETELY, SHOCKINGLY DIFFERENT

If you really can't stomach taking a break, at least write something different. If you're working on a historical fiction piece, take your shot at a poem. If you're attempting to write a biography, go for a fantasy horror piece! Have fun with it, and you'll loosen up in your serious project, too.

## DON'T BE AFRAID TO WRITE BADLY

A lot of writing blocks come from the fear of bad writing. Someone might not know where to start, how to approach the project, and what it'll look like if people read it now. Just write it. Block out some time to edit later! Admit to yourself that this draft is for your eyes only, and you'll be much better off for it.

All these writing tips aren't going to work perfectly for everyone all the time. They work for different moods, different people, and at different times. Try them out, and find ones that work for you!

After all, you're hoping to write something that everyone will enjoy reading, but they can't tell you that you wrote it objectively wrong. Have fun with it!



# Book Reviews



by Ellen Blackledge

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## Left Behind: The Kids

by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins

Christian/Dystopian fiction | 40 book series

The Rapture and the Tribulation through the eyes of four young friends—Judd Thompson Jr., Vicki Byrne, Lionel Washington, and Ryan Daley. As the world falls around them, they band together to find faith and fight the evil forces threatening their lives.

2

## Little House Series

by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Autobiographical Fiction | 9 book series

Throughout the series, we see young Laura grow up with her family in the late 1800s, from 5 to 22 years old. She shares the struggles of the long winters and endless prairies. Throughout it all, the family always stays together through thick and thin. There is also a TV show based loosely on these books.

3

## The Wingfeather Saga

by Andrew Peterson

Fantasy fiction | 4 book series

These stories revolve around the three Igiby children who live in a world called Aerwiar. It is exactly like our world, except they don't have electricity or gunpowder, and there are all sorts of creepy animals, like sea dragons and toothy cows. Janner, the eldest, is about to discover that the ordinary little town where they live is anything but ordinary. He and his family are at the center of a great mystery that will change their lives forever. An animated TV series is just coming out.

4

## Out of Time Trilogy

by Nadine Brandes

Christian/Dystopian fiction/Post-apocalyptic | 3 book series

How would you live if you knew the day you'd die? Parvin Blackwater believes she has wasted her life. At only seventeen, according to the clock by her bedside, she has one year left. In a last-ditch effort to make a difference, she tries to rescue Radicals from the government's crooked justice system. But when the authorities find out about her illegal activity, they cast her through the Wall—her people's death sentence. What she finds out on the other side about the world, eternity, and herself changes Parvin forever and might save her people. But her clock is running out.

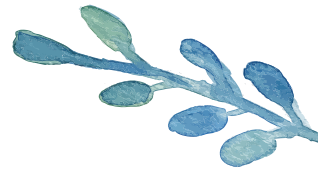
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## The Carter Journals

by Shane Phipps

Historical fiction | Stand Alone

When fourteen-year-old Cody Carter's grandfather gives him a box of dusty leather journals written by their Carter ancestors, even the history-loving Cody could not have predicted the adventure he was about to take. Journal by journal, Cody is physically transported back in time to experience the lives of Carters on the frontier in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Indiana as the family moved ever westward in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. He hunts with Daniel Boone, huddles in a frontier fort under siege, makes friends with Native Americans in the Indiana Territory, operates a lock on the Whitewater Canal, hides slaves on the Underground Railroad, and experiences defeat at the Battle of Corydon. Ultimately, Cody confronts the difficult questions of war, westward expansion, and slavery while living the history of everyday people.



# MARY NELSON INTERVIEW

## Mercy Kids

by Taylor Jowers

Mary Nelson is a homeschool mother of five, four of whom she has successfully graduated and helped to establish lives of their own. Mary is the executive director for The Mercy Kids Foundation, which focuses on helping disabled children and their families in Nicaragua. She gladly shared many stories of her family's time in Kenya, where she and her husband adopted their 5th child, and was happy to share about her time with Mercy Kids.

### How did you first become involved in the Mercy Kids Foundation?

In 2006, we lived in Kenya across the street from the fair trade ministry. I really learned about poverty, what fair trade was, and how fair trade helped small artisans. We came back, and we started the fair trade sale here in south eastern Indiana. A couple years later, a lady came up to me and asked me if next year they could sell burlap bags at the fair trade sale. In January 2007, after the fair trade sale, 5 of us and our family went to Nicaragua, and we helped develop products for them to sell. Then a couple years later, a family friend moved down to Nicaragua to help the Mercy Kids get started, because I saw that there was no help for moms with kids who had disabilities. Mercy Kids has been up and running for about 5 years now.

### What made your family move to Kenya?

Ron, my husband, is a flight attendant and we really felt strongly that our kids needed to experience what a third world country was like, to expand their worldview. It is not really something you can explain to a person.



## What did homeschooling look like for your family while you were working in Mercy Kids and homeschooling at the same time?

Homeschooling ... homeschooling is definitely a thing! By high school, our four kids were pretty independent in their studies and our adopted daughter, Josie, has been the same way. When Josie was younger, she used to come with us a lot to Nicaragua. I am sure that later on in her life, she will look back on those memories and I hope God will use that in her life as she grows up into a young adult woman. My hope is that the Mercy Kids have taught Josie that God is pleased when we live our lives for Him.

## Did adopting a child and living in Kenya spur your heart to start Mercy Kids?

Living in Kenya and learning about how desperate moms are who live in dire poverty gave me a heart for marginalized women. Our moms in Nicaragua have a rough road. So, I would say YES!

## What are you in charge of with Mercy Kids?

I am the executive director on this side of the equator; I help fundraise and organize trips for kids coming to the United States. I help them look for surgeons when there is a specialty issue. I meet regularly with marketing people, with our staff, and I co-ordinate all the pieces it takes to run the center financially. I personally take teams down to Nicaragua. So far I have taken almost 30 people down, and this summer we are taking 20 Ohio graduates down to begin an occupational therapy program. We have since started a palliative care program, and I coordinated the start and support of that program because the staff had no idea what that meant. I pulled that all together with Children's Hospital.

## What is the purpose of Mercy Kids?

We give physical therapy, occupational therapy, and we provide educational opportunities, because kids with disabilities can't go to school in Nicaragua. So we provide education and also pay tuition for some of the children to go to a Christian private school, which has worked out really well. We also pay for those children to have an aide with them in school all day, which in the United states would be provided by the government, but is not provided in Nicaragua, so we privately pay for that.



## Managing family life and a ministry must have been difficult. How did you navigate those seasons?

This is how I personally look at life: When we stand before God, we're going to answer for our actions, we're going to answer for our thoughts, and we're going to answer for our beliefs and the opportunities that were put in front of us that we maybe chose to walk past. I am not a person that wants to walk on by an opportunity, and I feel like I am using my God-given skill set to do what I am doing. It's not really something I have developed on my own, God made me the way I am, I knew how to do it, and I wanted to do it for the glory of Him. Had I not done that, I would've known that I walked by an opportunity, and that's not who I am.

## What role has your faith played in all of this?

Our faith, meaning my husband Ron and I, has carried us through all of our ministry opportunities. We take our faith seriously, and we have grown in our faith together. We made a commitment to the Lord to be "all in," and we consider the Mercy Kids being "all in." We're not perfect at it, we are just giving one-hundred percent of ourselves to do one hundred percent of the best we can. We have learned a lot, there are a lot of people on board. We have a staff of eleven in Nicaragua, that we employ full time and we have a board of eleven here in the states as well. We are constantly humbled and blessed by the people that have poured into the Mercy Center.

## What has been the most impactful thing within Mercy Kids that you have seen thus far?

The biggest impact is that we have built a community for the moms. We connect the moms of these disabled children, so that they don't feel so alone in their journey. When the disabled children are born, the dad often bolts, and the mom is left alone with her newborn, which in Nicaragua, is extremely hard. So we have given these moms a community to find friendship and emotional support. To add to that, the children of these mothers often become friends because there is no judgment between them. So it has just become this really beautiful community.

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**Writing, Editing, and Designing as Part of a Team** - Amy Sager

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