



GAIN 2017 Newsletter

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28
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2017 GAIN RETREATS

We had the privilege of hosting 2 retreats in Ocracoke during the summer of 2017. One of the GAIN 18 participants described this summer's retreats best, "Shortly after meeting everyone at Berkley Manor, we could really tell that God had His awesome and mighty hand on this group of believers. By that evening we were seeing scripture come to life: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1a). How we thank our Father for all the ways you and the entire GAIN team came together and showed us



His great love. It was evident that it was the love of God through the hands, feet and spoken words of you, the volunteers and the financial contributors."

As we prayed and prepared for the summer, God showed us a few areas to tweak at the GAIN retreats again this year! Our giftbag coordinators approached us about making prayer blankets for each family who participated. The prayer blankets provided participants with a tangible reminder of how God covers each of them with His love.



GAIN 18 ended abruptly due to a power outage on Ocracoke, but God overwhelmed each of us with His love during our shortened time together. During GAIN 19, He showed us the importance of having volunteers for both childcare and children's ministry. As a result of many hands caring for the children, the Holy Spirit moved in the hearts of several of the children, and they prayed to accept Christ (including one of the children from the island).



A Christian counselor joined our family of GAIN volunteers this summer. She was a welcome addition to the retreat, and we look forward to including her (& others) for future retreats! The GAIN retreats are mobile! Thanks to Mack & Nancy Crisp and their new trailer, GAIN can travel and set up easily in any spot the Lord puts His hand upon. We are currently praying about and investigating new locations for 2018. Let us know if you have a burden for a particular destination!

RETREAT TESTIMONIES

"God's just loving us to pieces. It's overwhelming to me."

"I could feel it on the ferry as we came to Ocracoke... someone was praying for me!"

"I've been overwhelmingly touched by all of the avenues that people have shown us love."

"After this amazing experience of being so loved by the Father, our hope is that we will allow God to use us in the same mighty way to lavish His love on others. We will always be blown away by your level of deep devotion and obedience to the Father and His anointed."

"I have received tangible expressions of the love of God this week. I'm reminded that we are not in the position to pay for His love. We just receive it."

"I have seen the Body of Christ at work. We are all the body of Christ, and we all have things to bring to the table and to give."

"I've been like Humpty Dumpty calling on the king's horses and the king's men. I've been reminded this week to call on the King."

FOLLOW-UP WITH THE GAIN FAMILY

The Lord continues to burden our hearts about showing love to our past participants and volunteers even as God adds to the GAIN family with each retreat. We continue to pray that God will guide us in this area. The Holy Spirit orchestrated the following opportunities in 2017: the Agape Table, golf, date night gift cards, and a marriage retreat.

The Agape table is hosted monthly in Clinton, NC and provides a way we can stay in touch with past participants. We gather at an area restaurant in Clinton for dinner, fellowship and prayer. Relationships formed during the retreats have been nurtured and new friendships have developed over our time together.



The Tim's Gift Golf Tournament offered an additional opportunity for some of the men to get together for a round of golf, fellowship and lunch together.

In addition to the many date-night/family-night gift cards, this year we gave away a marriage retreat. Ben & Misty Brown (GAIN 9) won the opportunity to attend the Weekend to Remember hosted by FamilyLife in South Dakota.



GAIN 2018

- Look for applications (for participants and volunteers) and details for the 2018 GAIN Retreats in January 2018.
- Continue to pray with us that God will show us the exact locations, dates, participants and volunteers for 2018!

THANK YOU



Thank you for your love, prayers and support! God uses you to make ALL of this possible. One of this summer's participants put it this way, "We would also like for the financial contributors to know how very grateful we are. We would never have had the resources to enjoy ourselves the way we did had it not been for their amazing gift. Although we did not get to meet them personally, we know that they resemble the Father in their selfless giving and love."

We couldn't agree more! Thank you!

RETREAT TESTIMONIES

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"We've received so much this week, and things just keep coming. I love surprises, so it's been wonderful. I'm running over. I can't even receive it all."

"We've been loved this week. We've been here to relieve stress in the midst of a storm."

"It's been a privilege to watch the Body of Christ this week. It's amazing when it's right, and the Holy Spirit is moving. It's been so encouraging. Thank you to all."

"The Lord has reminded me this week 'just be close to ME'."

"I've been reminded to wait on the Lord."

"This week, I've been around family."

"It's been overwhelming in a positive way."

"I have been reminded that the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, but that's not true for all of my brothers and sisters. I've been lovingly convicted of that this week."

"There is nothing like the family of God!"

"We have been blessed so that we can be a blessing."

If you are interested in volunteering or would just like more information, please contact Rachel Emblar at (919) 634-5658 or puddin9701@hotmail.com. There are many opportunities for you to serve! If you feel led to invest in this much needed ministry in the body of Christ, please make your checks payable to: Faith Walkers Missions (in the memo line please indicate GAIN). Your contribution is tax deductible. Mail to: Faith Walkers Missions, c/o Chris Emblar, 208 Sampson St., Clinton, NC 28328.