

INTERN REPORT

By Nathan Smith

Greetings and peace to you! My name is Nathan Smith from Dowling Park, Florida. I attended the Berkshire Institute for Christian Studies in 2014 and was a member of the 2016 summer ministry team for the Eastern region. This year I will be serving with Greg Twitchell as an intern at the Eastern Regional Association office in Rochester, New Hampshire. I already feel that I am a part of the church community here, both in the house church that Greg hosts and in the other churches I have visited thus far. I am excited to see what God will do this year and to have this opportunity to learn and serve with you all here in New England.

Concerning the summer ministries, I can't stress how much good the week of training at Camp Dixie does for the health and success of the team. Having a place where we can train all of the teams together not only helps those who may not have much experience counseling at camps, but gives all of us a better sense of how we are a part of the larger Church that God is moving through in all parts of the country. Another thing I think should be mentioned is the Darkness to Light training that is mandatory for our team members; Not only does this training help us as councilors to identify child abuse and understand the law in regards to the proper reporting of such abuse, it also helps us protect ourselves by giving us guidelines to follow that some may have never given much thought to.

As for the internship, I have already been blessed by the opportunities it has given me. Since the end of summer, I have been able to attend a leadership seminar, a pastor's conference, get involved in a church event, participate in two Antioch classes, and help with the set up and execution of this convention. Looking forward, I'm hoping to use this year with Greg to grow closer to the Lord, get practical experience in different forms of ministry, observe how issues within the body are dealt with.

Long term I want to use the connection that I have to the conference and the churches to find someone within the church I could learn a trade from. This would allow me to support myself and become an agent for the expansion of the church and an asset to those within the church. I ask that you keep me in your prayers as I seek what the Lord has in store.

