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Being my first time working with the mission and my background with youth, it was understandable that I was designated to work in the childcare department. My duties were simply to be used as needed for all age groups, 1-6, 7-12, and 13-18.



I began in the room with the smaller children assisting with Sis. Rosalyn Brooks. We sang songs, listened to the children sing Jamaican tunes, and taught them about the 7 days of Creation with our puppet friends Millie and Billy. The children enjoyed them



so much they wanted to be Millie and Billy too. After the lesson we colored and joined the 7-12 year old children for more arts and crafts, singing, and a big puppet show at the end. This setup was maintained throughout the week with an addition of devotion with all three classes to begin the day.

The teenagers learned Bible lessons classroom style. Bro. Robin Mitchell setup a PowerPoint presentation with lessons based on issues teens face daily. At the end of their day a movie was watched and followed by discussion. The teens also learned songs and participated in the puppet shows.

It was a wonderful experience for both the children and me to have been involved. Some of them had been to the clinic in previous years and some had not. They learned new faces and enjoyed our American accents just as we did theirs. Many of the teens attached to Bro. Robin Mitchell (Youth Minister from the McAlmont Church of Christ) and were touched by his ministerial yet friendly approach to them about Jesus. Many of the children attached to Sis. Sonja Brooks, teacher of the 7-12 year olds, because of her joyful personality and cool prizes. Some even attached to me just because I was keeping them in line without scolding and helped them out if they weren't focused in class. This ministry was really beneficial to the parents who were being serviced as well. The majority of them brought their children back everyday just so they can have something to do. They appreciated knowing where their children were and that they were being taken care of while learning about Jesus.

