



This fall has brought us two new resident interns. Russell Mann is a senior from Huntsville, AL and is majoring in Supply Chain Management, with a minor in psychology.

Brandon Williford, a freshman majoring in Finance, grew up in Auburn and has been involved with outreach in Ridgecrest for a number of years. Our kids have known and loved Brandon and Russell and are thrilled that they are living at Our House. They are each helping with after school two afternoons per week and meeting a vital need for Our Kids (especially the boys) to be mentored by committed, Christian role models.

We were blessed by generous donors who made it possible for us to construct a large covered patio across the back of Our House. The structure, which amounts to the size of a three car garage, was tied into the existing roof-line of the house and has vaulted ceilings with four fans and lighting. This great outdoor space and shelter from the sun and rain has expanded our capacity for meals and extra curricula activities – the most exciting of which has been Girl Scouts.



The newly formed Girl Scout troop (pictured above) meets at Our House each Monday afternoon and is comprised of both Daisies/Brownies (grades 1-3) and Juniors (grades 4-5). These girls are enthusiastic about their participation and have also engaged the interest of some of their moms. They recently hosted their mothers/grandmothers at a parent meeting and dinner, where the girls (with help from the Troop Leader) prepared and served Brownie stew, garlic cheese bread and pudding parfait. It was a wonderful evening!



One of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys, Zion Reed, joined the Boys Scouts at the start of the school-year and has consistently participated in Troop 15 meetings – recently going on his first canoe-camp out. He is quite proud of his uniform and manual, which were purchased

with funds provided by another generous donor.

The Jason Dufner Charitable Foundation insured that Our Kids were ready to go back to school by providing supplies and paying for locker fees, computer user fees and the like. And, thanks to a faithful donor, we were also able to purchase each of the kids a new backpack of their own choosing.



Specific needs for school clothes and shoes were met by contributions made for this specific purpose. All of this allowed Our Kids to begin the year with confidence and without concern over how they would get all that they needed for school.

Many are volunteering their time and resources by tutoring, or providing, preparing and serving snacks to roughly 30 kids per day. Others are helping fund our monthly expenses through their financial contributions and many are praying. If you would like to receive specific prayer requests, please send an email to [ourhouseauburn@gmail.com](mailto:ourhouseauburn@gmail.com) and we will add you to that list. While we have much to be thankful for and we praise God daily for His Presence, provision, and protection, Our Kids and their families are faced with many challenges and our ministry has some of its own. Thus, prayer is a very vital part of our ministry.

We are looking forward to the Halloween party and costume give away in October, Thanksgiving dinner in November and Christmas Tree Trimming in December. These special events, which are becoming fall traditions at Our House, typically bring large numbers of Our Kids, their families and neighbors together for food, fellowship and fun.

Thank you for helping to make all of this possible. Truly, they will know us BY OUR LOVE. John 13:35