



Experiencing Our Firsts



During the last two months we have begun to experience our "firsts". We have had our first day, using our cribs and tables for the first time, I've seen the first set of crayon marks on a table being cleaned off, I've helped clean up our first potty on the carpet accident, we've done many loads of laundry since the first time we learned how to use it, the list goes on and on. As I am writing this newsletter and by time you read it, we will have accomplished another first... we will have launched phase two of our Open Arms Program, the Summer Camp! At the time of this writing we have 17 children joining us for the Summer months. Shandra, our Summer Camp Lead Teacher, has done a fabulous job of organizing in class lessons, on campus activities, and field trips. She single handedly has put together just shy of a full 3 month program in just a few short weeks. The school age children will be experiencing daily devotions, visits from Pastor, reading challenges, swim days, hikes, making their own pizzas at Godfathers, dipping Dilly Bars at DQ, and one of my favorites... science experiments. Between Shandra and I, we have found a fun curriculum that links a Bible story to a science project or experiment to drive home the lesson with application and lots of fun. No couch potatoes here, our SonShiner Summer Campers will be moving and shaking and maybe even exploding this Summer season!

Thank you to all those who have helped assemble our playground. That includes all of the ladies who helped supply food, once again, for our workers! Thank you for sharing your time and talents to further our little piece of the Kingdom.

Open Arms T-shirts are available. This is a wonderful way for you to advertise and get the word out about us. We have infant through adult shirts, including men's big and tall options. Women, good news, our shirts are actually a woman's shirt and not a unisex or man's version! We have regular T-shirts, sweatshirts and polos. All come in either red or blue. I encourage you to purchase a shirt today to help get our logo out there in the community. Please contact Faith or Stacy in the office to place your order.

[An Enrollment Update as of 5/24/2010:](#)

Currently we have a total of 51 enrolled children in our center. Of those enrolled in year round care, 9 are attending part time, 12 are attending full time, 4 are unborn babies, and 8 are delayed start families that may be full or part time starting in June or later. There are 18 children in our SonShiners Summer Camp. Of those 18, 7 are full time & 11 are part time. Total number of staff children included in the overall enrollment 9.

Tending His Lambs,
Stacy Maier

