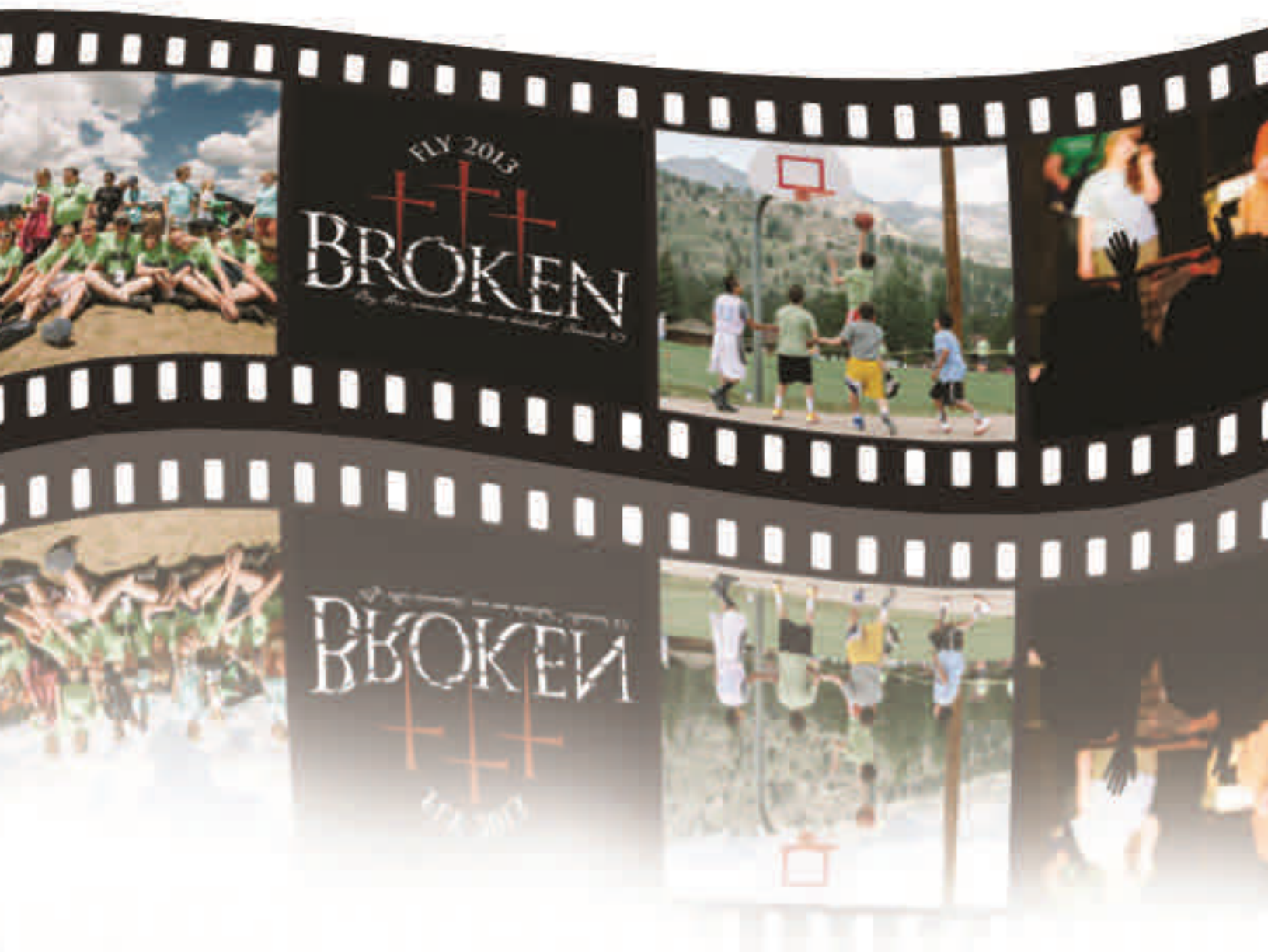


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AFLC Youth Ministries exists for four goals: To win, to build, to equip and to multiply youth as maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. We are here to assist local congregations as we pursue the Great Commission.

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July 21-25, 2014
 Association Retreat Center
 Osceola, WI

Focusing on
 Personal Evangelism
 Biblical Worldview
 Equipping Leadership

FLY Beyond 2012 Highlight Video
<https://vimeo.com/50238362>



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This year at FLY has been one of the best experiences of my life. -@Abigailcatch



#FLY2013 was so fun. Already miss it. -@Emily_halv

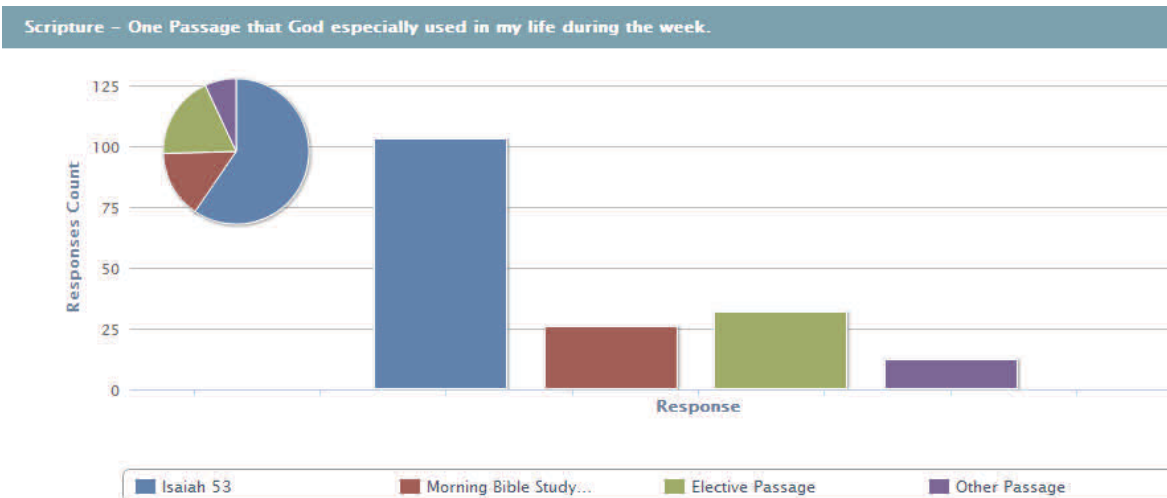


FLY was so much fun. I learned that it will change you whether you want it to or not, for the better. -Anonymous



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Poll from FLY 2013:

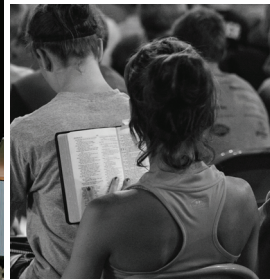


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In the post- FLY service at Living Word, I heard students and youth leaders speak with a new level of spiritual understanding. Their voices resonated with what their hearts had experienced. One stated, "Our suffering draws others to Christ. Our suffering is not permanent." Another shared, "I'm giving my worries and problems to the Lord, new confidence, inwardly renewed day by day." I was also blessed to hear, "...fulfilling my true purpose rather than a life of indulgence," and the testimony, "Jesus is the Only One."

As a parent. I have observed many students attend FLY over the past three conventions; however, this year in particular, I saw a new level of maturity in my own daughter and in other members of our congregation who were able to take part (students, counselors and first aid staff). Five attendees echoed the same sentiments: that this was the most powerful theme, with the most fitting lessons and electives, and the most memorable messages.

- Parent of FLY attendee



This has literally been one of the best weeks of my life.. Ever. - Anonymous



So blessed to meet so many people who share the same love for God as I do! - Jessica



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FLY was the best!!! We do not deserve what He did for us, but he did it cause He loves us. Can't wait to go back!

@McMickey199

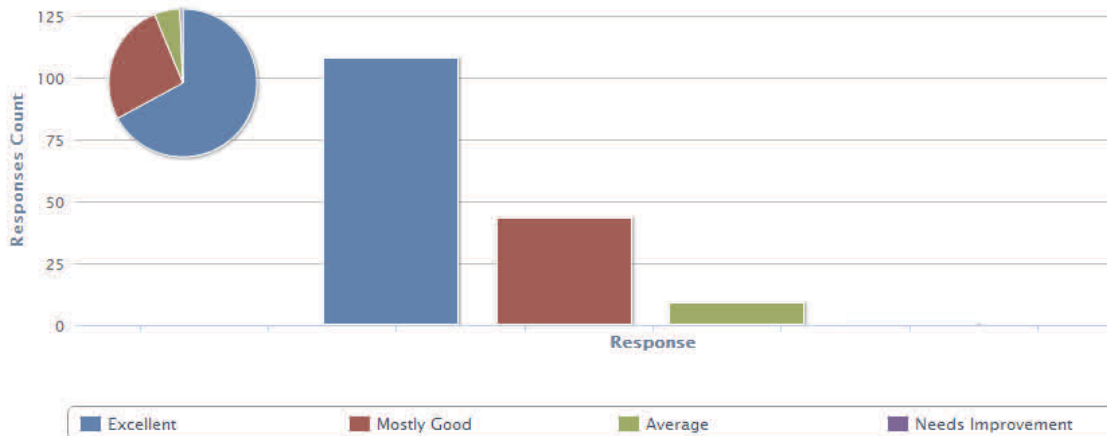


Coming home from the best week I learned sooo much there. @Shailyn_thode

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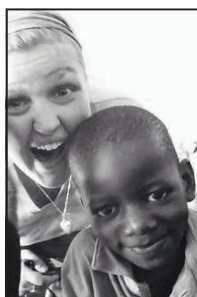
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Youth Group Day - Having an afternoon and an evening youth group time on Thursday was



AFLC Student Missions: Uganda

AFLC Youth Ministries has sent teams of teenagers to different countries with Student Missions since 2004. Student Missions seeks to see high school youth impacted by the Great Commission, confronted with a global culture for a Great Collision, and connected with AFLC missionaries and the Body of Christ around the world resulting in a Great Change in their hearts for the nations. This year's team of six teenagers and two adults spent July 24 through August 9 in Uganda with Nate and Rhoda Jore. Catch below how they will never be the same again:



Experiencing and serving in Uganda is an opportunity that simply cannot be explained. God showed us how he loves and works in a different culture and made me realize how deep His love is for every single person in the world. I was brought outside of my comfort zone and it benefited my relationship with Christ as well as others I am surrounded by

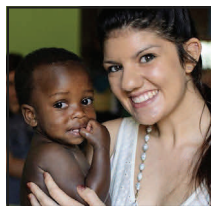
back home.—Hannah Lautner



The opportunity to serve in Uganda for 2 weeks was incredible. God is so faithful in carrying out His promises. I guarantee you He will grow and stretch you in ways you never thought possible before, during, and after the trip.—Madi Carley



Brandon Marschner, Amanda Flechsig, Taylor Groby, Kirstie Schierkolk, Hannah Lautner, Madi Carley, Trinity Williams, Ruth Gunderson



The hands of God are at work in all parts of the world! Seeing this in Uganda was an experience that will forever remain in my heart. As my shoes will forever be stained by the red dirt of Africa.—Amanda Flechsig



Going to Uganda was one of the most incredible and worthwhile experiences I have ever had. As I've gotten a chance to look back on those two weeks, I've come to realize that dancing with street kids, praying with families in a children's hospital, sharing Bible stories with single moms, and even spending time with teammates are all breathtaking examples of the kind of love Jesus has shown to us and asked us to live out. This trip gave six girls the chance to experience how God is moving in Africa, and to catch hold of a burning passion for Christ and for missions. The experience we gained, the memories we made, and the ways we saw Christ's love demonstrated all combined to make this missions trip the beautiful and unforgettable journey it became.—Kirstie Schierkolk



One of the biggest joys in serving with Student Missions has been seeing teenagers grow in their love for God through missions. Their worldviews have changed, and their own understanding of God has matured as they have built relationships with the body of Christ around the world. The best part is seeing how God uses these experiences to shape their future, whether that is on the mission field or the home front.—Ruth Gunderson

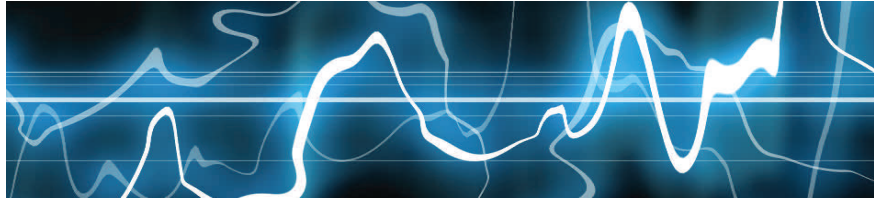


Disclaimer:

Media Minute seeks to introduce quality media selections from a distinctively Christian worldview. The goal is for content to be solid and for style to be left to a matter of personal preference. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

~ Colossians 3:16-17

Media Minute



Music: Zion by Hillsong United



In my opinion, you can never go wrong with an album by Hillsong United or Hillsong Live.

Hillsong United's newest album Zion is definitely not a disappointment.

The album starts out with an electric feel with a song titled "Relentless". I feel this song really sets the stage for the album a whole, which in my opinion, has a different feel and musical vibe than previous Hillsong United albums.

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" is the first song I heard off of Zion. I think I could listen to it everyday for 20 years and never get sick of it. Other songs I really enjoy are "Up In Arms" "Love Is War", and the title track "Zion".

The songs on this album are varied in style and tempo. God's grace and love is a theme throughout. I recommend this album to everyone!

~Chris Rasmussen

Movie: The Ultimate Life



Promo Handle: "Some things are worth more than money."

Whether you saw *The Ultimate Gift* a few years back or not, this new movie is worth your time. It is developed as both a prequel and a sequel (Is that possible? Don't think *Star Wars*. Think *The Truman Show*). This movie stands as its own film, but it is enhanced if you have seen the earlier installment.

Infused with themes of priorities and family, it is a moving tribute to life decisions being rooted in the WHO over the WHAT. Whatever goal each one of us has in this life, it cannot surpass the value of the relationships that the Lord has given us.

In theaters nation wide September 2013.

www.pluggedin.com/movies/intheaters/ultimate-life.aspx

~Kevin Olson & Jason Holt

TV: Duck Dynasty



Have you been bearded?

Our friends at Interlinc (www.interlinc-online.com – Maximizing Music & Media in Youth Ministry) asked the above question in a recent informational piece. Very likely by now you have been introduced to Willie, Jas, Phil, Si, and the family. 11.8 million people tuned in for the A&E series season premiere in August! This number represents the largest non-fiction cable audience...ever!

The fun family banter and the playful employee tension are intriguing enough, but I admit that my favorite person is Si – that's a fact, Jack! A neighbor mentioned to me recently, "And they end each episode around the table together and in prayer...We really need more of that on TV!"

I agree.

www.interlinc-online.com/artists/index.html?p=2&id=425

~Jason Holt

Do you have a Media Minute review? The Connection staff is open to teen writers to submit media reviews including movies, music, books, web, and app. Send in your 75-100 word review with the media information to youth@afic.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 25	See You At The Pole—Global day of Student Prayer www.syatp.com
October 18-20	AFLBS Campus Days More information at www.aflbs.org
Jan 31 - Feb 2	SIDExSIDE Winter Retreat—ARC Osceola WI Contact the ARC 800-294-2877
July 12 - Aug 1	Student Missions Brazil www.aflc.org/youth
July 21 - 25	FLY Beyond 2014 www.aflc.org/youth

