



MCCS NEWS

MEMBERS OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST FOR SCOUTING

MCCS TO HOLD 10TH BIENNIAL PHILMONT CONFERENCE

Plan to attend the "Scouting in the Church of Christ" conference at the Philmont Training Center (PTC), located in Cimarron, NM, where the prairies meet the Rocky Mountains. The dates are August 3-9, 2014.

Philmont Training Center (PTC) is nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northeastern New Mexico. Rich in history and natural beauty, the PTC offers exciting, educational experiences for the entire family.

MCCS has participated in conferences every even year since 1994, with the exception of the year 2010, when the conference was held in 2011 to celebrate our 25th anniversary. The week provides a mountaintop experience for conference participants and their families.

PTC provides a qualified, staffed program for families and participants of all ages. It's a great vacation for the whole family as well as the individual Scouter participating in the conference. Family friendly activities fill the evenings for those who desire to participate. It is an exciting environment for memories and for new friendships to be made!

For more information, please refer to the Philmont Training Center website www.philmonttrainingcenter.org to learn more about your week at PTC. Online registration is now open. If you are interested in attending, please email Kent Barnett at kent.barnett@goodservant.org or call Kent at 325-370-1679.

Kent Barnett, MCCS Executive Director, said he hopes the 2014 seminar can, "continue to improve relations between churches and Scouting, and inform Scouters about MCCS's ministries." There will also be opportunities for worship and singing, Barnett said, and, "obviously, we'll have plenty of fellowship. It is our goal to have at least 30 conference attendees plus family members for this fun week."

For those family members not attending the seminar, Philmont offers various staffed activities for the entire family. Youth aged 14 - 20 whose parent(s) attends the Philmont 2014 conference will also be guaranteed a spot on a Mountain Trek, at an additional cost. This is a great backcountry experience for young people.



MCCS 2011 PHILMONT CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND FAMILIES IN FRONT OF THE HISTORIC VILLA PHILMONTE AT THE PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

Conference schedules permit ample time for family activities in the evenings. The participants will have Wednesday off to do Philmont activities such as hikes, horseback rides, handicraft, museum tours, shop the trading post or drive to nearby mountain

towns such as Red River, Eagle's Nest and Taos.

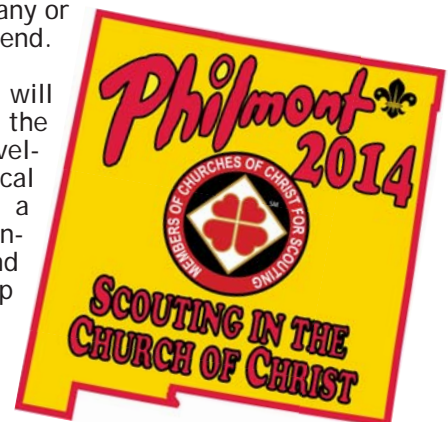
There are staff-led programs for all ages during the day while the participant is in the conference training. Families eat three meals a day together in the dining hall. Spouses are kept busy with tours, hikes, crafts and activities - as many or as few as they chose to attend.

Conference participants will cover many topics during the week such as, how to develop relationships with local congregations to promote a Scouting ministry and to encourage youth to utilize and earn the Servant Leadership religious awards.

Participants for the conference must be registered in Boy Scouts of America.

The other family members are not required to be registered in Scouting. Go

to www.myscouting.org and register under the Events link. You must have a B.S.A. membership number. The number is on your membership card or call your local council to obtain it.





If you feel like me, 2013 flew by way too fast! For me, this year ranks as one of the most challenging since I became the MCCS Executive Director in 1998. The financial challenge of keeping the MCCS ministry strong and operating in the black is always present. During the last quarter of this year, contributions are down significantly. I can't attribute the decline to any one particular reason. That being said, MCCS always needs new donors. Please give if you can. MCCS has many faithful donors who believe in our mission of encouraging youth to read the Bible, grow spiritually, and develop servant hearts for Christ through the use of the Servant Leadership Religious Award curricula. You have heard from me and parents of the countless youth who have come to Christ during or soon after earning one of the awards. News like this, keeps me passionate about MCCS!

a note from Kent

In addition to the financial challenges, the BSA membership policy change (effective January 1, 2014) has kept me busy visiting Church of Christ Scouters. Some are leaving BSA and some are choosing to stay. Let me stress, **MCCS is NOT a division of the Boy Scouts of America.** We are a ministry whose purpose is to serve youth! We will continue to provide the curricula and the awards to Boy Scouts, Venturers, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and churches who want to use our programs independently.

MCCS is also excited to soon provide the awards to the new Trail Life USA (TLUSA) program for boys. This organization will launch in January 2014 for families and leaders leaving BSA and for those not associated with the BSA. In September 2013, MCCS trustees including Steve Leddy (Chairman), Greg Tidwell, Connie Thomas and I attended the TLUSA Inaugural Leadership Convention in Nashville to gather information and learn more about the proposed organization. We were pleased during one of the general sessions to see our medal awards shown prominently on the screen. We learned TLUSA is a Christian adventure, character, and leadership program for young men K-12. Centered on outdoor experiences, their program will provide opportunities for young men to build skills on a personal level and to become role models and leaders for their peers. Living the Trail Life is a journey established on timeless values derived from the Bible. The motto is "Walk Worthy" from Colossians 1:10. TLUSA is a Christ-centered program that will be chartered by Christian churches and organizations and led by Christian adult leaders. For more information, go to www.TrailLifeUSA.com.

To conclude, I want to emphasize that the MCCS trustees and I want as many youth as possible to grow spiritually while earning the Servant Leadership Awards. Please help us achieve this goal by donating to and praying for MCCS.

In service to youth,

Kent

Kent Barnett
MCCS National Executive Director

CONGREGATION LAUNCHES TRAIL LIFE TROOP



On October 13, the elders of the Burleson Church of Christ of Burleson Texas made the decision to charter a Trail Life USA troop. The Troop has pre-chartered and received troop number 110. The committee leadership for this troop consists of Ricky Free serving as the Troopmaster, Toby Ford serving in the dual role of Charter Organization Representative and Chaplain, Robert Jones serving as Committee Chairman and Wayne Shamblin serving

as Treasurer. All of these men are active members of the Burleson Church. The first parent/adult interest meeting had thirty people attend. Since then additional families from this congregation and others in the Burleson-Crowley area have expressed interest in being a part of the Troop which officially begins meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2014. For additional information contact Rick Free at free@4u.net or Toby Ford at tkf@dunaway-assoc.com.

AHG TROOP SETS EXAMPLE ON PARTNERING WITH SPONSORING CHURCH

By Connie Thomas
MCCS Trustee and AHG Leader

As the Troop Coordinator of the American Heritage Girls, Troop KY0454, it is my responsibility to insure that that our relationship with our partner church continues to grow from year to year.

Partnering with a church is a relationship that can grow and blossom over time. Although stories continue to surface, regarding, troops folding up because of a disconnected troop/church relationship, there are churches that have interlocked with their troop in ministry, mentoring, and benevolence. Watterson Trail Church of Christ, the chartering church of AHG Troop KY0454, in Louisville, Kentucky is one of these churches.

Having the Charter Representative support the troop, come to the meetings, and work with the youth is a blessing. Nurturing the bond with our charter and inviting them to participate in yearly events, are essential to maintaining a friendly rapport with those who grant you the opportunity and privilege to use their facilities. Encouraging the members of the church to become leaders and volunteers or to be a part of an event, is crucial to the basic elements of making the connection.

Being exclusive, is not the object of the game, as some clubs and troops become, but actually embracing the thought of oneness or working together as a team, is more accurate, when it comes to meshing together a troop/church relationship.

Below are listed ways our troop has connected and meshed together to form a partnership.

- Events from the church and the troop are both announced in the bulletin, on the calendar, from the pulpit, in the troop meetings, and on the bulletin board.
- Teaching the MCCS Servant Leadership Awards to the church and the troop at the same time in classes, with boys and girls, is positive. Using the knowledge of the church members, elders, teachers, and ministers, as mentors is a plus. The youth from the church and the troop become connected as well as the youth from the troop recognizing and becoming familiar with different leaders of the church.
- Bringing together the church and troop in community service and benevolence is one key element in maintaining the connection. As in "Scouting for Food" or "Care to Share" programs, the church has drivers, the troop does the ground work, the pantry managers organize, and the troop helps pack, mark, and store items brought in from the community. The food is stored at the church and handed out to those in need. On this day, volunteers from the church and troop, work together to provide lunch for both unities.
- Starting an adoption program and service project benefits both the troop and members of the church. Our program is called the "Diamond Adoption Program." The girls participating in the program visit the home of a needy member of the church on a monthly basis, to

do service work and to earn service hours. Both participants benefit and make lasting relationships throughout the year.

- VBS, Ladies Day, Youth Devotionals, can be attended by both groups. When camping, invite ministers, elders and other members to do devotionals with the troop. Also, use the members of the church who are experts in a talent or skill to teach the youth in the troop what they know about a certain subject. This way, more members visit the troop and want to become involved.
- When having the Pinewood Derby, our elders serve the troop breakfast. This way, the elders meet the troop and connect with the girls and parents on a personal basis.
- At the end of the year, we have a Dessert Auction. The girls and members of the church are invited to the dinner, bake a dessert, and bid on the desserts. This is one of the highlights of the year where both the troop and the church come together to help the troop financially.
- The church recognizes all leaders, members, and youth in the program on Scout Sunday.

There are many other examples of connecting with our charter partner and working with them to blend together a relationship that remains friendly and a beneficial part of the ministry of the church. Having all members of the board, also members of the church, is necessary to accomplish the goals of the Charter. Working with my Charter and the troop is a privilege and I count it a blessing, knowing that through this partnership, the Lord has truly worked to bring us together for the benefit of both groups and the ultimate goal of spreading His gospel to all.



MCCS OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The year 2013 was a watershed for MCCS in that we were able to fulfill one of our longtime goals. In February of 2013 MCCS's Trustees met at their annual board meeting and voted to allocate monies for MCCS's first scholarships for deserving young people.

Over its twenty-eight year history MCCS's trustees had repeatedly discussed the desire and need to offer scholarships to deserving young people involved in the Scouting movement, but the organization had never been able to fulfill that desire. This year the board prayed about it and discussed it and decided that this was a time for action. The board discussed the fact that MCCS needed to be an organization that was relevant to young people as they grew and that this initiative would encourage youth to earn the top-level Servant Leadership Awards.

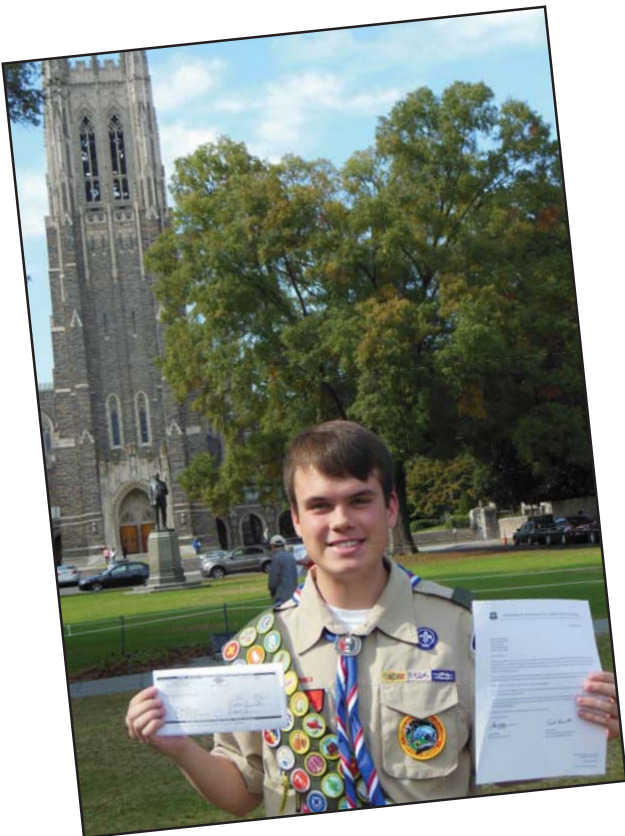
On this page you will see photos of young people from across this country who applied and received scholarships from MCCS ranging from \$500 to \$2500. All of these young people earned the top award in their branch of Scouting and they all earned either the Good Servant or the Giving Servant awards from the MCCS Servant Leadership Series.

MCCS is proud to announce that in 2014 it will again be offering scholarships to entering freshmen. You can obtain application information from the scholarship link on the MCCS website, www.goodservant.org. Applications are due by March 15, 2014.

The MCCS Board of Trustees is thankful that it has the opportunity to serve young people in their educational pursuits and hopes and prays that it will continue to be able to provide young people with scholarships that will enhance their futures.

JONATHAN MOSELEY OF ROGERS, AR
BSA EAGLE SCOUT, GIVING SERVANT
FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY

2013 MCCS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



JONATHAN CHAPMAN OF GERMANTOWN, TN
BSA EAGLE SCOUT, GOOD SERVANT
DUKE UNIVERSITY



FRANKIE WALLACE OF HUNTSVILLE, AL
AHG STARS AND STRIPES AWARD, GOOD SERVANT
FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY



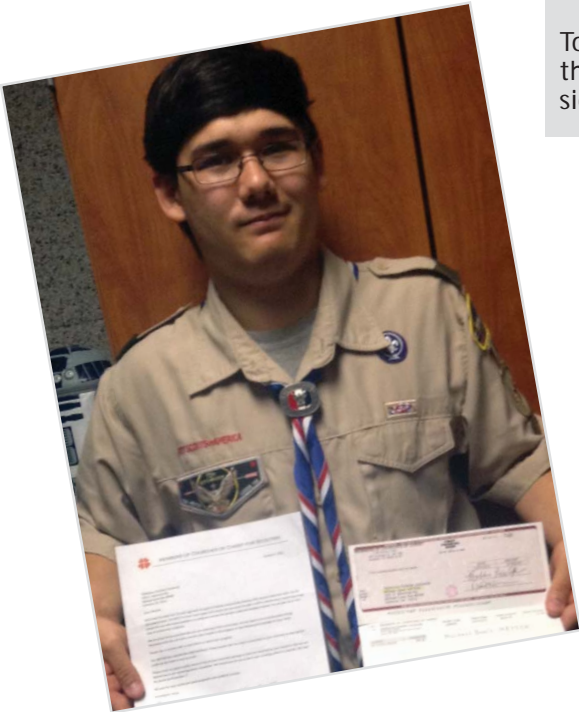
JAMES CHAPMAN OF GERMANTOWN, TN
BSA EAGLE SCOUT, GOOD SERVANT
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT



COLLIN DAVIS OF PORTERVILLE, CA
BSA EAGLE SCOUT, GOOD SERVANT
OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



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BSA EAGLE SCOUT, GOOD SERVANT
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The number of Church of Christ affiliated universities offering Scouting scholarships to incoming freshmen who have earned the highest awards in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venturing and American Heritage Girls is increasing. These scholarships are given annually for four years to the recipients who meet the criteria.

Abilene Christian University in Abilene, TX, was the first university to offer these scholarships in the fall of 2009. Jerry Strader of Abilene, a MCCS trustee and past chairman, served as the driving force to make this initiative a reality. Nathan Williams, MCCS trustee of Abilene developed the details and operations by serving as the Director of Venturing and Scouting at ACU (2008-11). Nathan organized a coed ACU Venturing Crew and they began conducting their own crew chapel meetings on Wednesdays. ACU has 42 freshmen recipients this fall.

Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN, Harding University in Searcy, AR, and Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL began to award scholarships to incoming freshmen in the fall of 2012. This fall, Lipscomb awarded 18 freshmen scholarships, Harding awarded 22 and Faulkner awarded 5.

Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, OK has officially launched their Scouting scholarship program for incoming freshmen enrolling in the fall of 2014. OCU gave scholarships to four freshmen this fall who inquired about the availability.

MCCS officers and trustees have assisted in the promotion and the development of these scholarship programs under the leadership of current chair Steve Leddy.

To find out more details and to obtain applications for these scholarships for the fall of 2014, contact the admissions offices at the universities.

AWARD RECIPIENTS



NEW EAGLE SCOUT ADAM DODSON (R) OF THE MAYFAIR CHURCH OF CHRIST IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, WITH FAITHFUL SERVANT AND MOM LINDA (C) AND EAGLE SCOUT BROTHER JOHN (L). ADAM IS A LOVING SERVANT AND JOYFUL SERVANT RECIPIENT AND JOHN IS A JOYFUL SERVANT AND GOOD SERVANT RECIPIENT.



JARED SPENCER OF ENID, OK, EARNED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT. JARED IS A MEMBER OF TROOP 29, NORTH GARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST. JARED IS ALSO A LOVING SERVANT AWARD RECIPIENT.



SAMANTHA TONKERY AGE 10 (L) AND BREANNA TONKERY AGE 11 (R) WITH THEIR JOYFUL SERVANT AWARDS. BOTH ARE EXPLORERS IN AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP #7777 OF MARTINS FERRY, OHIO. THEY PREVIOUSLY WERE AWARDED THE LOVING SERVANT AWARD. THEY ARE THE DAUGHTERS OF MARK AND LAURA TONKERY, WHO ARE BOTH TROOP LEADERS. THE TONKERY'S ATTEND THE LAINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST, WHERE MARK IS THE FULL TIME MINISTER.

DANIEL WHITE OF MARIETTA, GEORGIA, CELEBRATES HIS EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY. DANIEL IS ALSO A RECIPIENT OF THE LOVING SERVANT AND JOYFUL SERVANT AWARDS FROM MCCS.



ONE AWARD IS NOT ENOUGH - KEEP GOING!



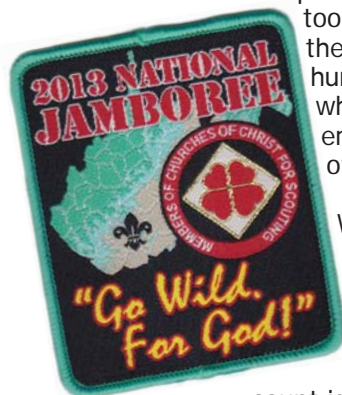
DEVIN HOFFMAN (R) OF HUMMELSTOWN, PA, PHOTOGRAPHED HERE WITH HIS SCOUTMASTER SAM YUN (L) ATTENDS THE GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST. **DEVIN IS A STAR SCOUT WHO HAS EARNED ALL FOUR SERVANT LEADERSHIP RELIGIOUS AWARDS.** PROUD PARENTS ARE JOHN AND DAWN HOFFMAN.



ON NOVEMBER 10, 2013, AT LEGACY CHURCH OF CHRIST IN NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THOMAS MAGEE (C) WAS AWARDED HIS GIVING SERVANT AWARD. **THOMAS HAS EARNED ALL FOUR SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARDS.** PROUD PARENTS ARE LYNETTE (L) AND KELLY (R).

JAMBOREE PATCHES

Scouts and Scouters love patches, and those of us associated with MCCS are no different. MCCS gave away over four-thousand of our red-border Jamboree Patches to Scouts and Scouters who stopped by our booth to visit with us. Our Chaplains had three hundred purple border patches to give out to young people who took a special interest in talking with them, and our booth staff had three hundred special yellow border patches which they gave out to Servant Leadership Religious Award recipients and others.



We also had three hundred green border patches made to give to friends and supporters of MCCS who made contributions to our Jamboree efforts. This was a very successful Jamboree, but our Jamboree account is now low.

If you have been to a Jamboree or have witnessed the positive experience that it has been in a young person's life please consider making a donation to our Jamboree Fund so that we can begin building up that account again. We will send you one of these special collectors edition patches. Mark your donation Jamboree Fund. The continued love, prayers and donations of its supporters is what allows MCCS to fulfill its mission.

EARN THE NEXT LEVEL

MCCS loves it when a young person completes one of our servant leadership awards, but we don't want their Bible study to stop there. We provide curricula that will enrich a young person's spiritual walk throughout their formative years. The Servant Leadership series is designed to help and reinforce an attitude of prayer and Bible study in young people that will create a pattern of spiritual growth that will last a lifetime.

The Servant Leadership Series includes:

- Loving Servant - Grades 1-3
- Joyful Servant - Grades 4-6
- Good Servant - Grades 6-8
- Giving Servant - Grades 9-12 & Venturers

The curricula are designed to be used in an one-on-one format or in a group setting where one counselor works with several youth. Each curriculum level can also be adapted to serve as a Bible Class curriculum. Boys, girls and teens will benefit from the habits that they develop in these programs, and you do not have to be enrolled in Scouting to participate.

Go to www.goodservant.org to order the Servant Leadership Series, and look under the Religious Awards link for more information about the programs.

GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

JOYCE BARNETT - In May, Kent Barnett lost his mother, Joyce, who went to be with her Heavenly Father. Many gave generously to honor her memory and support this ministry which was dear to her.

Chloe Hampton, Shepherd, MI
Keith & Connie Thomas, Mt. Washington, KY
Geneva Huff, Carlsbad, NM
Jay & Kay Derrick, Abilene, TX
Bobbie Lee & Bernice Wolfe, Abilene, TX
Steve & Cindy Leddy, Cookeville, TN
Gene & Janette Linder, Abilene, TX
Bobby Brown, Brentwood, TN

Jim Ravanelli, Abilene, TX
Don & Peggy Garrett, Abilene, TX
Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, TX
Mary Johnson, Abilene, TX
Georgia McDaniel, Horseshoe Bay, TX
Teresa Griffin, Big Spring, TX
Don & Shirley Baber, Abilene, TX
Ann Purvis, Nocona, TX

SUPPORT MCCS'S MINISTRIES THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS!

MCCS encourages youth to grow spiritually through the use of our Servant Leadership Series Religious Awards. We also actively work to promote different types of Scouting as valuable ministries that congregations can utilize to bring youth to Christ and to reach out to unchurched youth in their communities. Your donations and prayerful support allow this ministry to thrive. Please use the coupon below or donate online through the "About Us" link at www.goodservant.org. MCCS is an IRS 501(c)(3) institution. All gifts are deductible as provided by law.

Please accept my gift of \$ _____ to help Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting to continue to serve youth.

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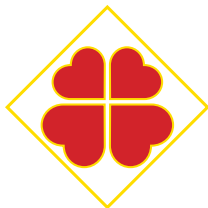
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SCOUTING AS A MINISTRY IN UKRAINE

By Nathan Williams
MCCS Trustee and BSA Leader

At MCCS we fully embrace the idea that Scouting is a ministry, but our perspective is typically limited to domestic efforts here in the U.S. Last April, I was privileged to partner with YouthReach International, an organization that works with disenfranchised orphans in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, to see how we might utilize Scouting to improve the all-to-often tragic lives of young people in the Ukrainian orphanage system. I called an Eagle Scout friend, Daniel Sharp, who is fluent in Russian, and we began contacting Scouting leaders in Eastern Ukraine.

Scouting is still new to Ukraine and they need help. The orphans with whom YouthReach has a relationship need the ethical and moral foundation of Scouting. It is difficult for western religious organizations to access these orphanages and discuss matters of faith, but Ukrainian Scouting is fully blessed and embraced by the national government.

Daniel and I travelled with others to Ukraine where we met with Scouts and Scouters from there and discussed how we might help them strengthen Scouting in Ukraine and how we might help them minister to their orphans. Jerry Strader, one of the trustees for MCCS and a board member for YouthReach was instrumental in this effort. We met with key leadership in Eastern Ukraine and have foundational



NATHAN WILLIAMS (FAR RIGHT) AND DANIEL SHARP (BACK CENTER)
MEET WITH SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS IN KRASNOARMIISK, UKRAINE

contacts that are being made with the national Scouting leadership. We are proud to say that we have one Scout unit operational in one of the orphanages that we visited. We hope to do much more in the future to help Scouts help orphans in Ukraine. If this is a ministry that interests you, please contact Nathan Williams at nathan@nehwilliams.com.