

Impact Players by Jared Marcus

In the five years that I have been a part of The Post Youth Center, never have I had such a balanced and complete TEAM. Please do not mistake that statement for saying something it isn't. I am not comparing present leaders to past leaders and I am not saying we don't need additional volunteers. The true impact players on our team are the leaders that give their time and heart to the young lives that come through our doors. Though it can be a challenge at times to figure out just how to position someone, it is very exciting to watch God bring individuals to The Post with unique gifts and talents to fill a need that we have at that exact moment. Four weeks ago a young lady found her way to The Post from Sugar Grove Church looking for a place to plug in. It didn't take long to realize that she is incredibly gifted in graphic design and would be interested in working some small projects. Ironically, around the same time I was pulled aside by a different leader, who shares the same gifting, and she informed me that she and her family were heading west after the first part of the year. *"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do..."* (Romans 12:4-5) Why do we doubt? Why do I doubt? Why do I have such a

hard time believing and trusting that God is in control? (ALL THE TIME) It was a much needed reminder that this (The Post) is God's ministry and all of us that are a part of it are truly blessed with the privilege of being along for the ride. So please join The Post as we continue to pray for Godly direction as we navigate forward always striving to impact the lives of our youth here in Goshen and Elkhart County. *"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16)



A Candid Interview with Candace Frye

I (Emilee Burnett) have had the great honor of mentoring and being a friend to an amazing young lady. I have watched her battle through hard times and overcome victoriously. I have had the opportunity to watch her grow into a beautiful woman of God and she continue to show me that the work I am doing and have done at The Post is not in vain. I pray that as you read this interview, you will see that all you have done to support The Post is also not in vain! Thank you and God bless.

1. What is your full name? *Candace Michelle Frye*
2. How old are? *17*
3. How many brothers/sisters do you have? *1 sister and 1 brother on my mom's side and 1 brother and 1 sister on my dad's side.*
4. Where were you born and where did you grow up? *Forrest City, Ark. and Jonesboro, Ark.*
5. What was life like for you growing up? *Ok. I stayed in trouble (fighting a lot in school). My dad was in jail most of my life. Grew up hanging around with my uncles. I played soccer, volleyball, basketball and ran track. I enjoyed and still enjoy playing football for fun. I went to church most of the time up until my grandma died. I stopped going to church because it felt awkward for me because my grandma wasn't there and I was very close to her.*
6. Do you go to church now? *Yes.* Where? *Narrow Way in God Through Christ Reach-Out Ministry in Osceola.*



Prayer Works : Part I by Jeff Riehl

Raised in a “God-fearing” family, I was given an example of how to pray at a young age. Through the years, my family has been blessed in many ways. Within those blessings, there have existed thousands of answers to prayer... things like food, shelter, clothing, good health, protection of our property and our lives. I’m sure if you ask my parents about specific answers to prayer beyond these “basics,” they could give you an additional list that would be quite extensive. More recently at The Post, we have seen specific answers to prayer as well. One example follows.

As some of you know, we planned our annual fundraising picnic/hog roast on a Sunday in September. Sue Neeb, local educator and Post Board member, was hosting this event at her residence. According to Director Jared Marcus, she was going to go “all out” in decorating her backyard for the occasion. Since our in-case-of-rain location was Goshen College, the folks there needed to know whether we would be using their facilities by the Friday morning before the event. Thursday night, Jared mentioned this to the leaders who were present. A concern was expressed relating to forecasts calling for scattered showers on Sunday. However, fellow volunteer Willie Miller and I were confident that the weather would be fine. Toward the end of the evening, we joined with Jared to pray. We prayed that God would grant us awesome weather for the event, since we believed the event would further the mission of The Post through garnering more community support, and we believed what we

are doing at The Post is something God approves of and wants us to continue. Willie and I, in our confidence given to us by the Holy Spirit, claimed right then and there that the weather would indeed be awesome, but also emphasized that God’s will be done and not ours and that the event would go as planned. Jared prayed in agreement with Willie and myself. Those who were in attendance that Sunday will confirm that the weather was indeed extraordinary! Although it was questionable in the morning and even in the early afternoon, by the time the event started, any rain that had been around cleared out! The sun even showed up!

So... all of this to say that God knows what is good and knows what is best for us, His children. He knows which situations will further His kingdom the most. He knows our concerns, our needs and what gives us joy in our lives. He’s already given us so much, and He still wants to give us more! However, our first priority should be serving Him and letting others know of His goodness... then the rest will follow as He sees fit. To God be the glory.

Stay tuned... Part 2 is coming next time!

Jeff Riehl was born and raised in Goshen, graduated from Goshen High School in 2000, and from Bethel College in 2006. He is employed at Goshen College and attends Prairieview Missionary Church in Goshen. He’s volunteered at The Post off and on for several years.

Candid Interview (cont.)

7. When did you move to Goshen? *I moved to Goshen in 2008*
8. What year are you in high school? *Senior*
9. Are you planning to go to college after high school? *Yes*
10. If so, do you know where you want to go to college? *Not yet. Still looking at different options. Possibly IU Bloomington*
11. If so, what will be your major? *Nursing. I would eventually like to be a doctor.*
12. How did you spend this past summer? *Basic Training*
13. What branch of the military are you in? *Army National Guard*
14. Did you graduate from Basic Training? *Yes*
15. What is your official military title now? *Private Frye E-2*
16. What is the next step for you concerning the military? *Go to AIT (Advanced Individual Training) the summer following graduation.*
17. Do you plan to make a career of the military or is it a short term enlistment? *I hope to make a career of the military.*
18. When did you start coming to the Post? *My freshman year 2008*
19. What has been the most significant way the Post has influenced your life? *I am nicer to people and have a more approachable attitude. They provided me the opportunity to start attending church again and participating in The Post Bible studies on Thursday nights.*
20. Do you think the Post provided you ways to be successful? *Yes.*
21. If so, how? *By providing different programs, that provided me useful tools to be successful.*
22. Which programs were you a part of at The Post? *No Regrets Homework Program, NEFE Financial Program, STF (Stepping Towards the Future) Leadership Program, Cooking Class with Mama Yoder and most recently The Post volleyball team.*
23. What would you say to encourage young people who have never been to the Post before? *Stay in school, if they ever need help with homework or anything they can come to The Post to get the help they need.*
24. What would you say is your greatest accomplishment in life so far? *Graduating from Basic Training, because I never thought I would make it through to completion and being a senior in high school.*
25. Any other comments you want to add? *The Post has great leaders.*

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