

New England Mission Center
Congregational Support Ministry
Mission Flash

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Jonesport Congregation Offers...
Jerusalem Marketplace
A Vacation Bible School experience

After conversations began about the Mission Center Congregational Strategic Plan – it was decided that Jonesport and Beals would partner to provide an extraordinary Vacation Bible School experience! It is our hope to start our revitalization process with this effort!

After weeks of planning, volunteers recruited (including 12 area High School students), 5 workshop stalls built and installed, huge murals painted and hung (by Whitney, Katie and Lindsey), period costumes prepared for all adult/teen staff, snack menus decided, rousing music learned, supplies provided and advertising/sign ups DONE, we came to the Marketplace with high hopes, and we were not disappointed!!! We averaged 30 children!!

Each day began with a large group gathering to hear the scripture story from Pastor Sharon Church – later the Rabbi (Art) taught Synagogue School, the shop stall owner (Donna Beal and Brianna,) taught basket making, weaving, harp making and the like, while our drama teacher (Pam Smith) adjusted her lessons daily to meet the needs of the kids. We also had Marcia McDavid and Lynn Alley provide gusto with music classes while Pauline Kenney and group provided nutritious snacks, and Zak and Anna created Olympic type games for the visitors to the marketplace to play during recreation and Suzanne caught it all on film. But the real heroes of the marketplace were our tribe leaders. They displayed an amazing amount of maturity and great skills working with the students in the marketplace. Our hats are off to them!!!

Carlos and Lidia Roque from El Salvador joined the collage of talented workers – offering ministry wherever they saw a need and heartily joining in the singing and activities! They created a very special bond with many of the children, one I'm sure they will remember for years to come.

