

# New Lifer News



## Did You Say 25 Tons?

by Patrick Wright

**Yes...25 tons (50,000 pounds) of kid-safe mulch** was moved into and spread around the KidsLife playland in one day!

Chuck Terviel and I were facing the dilemma of how to handle this project, recently. I ended up sending out an S.O.S. e-mail asking for help. Within minutes we had volunteers responding to our plea; Larry Pope, Dave Keyser, Dave Roley, and Ron Rayburn spent the day moving the mountain of mulch from the parking lot and spreading it into the playland. Dave Keyser used his big tractor to dump the mulch over the fence, and to load Dave Roley's cart, that was used to carry mulch inside the fence. Glenn Pitzer loaned us a small tractor that was a perfect fit for Larry to scoop mulch, and drive inside the gate. Ben Harrington volunteered his new intern, Aaron Sharpe, to oversee the project, Aaron had a team of guys that raked the mulch smooth and installed new ropes on the large wooden playground ship. If you didn't notice the playland looks awesome!



With that said I just wanted to take a moment to write and let every New Lifer know that your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated; whether it is spreading mulch, answering phones, decorating, washing kids toys, or any of the many other areas of service you might do.



You have taken time from the "busyness" of your own schedule to participate in ministry opportunities here at New Life. While the church has greatly benefited from your service, God Himself sees and rewards those who diligently work for Him with little or no regard for earthly recognition.

At times it may seem that much of the work is "behind the scenes," and it goes unnoticed. I encourage you and remind you that in reality it is God that we are working for, and all glory and honor goes directly to Him. Our lives of service can have a tremendous impact on the wondering world around us: Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

So from the staff at New Life Christian Church, I want to say **Thank You** to all the wonderful volunteers.



# New Life Interns

by Ben Harrington

Here at Student Life we are adding a couple of interns to help us with our growing ministry. One intern that will be joining us, part-time, for the summer is Rose Zell. The other is a full-time intern from Newton, IL, Aaron Sharpe.

**Here is what Aaron had to say about starting his internship with us:**

“Hello, my name is Aaron Sharpe and I am the new intern at New Life Christian Church. I am a Senior from Lincoln Christian University and I am currently working under Ben Harrington, the Student Life Director. You may have seen me around the church if you saw a college-age man running around with a look of, “I don’t know what I’m doing” written on his face. But honestly, my experience so far at New Life has been a very rewarding one. There are so many things that I thought I knew, being a hot-shot coming right out of bible college, but I realize now that I did not. It is important for me to understand that knowledge and understanding are very different compared to that of experience.

Here at New Life I am finally receiving the experience that I need before going further into ministry. This has been a very humbling experience—one in which I will remember for the rest of my life. The road of an intern is not exactly the easiest one to drive on—however, it is a very rewarding one. I can see, already, that what I am learning through my internship at New Life will help me, personally, as well as the Kingdom of God.”

