



We want to do powerful things in the Juvenile Justice Ministry of Central Maryland, but we need our partners to support our endeavors through prayer and financial support.

This past month at the Cedar Ridge Boys Home we watched the movie *Soul Surfer* and discussed the triumphant, true story about [Bethany Hamilton](#) – a teenage girl who lost her arm in a horrific shark attack while surfing. Bethany had everything going great for her. She was a beautiful, successful Christian surfer who was winning competitions, climbing the ranks in her sport and earning sponsorships. After the accident; however, Bethany was physically, mentally, and spiritually challenged. This story resonated with all the boys, as I led them in [discussions of having a positive perspective while suffering, perseverance, faith, and goal-setting](#). Many of the boys particularly enjoyed our discussions on persevering through adversity because they have been challenged physically, mentally and spiritually in their own lives. Particularly, “David” shared with us the negative impact the death of his grandfather, the only positive male figure in his life at the time, had on his life. “David” explained that he struggled with enduring his grandfather’s death in positive ways and found himself in trouble, instead.

There are other boys in Central Maryland just like “David” that we can help persevere through the adversities of their lives, as well. Please help us be present at Cedar Ridge more often and even reach beyond just Cedar Ridge by supporting our Juvenile Justice Ministry.

