

FROM THE HEART

From The Heart (Paul)

This past summer while we were at Salt Lake City on our Travel Camp, Kathy and I had the privilege of meeting two men from past Travel Camps. One from our first Travel Camp while we were serving a church in southern California in the early 1970's, the

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other from a Travel Camp in the early 90's. Both of these men reminded me of the value of youth ministry, especially in light of the long-term results. Those who work with youth sometimes can be discouraged with the immediate or short-term results. The pull of the



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youth culture is very strong, and sometimes even some of our Christian youth believe its false promises. Time, however, proves that lives built on lies never produce the results promised, and fruit of worldly living is bitter indeed! Kathy and I have found, after 40 years of youth ministry, that the investment of time, love, and truth (Scripture) by parents, churches, and others come to bear fruit later

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FOOTPRINTS

Size 8—Paul

Since I last talked with you I have been through the summer ministries, and now am busy with the fall-winter activities. My year-round activities include my times as Pastor of Stockham Community church. There I teach an adult SS class, preach each Sunday, and teach 4-6th graders on Wed nights. Other regular activities include church boards, visitation, and counseling. I am very blessed and privileged to have a part in the ministry at Stockham.

My summer activities include preparing and maintaining the buildings and grounds at CRC, teaching the lessons at our Day Camps and Travel Camp, keeping all the equipment in working order, and mowing, mowing, and mowing some more!!

CAMP REPORT

Our summer camps were very enjoyable, and hopefully a help to kids spiritually. As usual, we appreciated the help of Clayton & Sandy Kliever, our summer intern, Sally Wolff, and many other volunteer staff. The theme for Jr. High Day Camp was "Got 2 Be True." We took a trip to the SAC Museum and Wildlife Safari as well as doing activities here at CRC.

"The Incredible Journey" was the theme for Elementary Camp. The Grade school campers enjoyed the various activities here including: go-karts, archery, air-rifles, obstacle course, canoes, crafts, and other games. The noon hour always includes enthusiastic singing and a Bible lesson.

Our 32nd Travel Camp took us through Sale Lake, Bryce and Zion National Parks in Utah, Glen Canyon Dam and the Grand Canyon. On the way back home we saw 4 Corners and the Mesa Verde Cliff

Dwellings. Aside from a couple visits to the emergency room, things went pretty well and we had an especially good sharing time the last night. What a blessing to hear of how the Lord is working in the lives of our youth. Lessons centered on the life of Christ as our theme was "Lift Him Up."

One sad note—our bus driver,
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TRAVEL CAMP 2009

This year's Travel Camp will be our 33rd. We will be leaving Tuesday, July 21 and return Friday, July 31. Things we will see will include Devils Tower, Lewtana Bible Camp, Calgary, and Banff National Park in Canada, and Glacier National Park in Montana. The cost for this years camp will be \$450. In addition, each camper will have to have either a passport or a Travel Card.

Please contact the Office of The Clerk of the District Court for more information on passports and/or Travel Cards, or find more information on Travel Cards at http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt_card/ppt_card_3926.html

NEW ADDITIONS

As we have considered the direction of CRC's ministry over the next few years, we felt led to make better use of the beautiful grounds here at CRC and provide more activities and facilities for groups to use.

This past year we purchased a new dock for the pond and a 9-hole disc golf course. We also added another small pavilion by the archery course thanks to Dean and Tori Held and a group of men who erected it at a spring workday.

This summer Lyndon, Jeremiah, Joseph and Levi Ochsner built a climbing wall as a new activity for the obstacle course.

We appreciate all the efforts of these and others who lend a helping hand and their expertise to enhance the ministry of CRC.

We recently had an additional well drilled which will supply water to the pond, a new large pavilion

DAY CAMPS 2009

Just so you can set these dates aside, here are our dates for our summer camps at CRC.

Junior age day camp—June 29-July 10

Going into grades 3-4

June 29, July 1, 3, 7, 9

Going into grades 5-6

June 30, July 2, 6, 8, 10

Junior High Day Camp

Going into grades 7-8-9

June 23-26

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with a bathhouse, and possible RV campsites in the near future.

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PRAYER REQUEST

Our son Joshua will be in Iraq for six months starting in late January. He is a Navy layer and will be serving with a Marine battalion. We would appreciate your prayer for him and the others serving in harms way.

Camp Report

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Larry Maupin, who has driven for 29 of our 32 travel camps was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer shortly after we returned from Travel Camp. Please pass the word to former travel campers and keep Larry in your prayers. His address is:

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Grand Island, NE 68801

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SUMMER INTERN

It is always a joy to have students attend Day Camp and/or Travel Camp and then return as staff. This summer was no exception and we had the privilege of having Sally Wolff as our summer intern. Here are some selected thoughts from her reflections on the summer:

I don't even know where to begin. I have learned so much this summer and God has revealed so much to me during these past two months. Being able to work at CRC as the summer intern was such a blessing and I thank you for the opportunity to join you in your ministry. VBS, Day Camp, and Travel Camp all worked on my heart and in my life in significant ways. Thank you!

This summer I began to understand what it means to bear fruit; to bear the fruit of the spirit and to be

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FURTHERING CHRIST'S KINGDOM THROUGH CHRIST-LIKE SERVICE

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in life. Both of these men, one in his 50's and one in his 30's reminded us of the importance of being faithful, and leaving the results of ministry to God. One of these men is in full time ministry, the other serving as a volunteer in the youth ministry of his local church. What a privilege to have had a small part in the lives of these two men who are honoring and serving God. Please pray for today's youth and those who love and serve them.

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Christ-like. To seek Christ so that everyday I can produce fruit that is good, wholesome, and true. I also have been thinking a lot about brokenness and the beauty that comes from it. Like Kathy talked about on the last night of Travel Camp, how with the broken pieces God wants to make a beautiful mosaic. I really love that picture and have been thinking about that a lot!

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