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On The Horizon

Horizon Conference 2002

"Accept one another...just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." Romans 15:7

We learned the importance of accepting each other for who we are, just as God has created us.

What a privilege it is to be servants in our Lord's ministry. The summer started out with a couple of big challenges. Three of our leadership staff were unable to be with us because of major illness in the family. This news came within less than a week before we were supposed to leave for our first week of camp. Once again God was faithful and provided the people and the strength to carry on in spite of their absence.

This summer we were able to witness four people make decisions for the Lord, as we traveled back in time to Son Creek Junction and learned about **Growin' in God's Family**. Our skits took place in the general store of an old western mining town.



One hundred fifteen guests attended this year; nine of them were first time attendees. We had 41 staff members serving with us and 15 of them were first timers. Our new activity this summer was calf grooming. The guests really enjoyed bottle-feeding, petting and brushing the calves. In craft class they had the opportunity to make bees wax candles and crazy quilt picture frames. The morning and evening chapels were very exciting and the guests and staff enjoyed them very much. Each guest had the opportunity to participate in a couple activities a day and to learn that they are unique and wonderful individuals.

Pray with us as the planning for next year is about to begin.

PRAISES

- Camp went well and all staff was provided.
- Four salvation decisions

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Robin Olsen (our chapel leader) and her family in the loss of her mother.
- Rob & April Steele (committee members/ leadership staff) and their family in the serious illness of Rob's mother
- Preparation for next year, choosing a curriculum, etc.

DONATIONS

Following are some of the donations we received for our conference program this year. Thank you to all who gave.

- Conference T-shirt design
- Conference T-shirt purchase price and printing price
- Promotional conference video
- Use of 2 golf carts
- Reduced rental for two golf carts
- Donation of supplies for one of our crafts
- Use of 2nd van with wheelchair lift

Meet the Board of Directors

We would like to introduce Debbie Eichenauer. Debbie has lived in Grand Rapids for several years. She attended Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music and has completed several other college courses. She is now a computer programmer for Valspar. Debbie attends Resurrection Life Church in Grandville. In her spare time she enjoys doing a variety of crafts, going camping, cooking and baking. She makes the most awesome chocolate chip cookies!

Debbie has been involved with CHI for nine years. She initially became acquainted with CHI through Jane Curtis and began working at the camp. She has been a counselor, chapel leader and utility person, serving in

every way possible. Debbie has been on the conference committee for three and a half years and the board of directors for two years. When asked what she enjoys most about working with CHI, Debbie says, "I love how much these people teach me about love and acceptance. You receive much more than you can ever give out."

One of her favorite passages of scripture is found in Proverbs 3:5-6, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge the Lord in all your ways and he will make your path straight."*



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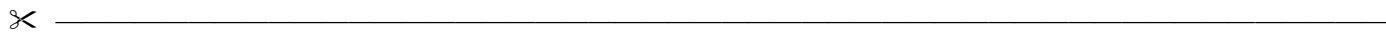
On June 6, 2002, several people in the Cadillac area participated in a bowl-a-thon at Park View Lanes in Cadillac. This was to raise money for the sponsorship fund and to bring awareness of the ministry of Christian Horizons to the community.

A big thank-you to all who participated. Several group homes and businesses put together 10 teams who bowled between one and three games. The bowlers collected money from friends and family. Prizes were given to those who collected the most. Kenny won for the individual category and the Baldwin team won the team category. Everyone left with some kind of a prize.

Thank you to Meijer, Kmart, and the Dairy Queen for their donation of gift certificates. Many businesses in the area also donated hats, cups and other prizes. Decorations were donated by Carters IGA and the alley looked festive in red, white and blue. Pastor Randy Jenkins of Northland Community Church was the emcee. Everyone was able to enjoy pizza and pop throughout the evening.

A huge thank you to the committee who put all their time and effort into making this happen: Don & Diane Hoytenga, Dan & Kelly Sandelius, Ken & Gail Stahl, Bob & Lori Hesselink, and Steve & Nora Eastway.

Next year we hope to hold the bowl-a-thon earlier in the spring. Watch for more information as the time approaches, so you can consider how you might be involved.



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