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On The Horizon

## Horizon 2001 Conference Report

The conference committee has already begun working on the 2001 conference. The program is being developed and plans are being made for a great conference. The theme this year will be "God's Plan For You." We will be learning about God's desire for all people to be His children. The conference dates will be June 3 to 9, June 10 to 16, June 24 to 30, and July 1 to 7. The first two weeks, which are usually held in Howell, will be held in Otisville this year. The second two weeks will continue to be in Tustin. Watch for more information to follow in the weeks to come.

### Windmill Hydroponics Update

As you know from previous newsletters, Windmill Hydroponics has not gone the direction we expected. As a result, the greenhouse and our Williamston property are both listed with a realtor. The sale of the greenhouse alone most likely will not cover our debt at this point. We need to sell both properties by the end of the year or our creditors will take possession and all proceeds will go to them. An offer has been accepted on the Williamston property and the sale is now pending. We still urgently need a buyer for the greenhouse.

Although we're not sure exactly which direction God might be taking Christian Horizons, we are confident that He is in control and that He has a plan. We are praising the Lord because the buyer of the property may allow us to continue using the property for our program. The purpose of Christian Horizons is "to share Christ's love as we equip and support adults with developmental disabilities." That is still our purpose and can be accomplished with 40 acres, 5 acres or no property at all. Our goal is to continue serving the Lord through the

ministry of Christian Horizons no matter what happens with these two pieces of land.

The Academy program is currently on hold, but we do hope to continue the program at some point. The program we've been running at Windmill Hydroponics may be taking a different direction. There have been many positive results from our involvement in the greenhouse and we will continue to evaluate how and where that program may continue. The conference program continues to grow and is a great source of encouragement to all involved.

As Hebrews 10:23 says... *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful."* Christian Horizons is God's ministry. We are committed to doing His will, and we trust that He has a plan and a purpose for this ministry. God is faithful and we are called to be faithful. Please continue with us in prayer and consider how you might partner with us financially. Please pray for wisdom as we need to make ongoing decisions in all aspects of the ministry.

### Meet the Board of Directors

In this newsletter we are introducing April Steele, a member of our board of directors. She lives in Lowell, Michigan with her husband, Rob. They have been married 4 1/2 years and they have a 3 year old daughter named Rebekah. April received her bachelor of arts degree in "Family Life Education" from Spring Arbor College. She is involved in a women's Bible study and helps with Sunday school for developmentally disabled children at her church. She enjoys all types of crafts, including sewing and stained glass. She also reads as much as possible.

April has been involved (one way or another) with CHI for 15 years. She was introduced to CHI through their camping ministry when CHI rented the facility she was working at. She previously served on the board for 3 years during the mid-80's and is now in her 2nd year of this term. Her favorite parts about working with CHI are seeing the guests at conference accomplish things they don't get to do on a regular basis and the self esteem it



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**Trivia Question**

You probably know that Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem. But, do you know what the word "Bethlehem" means?

Is it:

- A) House of bread.
- B) City of Angels.
- C) Place of Miracles.

*(Answer: A - House of Bread)*

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brings to the guests. She also enjoys the opportunity to provide respite for caregivers during the weeks of conference. Having worked full time for 8 years in group homes, she understands the need for quality respite time.

April's favorite Bible passage is Psalm 34:15-22, especially verse 19. *"...A righteous man has many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."* Her favorite biblical lesson is found in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. It speaks of God as being the God of all comfort so that we may comfort those who are in any trouble with the comfort we have received from God. She firmly believes that some of the things God allows us to go through are there so that we can help others that cross our paths who might be wrestling with similar struggles.

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