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On The Horizon

Horizon 2001 Conference Report

God did some awesome things in our camp ministry this year! He has once again provided all that we needed and so much more! It is exciting to watch God work and especially to be a part of His work!

111 guests attended camp this year over the four week season. 35 of these guests were at Horizon Conference for the first time! A total of 35 volunteer staff filled the various positions throughout the weeks, many working multiple weeks. Eight of them were first-timers. The staff was wonderful! They worked together well as a team, had great attitudes and really enjoyed serving our guests! It is so exciting each summer to see who God provides and how the team all works together! Almost every year our faith is tested as camp draws near and there are still staffing needs. The human side of us tends to panic and wonder what will happen. My faith has grown significantly over the years though, as I watch God provide each staff member we need – in His time, not ours!

Our theme for the summer was “GP4U – God’s Plan for You”. Guests and staff alike learned that God has a plan for each of our lives, beginning with salvation and continuing on in service for Him. Two of our guests accepted Christ as personal Savior. It is a real delight to hear our guests repeat the memory verse and sing songs that praise God and express their devotion to Him. Horizon Conference is an exciting place to be, especially during chapel!

Our first two weeks of camp were held at a

different facility than in previous years. Covenant Hills Camp in Otisville was our new location. The staff at Covenant Hills welcomed our group with open arms and did a great job of serving us and meeting our needs while we were there! The distance between buildings and activities was a challenge, but the grounds are beautiful and they provided food service, which enabled us to concentrate more on our guests and our program.

God not only used our staff in our ministry, but worked through many other people as well. Several groups and individuals gave gifts to Horizon Conference. We’ve listed many of the donations elsewhere in this newsletter. Many others gave financial gifts, gifts of service and time and, most importantly, the gift of prayer. We appreciate so much all who gave and count them as fellow servants in the ministry.

Each year several of our guests request sponsorships to come to camp. Though our price is quite reasonable compared to many other programs, the cost is still quite high for many of our guests who have very limited incomes. We have several faithful donors who give to our sponsorship program and a few people respond to our individual sponsorship plea sent on behalf of the applicants. There is still a significant need in our sponsorship fund. If you are able to help, please send your gift marked “Sponsorship Fund”. We would appreciate your help.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is September 22, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in Williamston. All are welcome to attend. RSVP to 616-956-7063.

MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS

If you would like a representative of Christian Horizons to come to your church or ministry group and share what God has been doing, please call our office at 616-956-7063.

Meet the Board of Directors

Don Curtis is our featured board member this month. Don and his wife, Jane, live in Kentwood and will celebrate three years of marriage in October. Don has 4 children, one of whom lives with Don and Jane, and 2 grandchildren. Don and Jane attend Mars Hill Bible Church in Grandville.

Don graduated from Creston High School in 1977. He is a project manager at Die Dimensions, a tool and die shop. Don enjoys home remodeling, car repair, camping and spending time with his wife and family.

Don has been involved with CHI for 4 years. He was introduced to the ministry through Jane, shortly after they began dating in the fall of 1997. He helped out with some of the conference

preparation, helped on weekends for the 1998 conference season and was hooked immediately. His favorite part about working with CHI is seeing the joy the ministry brings to some of God’s most precious people. Don has been a counselor and conference support staff person. He has been on the board for two years and he currently holds the office of president.

Don’s favorite Bible character is the Apostle Paul and his teachings. His favorite Bible passage is 1 Peter 5:6-11. Don says, “I came across this passage shortly after I rededicated my life to Christ at Promise Keepers in 1995 and it has been my life model ever since.”



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DONATIONS WE RECEIVED

We are so excited about what God has provided to help conference run smoother this past year.

Here are some of the items that we received:

- Dorm size refrigerator
- Paper cutter
- Postage scale
- Conference T-shirt design
- Conference T-shirt purchase price and printing price
- Laptop computer
- Copier/printer/scanner
- Donation toward snack shop cost
- 3-wheel bike for conference guests
- Promotional conference video
- Use of a golf cart and 2-axle trailer to transport guests
- Reduced rental for 2nd golf cart
- Rug samples for one of our crafts

OUR WISH LIST

These are some items that will help to make the next year run well:

- 8 two-way radios
- Small compound bows
- 16 ft. two-axle car trailer (Gift or loan)
- Golf cart (Gift or loan)
- Soda fountain (Gift or loan)
- Enclosed trailer – 6 x 12 ft
- Professional sign maker services
- TV/VCR combination (for church presentations)
- Video projector or LCD projector (for church presentations)

For more information about any of these items, please contact Jane at (616) 956-7063 or else you can send her an email at: christianhorizons@juno.com.

We would like to give you an opportunity to join us in serving our special friends. Won't you prayerfully consider making a generous gift to further the ministries of *Christian Horizons*? All gifts are tax-deductible and will be receipted. Please complete the response card below and return it with your gift. God is faithful in providing through committed people like you. We wish you God's blessing as you partner with us in the ministry of *Christian Horizons*.



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