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"... bringing life to science"

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HARVEY CEDARS CONFERENCE

Three years ago God opened a door for Wonders of Science to minister to the East Coast Home School Convention sponsored by Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, NJ. That was a seminal event and the board requested that we make every effort to return this summer.

The program schedule this year required that I leave my teaching responsibilities early, returning just before classes in the fall. Our school administration was gracious to allow for the possibility of that unique ministry.

Home school students are not always able to be exposed to the type of equipment or experiments that Wonders of Science can provide and their enthusiasm becomes contagious among those in attendance. It is especially exciting to see the parents involved, auditing and assisting in each of the morning classes. They return home with new ideas for their younger children's learning opportunities.

The students were very inquisitive and consistently asked penetrating questions, even modifying the experiments to pursue additional paths of investigation. I was pleased because that is what true science is all about.

Of course, our main focus is for students and parents to see the hand of God in His creation. Many comments came from parents who appreciated our natural, unforced application of Bible truths in the demonstrations and the experiment classes.

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Top photo - Dean helps a young volunteer try to say a rhyme using the stutter headphones. Bottom photo - Everyone always enjoys the rocket demos.

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The volunteers see the color disappear from their clothes (right) and Dean helps them with plant cell osmosis as they use the microscopes (below).









Dr. Kelsey, archeologist/missionary to Jordan, showing a pot from Abraham's day of 3,000 years ago to Dean and an interested physician visiting with his family (above left).

The students are so enthralled in the experiments at camp (above) and take part in the program (left).

BE INVOLVED!

Praise:

More Photos from Harvey Cedars (Continued from Page 1)

- The new truck continues to perform flawlessly.
- Pray for the many doctors, lawyers and engineers who attended recent programs expressing interest in creation and the gospel.

Prayer:

- Continue in prayer for the hundreds of young people challenged this summer, those making salvation decisions and those who were edified to stand firm in their faith.
- Pray for the unusual number of doctors, lawyers and engineers attending and asking questions.

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Sacandaga Bible Camp

We were blessed to have the largest crowds in many years attending the opening of the summer camping season. The morning presentation was a mixture of a short demonstration for the youth in attendance, followed by a lecture on Creation and Evolution.

Even though some of the concepts presented were necessarily advanced for those younger ones in attendance, it is necessary to expose them to the kind of evolutionary thought they will be hearing as early as kindergarten in their textbooks. I was so pleased by the focused attention the counselors were giving to the material. They could then re-teach at the age level of their student groups. The camp director also commented on the high quality of volunteers the Lord brought as counselors this summer.

One thing that the director appreciated was the increasing attendance of visitors from the local community invited by those who attended programs on previous evenings. Some came at the request of their children or their child's friend.

I was grateful that the audience remained attentive during the local record heat wave and very warm evenings. We had temperatures in the mid-90's for a day or so, but added fans helped make up for the lack

Dean addresses the group during one of the programs.



Dean with Dr. Vitaliy and Dr. Tatyana Pevzner with sons Andrew and Timothy. The scientists are molecular biologists and were part of a Russian church group visiting Sacandaga Bible Conference during Dean's programs. They were excited to take the lessons they heard back to their youth group.



COMMENT CORNER...

of air conditioning.

"I'm so glad I saw you today. My husband wanted me to be sure to tell you that our two grandchildren prayed to Jesus for their salvation last night after hearing your program." -- Camp Nurse --

"During my training to become a physician, I was not exposed to any Creationist evidence or views all those years. Your insights and transitions were insightful and convincing. I will definitely pursue a study of these issues with great interest. You have no idea of how important your coming here has already been for my life!" -- Visiting doctor --

"This week has been tremendous for our large family. Many parents might feel inadequate on their own to home school in science, even with the excellent materials available, but your presentations have been marvelous; this is exactly what my children needed at this juncture in their education."

- Home School Parent --

"Even though some of the morning program material was above the understanding of the younger students attending camp, there were some who went home and told their parents that they wanted to return in the evening. One young man who happened to be one of your volunteers last night, was so eager, he told his mom that they just had to go back at night for the science demonstrations."

—Camp Director --

"Last night we bought both volumes of your "Wisdom Quest" book for my two children. My youngest boy hasn't enjoyed reading very much, but after two chapters, he said it was the best book he's read and he wanted me to buy him his own set of volumes. Thank you so much for putting the joy of reading back in his life with your science adventure books!"

-- Visiting Parent --

"You probably won't believe this, but just before I came to see your programs at camp here, I was in a discussion with a group of my engineer friends, many of whom are not at all sympathetic to creation! One claimed that, 'Even if there is a God, He wouldn't have used such a poor design for the eye, putting things in backwards. The eye is just a bunch of evolutionary mistakes all in one place!' I didn't have an adequate answer, but could only say that my eyes work perfectly well. Your program today gave me all the amazing data that totally refutes my friend's conclusions. I was taking notes as fast as I could write and I can't thank you enough for suggesting Dr. Menton's DVD, "The Hearing Ear and the Seeing Eye" from Answers In Genesis! I plan to project it for my group of friends." -- Visiting Engineer --

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ANSWERS IN GENESIS

Some years ago, we had the privilege of touring the Answers In Genesis Museum in KY, just south of Cincinnati, OH. On that occasion we were guests in the home of Mike and Leslie Riddle, traveling speakers for AIG. Mike's background in the US Marines as well as his long career with Microsoft as a computer software engineer lends a powerful impetus to his Creation/Evolution presentations.

It was our privilege last spring to be able to attend one of Mike's local presentations held in West Covina, CA just prior to our own summer tour with Wonders of Science. As usual, the auditorium was packed and totally attentive to Mike's forceful presentation.

It is not often that itinerate speakers have the privilege of sitting under one another's teaching due to conflicting schedules, but what a thrill it was for us to attend. A number of my science students with their parents were in attendance as well.



Dean and Terry with good friends, Mike and Leslie Riddle.



| July 17 - 23 | Word of Life, Schroon Lake, NY |
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| July 25-30 | Camp Pinnacle, Voorheesville, NY |
| August 8 - 13 | Montrose Conference, PA |
| August 15 - 18 | Scranton Rescue Mission, PA |
| August 23-25 | Harvey Cedars, NJ |