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4th MEMORIAL CHURCH YOUTH PROGRAM

While ministering in Montana, I received a call from the youth director at 4th Memorial Church in Spokane, WA. Would we possibly be able to present a science and Bible program to their youth in two weeks? The adults would be involved in special seminars all morning. As the Lord has timed things so incredibly during our past 43 years, we were scheduled to pass through Spokane that very weekend on our way to the programs in western Washington and Oregon! Apparently the initial program speaker had a conflict and wouldn't be available. The youth director for the church called the program director at Moody Northwest, Moody Bible Institute's extension campus located in 4th Memorial's complex. She

Dean kept the attention of the students during the program.

SPOKANE,
WASHINGTON



remembered a chapel we'd presented several years before and how the staff and students kept talking about it for weeks afterwards. The youth director made the call and everything fell into place. The students remained focused for the 90 minute program and asked some well thought out questions afterwards.

MOODY NORTHWEST



Dean returns to Moody to speak during a chapel.

Since Moody used the church's facility for their campus, I immediately called my friend, Dr. Jack Lewis, Campus Dean, to see if he might desire another chapel presentation to the current student population. It turns out that the following day concluding my responsibilities with the youth at 4th Memorial Church, Dr. Lewis was scheduled as chapel speaker. He enthusiastically gave up his spot to provide the students with the Wonders of Science experience.

I began my message by stating that 44 years ago I was sitting in their current place as a new student at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, wondering what the Lord had in store for my wife and me as we had recently given our lives over to the Lord. What possible business does a converted scientist have at a Bible College? I didn't know that my predecessor, Dr. George Speake, was in the audience at that Founder's Week. He was discussing retirement with then President Dr. George Sweeting, who had requested his presence at Founder's Week (in February, in

Chicago!). Dr. Speake was there to "check out" a young scientist who came as a student wondering how God might use him in the Lord's work. And the rest is history!

The main thought I reinforced with the chapel students was to not squander their future lives in empty pursuits, but to be available to use the gifts the Lord has given them for His crucial work. The Founder's Week speaker at the chapel I attended was the late Dr. Dave Breese. During my personal meeting with him after his message, he prayed with me and paraphrased Mordecai's exhortation to Esther, "It is perhaps for this reason that the Lord has raised you up at this time in our nation." I was overwhelmed by student responses to my message saying that it was exactly what they needed to hear. Their commitment and confidence was raised exponentially to face the unknown future with expectation rather than uncertainty.

PRAYER CORNER

- For God's leading in scheduling programs for next year.
- For funding and continued open hearts to the messages of God's salvation through Jesus.
- Pray about inviting Wonders of Science to your church or school.

Wonders of Science
Counts on You!

Alton Bay, New Hampshire

Around five years ago there was a devastating fire that destroyed dozens and dozens of cabins

surrounding the Alton Bay Bible Conference grounds! It made national news and we were most concerned since we'd ministered there many times over the years and had met many of those cabin owners. By God's grace, most of the conference grounds were spared and those cabins lost had been rebuilt, but we'd not heard from the conference since then. Ron, friend and former board member, contacted the new director and encouraged them to schedule a series as we passed near the area.



"Wonders of Science professional engineering support team gathers at Alton Bay to fix any equipment problems (broken table wheel, faulty stuttering machine, intermittent control relay, etc.). All was fixed before we left! Thank you friends!" Alton Bay Conference auditorium (below).



Our friends Martha & Bob.

There are often gaps in any tour schedule and we



received an email from long-time

GENESEO, NEW YORK

friends in NY. Would we be able to do a promotional program on Saturday evening and then speak on Sunday? What a blessing for us to be able to say yes and minister to their new church and community. Bob and Martha have been friends since our children were young.

Grace Baptist Church - White Salmon, Washington

Grace Baptist Church



About fifteen years ago, the former science teacher, Debbie, at Whittier Christian Junior High left to start her family and I was asked to step in and substitute until a replacement could be found. This year she and her husband, Curtis, invited Wonders of Science to their area in Washington bordering the Columbia River Gorge and Oregon. We so appreciated the strong support from the Grace Baptist Church body and the use of their amazing facility for the community outreach. Many comments revealed a genuine welcome for the Biblical messages not often proclaimed openly these days in some parts of the USA.

A local business sponsor of the WOS programs provides white water rafting to tourists. Curtis and Debbie invited me to join them for my first experience going over water falls on purpose! What a memorable event it was, though a couple of times I could have used a pair of gills. NOT the so called "gill slits" that evolutionists wishfully labeled them, but pharyngeal folds of tissue at the embryo's neck! Those were not gills, nor slits, but folds that ultimately develop into the various glands of the throat.

The last laugh was on Debbie because going over the largest falls put us under water for a couple of seconds and she was the one thrown out of the raft! I made a token effort to rescue her, but she was entertaining us as she bobbed and swirled in the rapids.



Debbie overboard!

HOOD RIVER, OREGON

Horizon Christian School - The school is one of the most modern and well laid out facilities I've ever seen for a private school. Wonderful staff, amazing student support and demonstrated love and respect for their principal, Faith, during our tour of their facility.

An area of total enthusiasm and support for all sports, the school graciously opened up their gym for our assemblies and rescheduled sports practices to allow my gear to remain in place for the following community outreach in the evenings.

The students and teachers of a couple of classes here also remained through the following period so they could ask additional questions and interact with the equipment. I was again impressed with the student's well thought out, penetrating questions.



Dean enjoys sharing at the assemblies!

Hood River community - The evening programs saw some attendees had driven from neighboring cities, one couple from an hour away! One family, who hadn't been in church for years attended and connected with the principal afterwards. They had many questions about the Bible and wanted to get right with the Lord!

Where There's Smoke, There's Fire!

A few years ago we were caught in the middle of the fires as we passed through Montana. The flames were burning right up to the shoulder of the road as the fire fighters worked feverishly to direct traffic around the hot spots while putting out the flames. The news last summer of the many, many fires throughout the Northwest caused us great concern. We remembered the dense smoke; at times the visibility was only dozens of feet!

This year we had many programs scheduled for the same areas and thinking ahead we purchased a small air purifier for any motel room or use in the truck as we made our way west. Thankfully, whatever the weather news broadcasts about the air quality and fire conditions, the Lord amazingly cleared up every invitation sight we visited, eight Wonders of Science presentation series in all across four states! Our grandchildren, Matthew, Annelise, and Brendan emphatically told us that they were praying every day. It was a growing experience for their faith to hear the answers to prayers for clear weather and cleansing rain or wind.

Our Thanksgiving Day prayers will certainly include our long six month tour this past summer. And just as at the crucial time appointed when we needed the good weather for our presentations, so also the Lord came to earth in the fullness of time, took on a human body and totally identified with His creation. He became the Kinsman Redeemer to qualify as the representative to die in our place for sinful humanity. No greater love exists than for a person to lay down their life for their friends! May we all reflect on the wonder of it all with thankfulness and anticipation for His soon return. Thank you to all those who have lifted us up before the Lord, praying daily for all the challenges we face and providing the crucial support to sustain the unique Wonders of Science ministry reaching into areas and lives through God's grace.



COMMENT CORNER...

"I thank God for your continual faithfulness, mile after mile, city after state after country!! I count it a privilege to have a small part in what you do for God and His Kingdom!! I pass your letters on..."

--Faithful donor retiree and newsletter recipient--

"You have helped us appreciate our Heavenly Father in a new way! We glorify Him! Thanks for reminding us to rely on Scripture and not on what we may think we are seeing. There can be illusion and deception in this world, but God's Word is trustworthy and true!"

--Recent NY program attendee--

"You peaked my interest about how wonderfully amazing our bodies are made and how we owe it to God to take care of them."

--Comment after biological design demo clips--

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VAUGHN, MONTANA

Local public school - We had another opportunity to present a Wonders of Science public school assembly just prior to the evening programs for the community. I was encouraged by the many student classes who were allowed to stay afterwards to ask questions and experience some of their favorite demos. There were some classes that stayed through two following class periods with their teachers!

Vaughn community - With the Lord clearing up the heavy smoke and a providential rain that fell the days before we arrived, the local fire chief and his assistant experienced some welcomed relief and were able to attend the evening programs along with some of the school teachers and their students.

Community Bible Church - The sponsoring church gave us the opportunity to preach on Sunday following the series and then held a dinner afterwards. It was a blessing to meet those committed to reaching out to their local townsfolk and to answer many questions for further information that I'd shared in the Bible message.



Dean presenting during a public school assembly.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 16 - ACSI Teacher's Convention, Fremont, CA

December 2 - Newlin Campus Chapel

January 13 - Maybrook Campus Chapel

February 6 - Creation/Evolution Seminar Keynote, Portland, OR

March 7th-11 - Science Camp, Local Mountains, CA