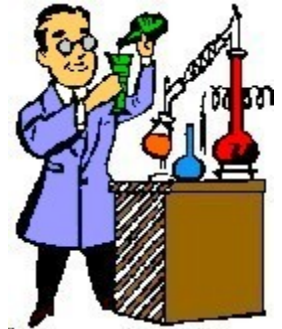


WONDERS OF SCIENCE



“... bringing life to science”

WONDERS OF SCIENCE IS A MINISTRY OF WHITTIER CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE GROWING ORTNER FAMILY!

Simeon said, as he held the infant, Jesus, in his arms, "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." Luke 2:30-32.

What a privilege God gave to Simeon to behold God's salvation before he died.

God has also given us great privilege as we enjoy so much our newest family members, Matthew (14 mos.), Annelise (8 1/2 mos.) and soon Tim and Stacy's little one. But, as we hold them, we are often reminded how much they too will need to know, Jesus, God's great salvation, and we are praying daily to that end and we ask you to join us if you feel so led.

We thank God as well, for each one of you, our prayer and support partners. We count you also a great gift from our precious Lord Jesus and our prayer for you is that you will have a blessed celebration of God's great salvation with those you love.



Dean Terry

Steven Amber Matthew

Tim Stacy ?? (March)

Robert Stephanie Annelise

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MOMENT

"The Parting of the Light" -- Job 38:24

When Job's "friends" accused him of some hidden sin causing his suffering, Job maintained his innocence before God, but couldn't understand his suffering. God answered by asking many questions (Ch. 38) to impress upon Job that it is God who is in control of things. "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" Another was, "Can you understand the parting of the light?" It took thousands of years for a scientist like Isaac Newton to finally understand that white light could be "parted" into the colorful spectrum of a rainbow, each wavelength (color) being refracted or bent a little as it passes through a prism.

Truly, God is wonderfully creative!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Please pray with us about some upcoming ministry opportunities.

1. Winter Programs:
 - Science Camp -- San Bernardino, CA
 - Local community -- Norwalk, CA
 - School -- Costa Mesa, CA
2. Cincinnati, Ohio in June for 2011.
3. Dean has been asked to go to Bolivia in the summer of 2011 and speak to some of the country's teachers and youth groups regarding Creation/Evolution since they are lacking in those areas. This would be a wonderful opportunity for us to share the Gospel with many who have never had it presented in this manner.

Please pray with us for the Lord's leading regarding this possible ministry trip.



It is not often any of us has the thrill of being directly involved in the answer to someone's prayer request. However, that is exactly what happened at our recent program at Word of Life, Schroon Lake, NY this past summer. We met a family of six who were in the process of moving their residence to Washington, D.C. They had some time to wait until their original house sold and were heading to a small apartment to await closure before they could occupy their new residence.

The mother explained to us that her son had recently transferred to a religious high school and he had reported to her that the ethics teacher was discussing Moses and the crossing of the Red Sea. During class the teacher had said that the Bible exaggerated the events to mythical proportions because they had only crossed a shallow area known as the Sea of Reeds in the western Sinai bordering Egypt.

She and her husband had raised their family to believe the Word of God and not men's ideas about what was scientifically possible by discounting miracles. So, the week before they arrived at the Bible conference she began praying that they might meet someone who believed God's Word and could give her son a credible explanation of the events recorded in Exodus.

When the family found out that Wonders of Science was presenting programs during that particular week, they were absolutely astounded that the Lord would answer such a specific prayer. The family invited Terry and me to dinner during which I told them about Illustra Media's DVD "Exodus Revealed" (the Director's Cut) and how it presented overwhelming archaeological and scientific evidence much more current than what the teacher had been taught.

After briefing them on the DVD's content, they were eager to acquire two copies, one to present to the teacher and another to keep in their home library. However, the greatest blessing was for all of us to realize that our God is still in the business of answering even very specific prayer requests. That behooves us all to refine our prayer life with intelligent, specific requests interceding for others as we also make our own needs known.



Dean speaks to the Word of Life staff, a godly group of committed servants of the Lord (above left). The Family Camp hosted some of the week's series (above right). Over 900 junior high Ranchers listen attentively to the wonders of our great Creator (left).

BE INVOLVED!

Praise:

- Many decisions made at the WCS 7th Grade Science Camp.
- For continued inquiries about Wonders of Science programs.

Prayer:

- Pray for the Summer 2011 opportunities listed on the front page of the newsletter.
- Pray for strength and time for Dean to prepare and complete all duties with teaching and WOS programs.

*Wonders of Science
Counts on You!*

“‘WHITE WITCH’ OF THE EAST”

Over these past four decades, I’ve had interesting encounters with various witches and warlocks (male witches). One of those encounters, unfortunately with my family along, would have been deadly except for the Lord’s intervention in an unusual way after an FBI agent discovered our truck’s fuel line had been tampered with and could have exploded. The town’s Wicca coven was displeased that we were using “their auditorium,” a senior citizen’s center, to present the gospel programs.

In most cases Wiccans are very polite and attend the programs out of curiosity more so than intended malevolence. Though the Bible discourages most emphatically any dabbling in the occult, the occasional encounter with practitioners of the “black arts” lends one the opportunity to witness for the truth presented in the Scriptures.

A Wonders of Science series held this past summer at a youth camp in NY gave us our most recent experience through which the Lord worked tremendously in a young lady’s life. She had been living with her aunt for the past ten years after leaving her mother’s negative influence. Her grandmother was unfortunately involved in Wicca and the Scriptures warn that practitioners could have three or four future generations remaining susceptible to that influence by Satan. In this young lady’s case, that is exactly what happened as she became heavily involved in spells, potions and what she claimed was “white witchcraft,” supposedly only practiced for good.

Her appearance at camp was in itself the working of the Lord. After attending three of the morning and evening science presentations, the last of which closed with an invitation to receive Christ where thirty-one adults and youth responded, she eagerly sought out the camp director. He was a godly Village Missions pastor called by the Lord to rescue the economically troubled camp. She excitedly told him she had been convicted to give up witchcraft and turn her whole life over to Jesus. The pastor saw the obvious joy in her heart and a changed attitude. She wanted to see him the next morning to confirm her decision and to begin being a disciple of the Word.

The pastor carefully reviewed the plan of salvation and reminded her of the tremendous opposition she would undoubtedly face from family and former associates bound up in Wicca, but she was undaunted and wanted to follow the Lord. She was kind enough to have her photo taken so the Wonders of Science community would remember to pray for her.

Please pray earnestly that the Lord would surround her with His protecting angels and bring people into her life that will strengthen her faith, continue instructing her in the Word and help direct her toward a productive life of serving Jesus, confident that her past sins have been cleansed from her life and new, uplifting possibilities are possible.



Dean with a young lady saved out of a life of witchcraft (above). Bruce taught leather crafts, but also made guitars out of cigar boxes (below). Camp Pinnacle crowds include townsfolk, largest of entire summer (below).



COMMENT CORNER...

“How are you getting along with your major volunteer staff challenge these days? I remember that he was driving you nearly insane with his constant complaining and very negative attitude.” The director’s colleague replied that, yes, that man was a major challenge! “Well, guess what? He was one of the adults that got saved last night with the other 30 people who made decisions to follow Jesus! It will be very interesting to watch the change in his life now.”

--Camp Director to staff colleague--

“Our sons made us cancel all our plans for the week after your first night so we could attend the rest of the week’s programs at this camp as a family!”

--Visiting family from the local community--

“The boy that just volunteered came up to me yesterday and was so excited! He was just graduated from high school and plans to go into the field of nano-technology. You had mentioned the subject during your program and his excitement just skyrocketed. He was so pleased that a scientist, who is also a Christian believing in creation, would talk about the field in such a positive way.”

--Camp youth leader/visiting teacher--

“I saw you 11 years ago just before I started high school. Your programs helped me so much to stand up for my faith during high school and college.”

--Former camper, now a counselor--

“The morning chapel sessions were too short! I could have listened for twice as long to Dr. Ortner’s Bible studies.”

--Student camper--

“You cannot imagine how much you’ve helped us this week. There is so much new, documented information of which we were not aware. We can hardly wait to share it with our high school science students during the next school year.”

--Teachers attending conference--

“We so enjoyed your visit with us...It has had a lasting impact. I know [my husband] was so impacted by all you had to say and he tells everyone who will hold still things he learned.”

--German engineer’s wife--

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Iraq War Spy Plane Pilot

"The officer's Christian wife was very carefully witnessing to him as the Lord prompted her, but her agnostic military husband merely tolerated her suggestions. He was a highly technically minded and trained engineer/pilot who flew secret surveillance missions over battle areas looking for explosives planted in roads destined to be traveled by our troops. The cameras used can detect things as small as a piece of wire or disturbed soil from one day to the next.

On military leave, back in the US, he had consented to attend the first Wonders of Science program with his wife and some friends. The presentation was put on by the Scranton, PA Rescue Mission, hosted by Grace Bible Church of Dunmore, PA. After the program, he was pointed out to me so I wandered by and he began asking many technical questions. He said he was intrigued by the program and appreciated the higher level discussions of science and the challenging way I presented the "religious stuff" in a non-abrasive manner.

The pilot actually returned the next night and every subsequent evening after that. We had on-going discussions that increased in spiritual content nightly as he continued to ask penetrating questions to the delight of his wife and friends. He told me he wanted to find a new career closer to home to spend more time with his wife in a less dangerous environment.

It was amazing to me as I watched the gradual change in his attitude, hardened by the necessities of war with a mindset of agnosticism much of his life. As he showed a greater and greater interest in spiritual things, I was encouraged that the Lord was continuing to work on his heart and that the program content he'd witnessed had been used by the Holy Spirit to soften another skeptical heart. It is such a rewarding thing to be involved in a person's journey to faith. Thankfully, these things are in the Lord's hands as we are but His channels.



Dean brings a "Children's Message" during Sunday service (above). Scranton was known for coal and we enjoyed a coal mine tour (below).

