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# WONDERS OF SCIENCE

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Dean and Terry by a "Saratoga Spring Water" source bubbling up under its own pressure.

## Thanksgiving Message from the Ortners

**"By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. (Hebrews 13:15).**

**"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" (Ephesians 5:20).**

Thanksgiving--it is God's idea, His will for us. We are to acknowledge that He is the worthy one who gives us all that is needed to live lives in service to Him in all we do. Terry and I are especially thankful for God's faithfulness to our growing family (four grandchildren). We also give our Lord grateful thanks for our friends and those of you who make the WOS ministry possible with your prayers and financial support. Praise God with us, as you continue reading of the open doors that God has given that others may hear and believe in His wonderful provision for salvation.

## HOME SCHOOL CONVENTION ILLINOIS

Through the years, God has placed a real desire in my heart to bring Wonders of Science to as many teacher oriented groups and conventions as possible. Teachers and home educators are always looking for ways to bring the educational processes to life in a way that concepts are more easily conveyed and connected to God's world.

Wonders of Science was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Illinois Chapter of Home Educators' first evening's kickoff program. I was specifically requested to include the Million Volts demonstration.

We rarely present the Million Volts during a single evening because it takes most of a day just to set up all the equipment. Plus the crucial theme needs time to develop apart from other more entertaining demonstrations! Not having exclusive access to the auditorium stage because of the necessary band practice for the convention, we had to be really creative in getting everything put together and then later move it for the workshops!

One very positive purpose for that evening was that it was publicized and open to the general Chicago area community. The ICHE committee and hosting church were very supportive of our set-up needs and provided quality assistance.

Over 3,000 attended the evening program and we had a large overflow that came to the next morning's WOS workshops. Many workshop attendees requested the experiment manual I'd prepared for our local California ACSI convention some years before. That manual listed procedures and drawings on many experiments that teachers could present to beginning and advanced students.



As reported, 3,000 exiting Dean's keynote Million Volt demo (above); 500+ Attended Each Workshop (below)

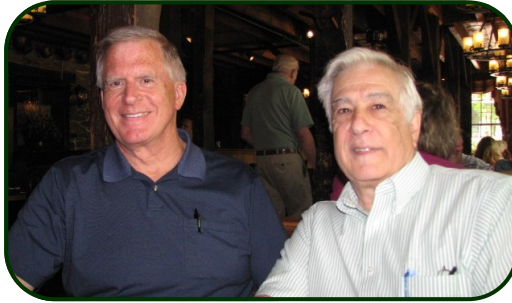




## Sacandaga Bible Conference, NY

We had "double duty" here since I was responsible for each morning Bible talk during the week as well as the evening presentations of Wonders of Science.

Dean with the Russian pastor, wife and their research engineers



Dean with Paul St. John, conference attendee, discoverer of the Roman's secret to their incredibly durable cement

The morning messages and Powerpoints, "Jesus Revealed in Old Testament," Paul Speaking to Heathens Acts. 14 and 17; "The Meaning Behind Noah's Genealogy", to name a few, were welcomed enthusiastically. The camp directors put them on their web site for everyone's access. The group most often requesting downloads was a group of Russian engineers. Interestingly, those messages were requested by other conference Directors during the rest of the summer as they looked at other camp websites! To God be the glory!

The Russian group had arranged to attend the week's science presentations. They took time off from their research work at a nearby high tech industry and also attended the morning Bible messages. Terry and I were graciously invited to one family's home for borscht. The fellowship we enjoyed made it even better.

## Hurricane "Sandy" Spares Harvey Cedars Bible Conference!

The Mayor of Harvey Cedars, Mr. Jon Oldham, received some negative reactions to his beach reclamation programs in the recent past prior to the devastating hurricane. Massive dredges transported countless tons of sea sand to the local beaches to build up a dike-like barrier to sea storms that were eroding the idyllic location. Many cottage locations along the coast of Harvey Cedars would no longer provide a view of the ocean from their ground floors. But, Harvey Cedars was one of the few communities that didn't lose any cottages or suffer much damage from Hurricane Sandy. The residents of Harvey Cedars were vocal in their gratitude for Mr. Oldham's foresight after the storm. He also, by God's appointment, is Director of H.C.B. Conference and had invited us to come for the homeschool week.



Electronics is always of value.

The most popular daytime presentation was that of building and launching rockets, which is one of the activities we also include in our week-long winter science camp in the local mountains of Southern California. The evening programs were well attended with some visitors driving hours to attend! A good number of attendees commented on how much WOS had impacted their families over the years. Again, thanks goes to our God.

The Lord has blessed Harvey Cedars abundantly where thousands have come to the Lord each year! Over Labor Day, over 250 mainland Chinese stood and prayed for salvation!

## PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to marvel at what God is able to do for some of the most desperate individuals. Time and time again we hear inmates praise Jesus for allowing them to end up in prison where they found salvation. Our contacts in the past at Folsom, Leavenworth, Terminal Island and Stillwater have started Bible studies and at first were ridiculed. However, one by one those inmates saw a difference in character and outlook in other inmates willing to read and study their Bible "in public."

The last time I was speaking at Leavenworth, it took hours to get through the gates with all my equipment. Over time, funds to prison chaplains for outside programs dried up. Today, we can still be ministering through Bible studies and correspondence courses while we disciple the leaders. They, in turn, see more and more converts, disciple them and they in time get transferred on to other units. In one prison complex alone our contact has seen ten continuing Bible studies that the Lord started through that inmate's faithful persistence in standing for the Lord amidst threats and abuse from other inmates as well as a few of the guards.

The Bible admonishes us to not forget those in prison, the widows, orphans, etc. None of us are beyond redemption through what Jesus has done on our behalf.



**CAMP PINNACLE - NY** - Camp Pinnacle is one of the oldest youth camps in America! On the top of a mountain in Voorheesville, NY, south of Albany, surrounded by powerful radio transmitters, large groups of young people arrive for a week of camping, horseback riding and craft work, etc. We had the opportunity to present day and evening programs during the opening of their youth camping season.



Dean counsels with those who made decisions

Tragedy struck months before when the new camp director had finally finished building his family home on the mountain only to lose it in a fire! He and his wife never lost heart and continued bearing the burdens of the camp while investing in the lives of young people for eternity. We so admired their selflessness. When parents arrived to pick up their children, many stayed for the final science presentation.

One unusual couple, who are stage performers, attended to see what WOS was all about. She is a bull whip artist and he the "victim" as well as an illusionist. I had a long chat with them before the program about the Bible and Jesus' purposes for coming. They were totally unaware of those truths, yet listened intently! One never knows who God may bring to hear the Word of truth.

This conference was started back in the 1940's by the famous evangelist, Percy Crawford. We can still hear his messages on the Crawford Broadcasting System through local radio stations. A few years ago, the board at Pinebrook was considering closing its doors! The camp hired a consultant with whom I've ministered under his several conference directorships over the past 41 years.

Wonders of Science was asked to come for a full week of programs which turned out to draw one of the two highest weeks in numbers of guests this summer. The conference is making a turnaround and continues to grow while the historical legacy of Percy Crawford endures and souls continue to come to the Lord through the salvation messages.

This week was made memorable for us by a visit from a judge and his three teenaged boys. They had driven for several hours from out of state to get to Pinebook! He and his three sons remained after the program and we talked for another hour or so. His desire was to bring his sons to hear the Wonders of Science presentation and be under the influence of the gospel messages. I was moved by the intensity of his commitment and his invitation to stay in their home whenever we are in his area.



## Pinebrook Bible Conference, PA



Dean with a judge and his sons who drove several hours to come to the program (left); Hail from nearby storm (middle); Full auditorium (above); Canadian friends, Steve, Helen and family surprised us with a hike and picnic (below).



## BE INVOLVED!

### Praise:

- Thank you for the decisions made for the Lord and the seeds that were planted.
- For so many school assemblies requested and then invited to WOS.

### Prayer:

- For a new Jewish believer requesting our inmate Bible study material.
- Continued year-round support for this ministry.
- For Shlomo, a rabbi/archaeologist with whom Dean has been in communication with this past year.

**Wonders of Science  
Counts on You!**



# GREATER EXODUS BAPTIST CHURCH, INNER CITY PHILADELPHIA, PA



Attentive crowds at mid-week downtown Philly program (above); Enthusiastic friends (right); Associate Pastor Flores, Dean, Brian, Becky and Terry (below).

Years ago, a young math professor and his wife attended the science programs with their young children. The children were so focused and involved in the presentations that their lives were forever molded by the experience. Brian became very proficient in computer science and later married Becky, who is a CNN Producer for the White House, accompanying US Presidents around the world.



When the couple learned of the mother's desire to find a venue for the Wonders of Science programs, they were excited to hear of our nearness to Washington, D.C. and offered to house us, financially support WOS and attend the presentation they arranged in downtown Philadelphia, PA.

The Greater Exodus Baptist Church, membership in excess of 2,000, is pastored by Dr. Herbert Lusk, II, known as "The Praying Tailback." Long before Tim Tebow made the word "tebowing" common, tailback Lusk made history as the first NFL player to kneel in prayer during a televised game subsequent to his second touchdown for the Eagles, Oct. 9, 1977.



Dr. Lusk was excited to hear of our willingness to minister there and in our conversation he asked for prayer for one of his elders struggling in his last days with health issues as well as his associate pastor, whose young daughter had recently been broadsided and killed in Los Angeles by a driver fleeing police.

I was moved by his focus and commitment as well as that of the supporting staff and their genuine love for a troubled community. This was a real challenge because we had to off-load on a busy downtown street and then move the gear onto a narrow sanctuary platform with fixed railings and bannisters!

We were asked to return again as often as possible, to present Wonders of Science to their local school and the homeless community. It was one of our most unusual presentations ever!

## NATURE CAMP

Dozens of youth and parents attended a retreat for a summer nature camp for which we were asked to provide the programming. The favorite experiments students seem to talk about at our annual science camp here in California are in chemistry, air rifles and rockets. I had that equipment along among other materials for the youth week at Harvey Cedars, NJ, so it was a matter of focusing on those areas in the time I had been given for the presentations.

I am always excited to watch young people (and their parents) learning new things and having such an enjoyable time during the process. It was no different here. What was especially nice was the attentiveness and genuine interest the crowd showed. The area is primarily a farming community and the work/learning ethic is very strong and it certainly showed.

Mature, penetrating questions and genuine curiosity gave me additional enjoyment personally along with the friendly atmosphere of the families present. The camp was held outdoors and the weather cooperated nicely.



## “Oh...Oh! We Need To Find More Chairs”

I had been contacted by a lady who had a real heart for outreach into her local Oley, PA community. Her church was meeting in a local school lunchroom so she had inquired as to the possibility of a larger church hosting the series. That church was large and had not done an outreach recently and they seemed reluctant at first, but were willing to host Wonders of Science.

After meeting the head pastor, he confided that they'd presented community programs before like music, drama, etc., but had only seen forty or fifty people attend. That had been his initial reservation to hosting something that appeared to be as involved as Wonders of Science.

Once all the equipment was set up, I asked him how soon do guests typically show up for an evening presentation. He said that they usually start arriving five or ten minutes before. I suggested that I'd be more comfortable coming forty-five minutes before so I could get the electronics and chemicals stabilized and make sure that the video clips were ready to go.

The first scheduled evening we entered the auditorium early as usual and were surprised to see the room already one fourth filled! The pastor's wife and the minister to children were standing at the back and it was the pastor's wife who made the exclamation above in the heading. It was an encouragement for that church to have such a positive early response from the community that I hoped would overshadow past disappointments in experiencing low turnout for their programs. By the end of the series the lady who initially invited WOS was so encouraged to have heard that over 1,500 attended!

One really encouraging story was that during my first visit to this community, fifteen years ago, one of those responding to the Lord at that time was a young lady who had not been getting answers to the longing in her heart while attending a different major denomination. She asked her husband, a follower of Jesus, if he would take her to the science programs that talked about the Bible. He had scheduled evening work commitments during the week of the programs, but at the last minute he didn't have to go in and they both attended the programs all week. The young lady trusted in Jesus for her salvation the last night! What a pleasant surprise to see them in the audience again after all these years and still active in the local church fellowship.

On the same note, a woman came early the first evening and shared with Terry, who was setting up the media table, that she had been waiting for WOS to come back to Oley. She wanted us to know that 15 years ago she had brought her friend to a WOS program where she received Christ and she is still walking with the Lord.



Dean revisits the Mennonite/Amish Community again.

## WOW! Our Accommodations Are Even Older Than Me!

Terry and I had a most delightful time staying with friends, Dave and Loren, as we ministered in Oley, PA. They attend the same small church as Linda and her husband, Oskar, from whom our initial invitation came. Dave and Loren put “legs” to Linda's outreach dream. They also hosted me at their farm years before while ministering here the first time and offered their “little stone house” again for us to use during our stay. It was built in the 1790's (a little while before I was born) and is an ideal guest house.



### Comment Corner

*“My father saw you about forty years ago when you were in Chicago with your programs and he was so excited to hear you'd be at our home school convention near Chicago. He wanted to make sure I brought the grandkids to your program. He attended the presentation with me tonight and was so pleased to see it continue to reach the several thousand visitors here this week. Thank you so much for coming!”*

**-- Home School Mom --**

*“It is so good to see you after all these years! You inspired a few of my classmates and me to become doctors through your science classes, your commitment to excellence and care for your students. You were like a father to me and our lives were forever changed through your influence, love and instruction in science as well as Biblical truth.”*

**-- Doctor and former student --**



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## Marshalltown, IA

About twenty five years ago God led me to do programs with a church in Florida and I had such a bond with Pastor Gerald Robison that we have kept in touch all these years. He and his wife, Sharon, have had international ministries and opportunities over the years and this past summer he assumed his

new pastorate in IA. I mentioned that we'd be passing right through that area in September on our way home after our six month tour that began in mid-April. He was delighted to consider the possibilities and brought it to his new board.

Being it was our last major series of demonstrations for the year, I agreed to also present daytime assemblies to several area schools, all but one of them public schools! We were at one school for the entire day as the students cycled through the auditorium! The students showed good enthusiasm for the presentations and were encouraged to bring their friends and parents to the evening programs where we could discuss the concepts in a deeper way and Who it is behind the Creation.

The church staff was very gifted and devoted much time to the presentations and gave us tremendous support. They truly exhibited concern for the spiritual health of their community. Pastor Robison led in prayer after the Million Volt program and quite a number of individuals prayed to receive Christ for the first time. Please pray that they will grow in their new faith.



Dean held 8 public and 1 Christian school assemblies (above); Evening program at the host church (left).

### Comment Corner (Cont.)

*"I watched my twin eleven year old grandsons during your program. They were so excited to see and hear science explained in a way they understood and were hanging on every word you said! It was especially important to me and their parents that you also included a clear, convincing presentation of the truths of the Bible throughout your demonstrations."*  
-- Camp Attendee --

*"My boys (Christopher and Jacob) still talk about everything and how you made their Junior High days so memorable. Your Christian teachings helped form their faith today. God Bless you!"*  
-- School Parent --