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SCIENCE CAMP

Preparations had to get underway as soon as school began because of the new experiments I wanted to introduce. There were two in particular that the students were looking forward to doing. One was a new pneumatic rocket launcher that would make the down time between launches much shorter. The other was an electric airplane race along closely spaced parallel fishing lines, the closest thing to an indoor dogfight I could think of.

One of the primary purposes of Science Camp is to remove young people from a typical academic setting and place them right into God's created natural wonders. With fewer distractions, young people can better focus on the creation message and the Lord's selfless sacrifice on our behalf.

Each evening the Wonders of Science demonstrations were presented and an opportunity was given to publicly acknowledge Jesus as Savior. Youth pastor, Israel Gomez, was thrilled to have almost a dozen first time responders come forward the very first evening for counseling!

Please pray for their continued discipleship now as they leave for the summer.

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Camp is a hands-on time of experiments and learning.

Outstanding Civil Service Medal

The infantry platoon was plodding along, led by their Second Lieutenant in command. The muddy road turned the advance into a slogging, slipping task of keeping one's balance rather than the brisk march the men were accustomed to making. As the lieutenant rounded a bend he sighed and moved his mount off to the side. A large tree had fallen across the path during the previous night's storm.

"All right men! Put your shoulders to the log and move it." He watched complacently as their efforts proved futile. The log moved some, but kept rocking back in place. They needed just a little more muscle to get it to roll away.

Just then another man rode up closer after having watched the situation develop from the edge of the woods. He rode a beautiful white stallion from which he calmly dismounted, threw his cape over the saddle and proceeded to put his shoulder to the log. That last added effort got it rolling out of the way to the applause of the lieutenant.

As he looked at the gentleman a growing sense of recognition was battling its way from his subconscious mind, struggling to be acknowledged. The way the man walked lent an air of command to his person. The lieutenant has seen that walk before. The man's short legs were well compensated for by his tall trunk towering over the platoons tired soldiers.

Just as the man mounted, the lieutenant was about to thank him. But the words from the man stunned him to silence.

"The next time you need any help moving logs with your troops, just call on your Commander In Chief!" With that, General George Washington rode off into history.

Perhaps because of that true story as it was told to me, as well as many other examples of selfless service to others, a tradition has continued with those who provide service to the President of the United States. Currently, that service is provided by "The Eleventh Wing" of the Air Force.

Headquartered at the Pentagon, the Commanding General, a four star, graciously invited Wonders of Science to speak. The assembled military commanders of dozens of the world's armies were there for a briefing on national security issues. The General wanted WOS to brief these officers on the spiritual nature of the men and women they were responsible for in their various commands.



The Lord moved in a tremendous way over the crowds keeping their attention and creating receptive hearts. Following the presentation, WOS was presented with a distinguished service medal. I accepted it on behalf of Dr. Irwin Moon (founder of the science demonstrations) and Dr. George Speake (Navy fighter pilot and my immediate predecessor).

The next words whispered to me by the General stunned me to silence! He leaned over as he shook my hand and said, "You don't yet realize the significance of that medal, but there is a number stamped under the symbol." I turned it over and saw the number "032" on the back (see photo). He continued, "There have only been thirty-one people since the days of General Washington to have received that medal and you are the thirty-second! Congratulations."

This was another of those times I wished that the thousands of our WOS supporters could have been standing there with me on that platform. Here I was, in front of some of the world's most powerful men, receiving an award on behalf of so many of the Lord's faithful. I thank all of you for the singular privilege of representing your service to Him through Wonders of Science these past decades.

COMMENT CORNER...

"I am so excited and happy! My best friend trusted Jesus last night after the program."

-- Student at Science Camp --

"You'll never believe what happened. I can't drive until next year so my dad had to bring me. He stayed and got saved! I've been crying all night."

-- Teenage attendee --

"Thank you for coming back to the ACSI Science Fair. I noticed that the teachers present enjoyed your program as much, or even more so, than the students!"

-- Science Teacher --



July 18-19	AZ Family of Home Education Convention, Gilbert, AZ
July 21-24	Western Indian Mission, Window Rock, AZ
	Other locations yet to be determined.

Biola Science Fair!

I have always considered it one of my greatest privileges to be able to work with the Association of Christian Schools International. Again this year ACSI requested the presence of Wonders of Science at their annual science fair held on the campus of Biola University, La Mirada, CA. The enthusiasm the young students have for science and our Lord is truly heartwarming. What a joy to be there to challenge them on to the next levels of commitment in their studies and in their service to the Lord.



Students gather in the auditorium for Wonders of Science demos.

More Science Camp Photos

The air rifle, chaos tower and laser chess classes are enjoyed by all the students.



BE INVOLVED!

- Praise the Lord that Dean was recently awarded his Doctorate from Liberty University.
- Pray for increased support to help with the exorbitant fuel costs.
- Pray for traveling mercies through deserts and mountains.
- Pray for open hearts at the Indian Reservation where Dean will present Wonders of Science this summer.
- Pray for great impact for the Lord at the home school convention in July.

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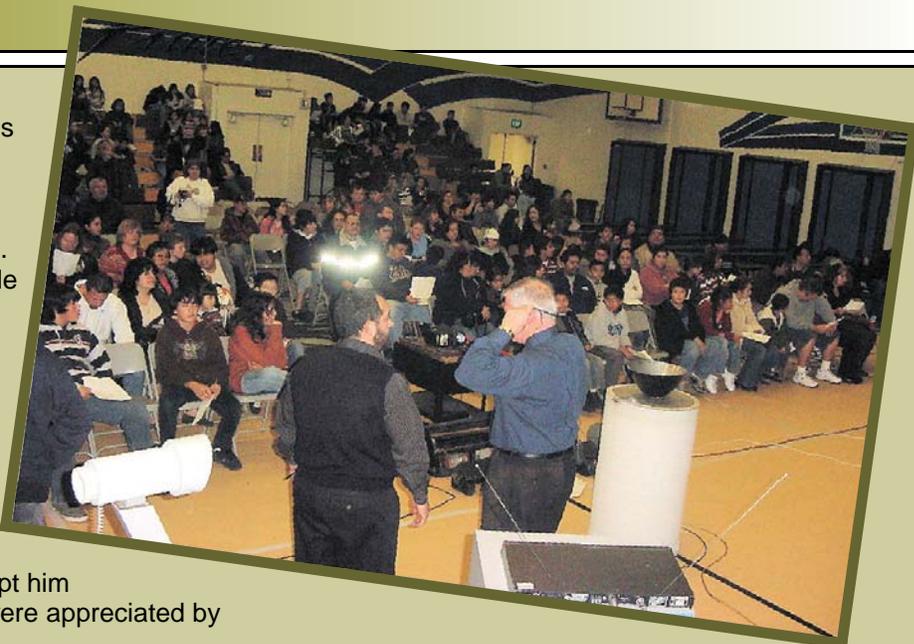
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Hillview Public School

Last year, 18 professors from area universities were invited to speak to the parents and students of a local school. Wonders of Science was among those asked because one of the school's teachers was aware of the programs. The Lord was at work making the way possible so that this year we were asked to be the speaker for their opening session and the close as well as smaller group discussions in between the other scientist's sessions.

One thing that caused me some concern was the fact that the school's main science teacher was a very strong proponent of evolution and was not happy that we were returning to even larger crowds. The Lord kept him at bay the entire evening and the programs were appreciated by everyone from the comments afterwards.

One extension of the ministry was that our dear friends at Illustra Media, the former team from Moody Institute of Science, had given us several cases of older technology VHS tapes to give out as prizes during our science demos. I never expected to be able to distribute so many of them at a public school setting, but everyone of the tapes ("Unlocking...") was eagerly received! I hope that the science teacher took one when I wasn't looking.



Scientist Night Lectures