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Camp Berea, New Hampshire

We always look forward to an invitation from Camp Berea. It is one of the most efficiently operated and godly directed camps with which we've had the opportunity to minister over the years. Ron Ward and his outstanding program director, Nate, have guided the operations to become one of the most effective tools for the Lord that we've ever seen. Hundreds of campers come to the Lord each month. The counselors are very focused and spend hours in one-on-one conversations each week with the youth.

Our science programs were held in the mornings this year giving us many opportunities to interact all day with the young people and adults in attendance. It is alarming to hear of the exclusive approach nearly all of these students face in school. God is either totally left out of the discussion or, more alarmingly, dismissed and relegated to myth. Science and opinion are the tools used to promote that lie. I think God has a better idea.

The wonder expressed on young faces, and adults alike, is refreshing to see when they hear that there is another way to understand our world, one that has far more support from current scientific investigations and yet continues to honor the Creator and His eternal word. A number of the counselors were eager to return to school this fall with sound answers to their professor's challenges and ready and willing to ask questions.



Dean enjoys the interactive crowds at Jr. High summer camp!

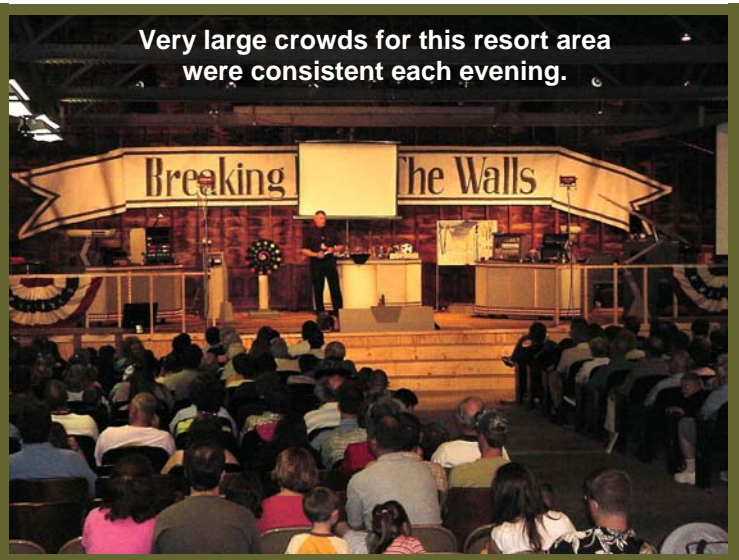


There are many one-on-one opportunities during activities time.

ALTON BAY, NH

"We've scheduled you at our youth camp in the mornings and the adult community outreach in the evenings." My mind reeled as I contemplated moving the gear up the mountain every evening after the adult program since I would need time to set up for the youth presentation the next morning. Fortunately, someone who was familiar with the WOS program suggested that they bus the students down the mountain and use the adult's auditorium for the morning sessions. What a relief!

We had more comments about the well-behaved, attentive youngsters during these programs than ever before when visiting Alton Bay. Overall it was a delightful experience as we watched the Lord work in hundreds of hearts.



Very large crowds for this resort area were consistent each evening.

History Channel - England

From the accent I knew he was a "Brit" and speaking English, but it was still difficult to understand him. By now, I guess we "Yanks" are too far removed from our "mother tongue." There was a momentary flashback to my first trip overseas to study art and opera at a French academy. On my way to France, I spent the first few days in downtown London to "climatize" and I had to speak French to the English in order to understand what they were saying. Cockney English I was told.

This call was different, coming from a TV producer for "The History Channel." Unique programs were being sought for a premiere program on electricity. We had a wonderful chat. Arrangements were made for their film team to fly to the New York area and intercept the Wonders of Science programs in between our conference presentations.

Scheduling complications could preclude plans, but access to the Ripley footage is also available. What an interesting opportunity.



Jack Nicholson? What brings you here?

From time to time, Dean runs in to people while out on tour who resemble celebrities. This Jack look-a-like, Brad, (left) is a fine supporter of the Alton Bay conference.

The year before Princess Di's death (10th anniversary this summer) Dean met a model stand-in for the princess who attended his demos (right).



BE INVOLVED!

- Pray for continued contacts and opportunities to share the Gospel through Wonders of Science.
- Pray for Dean as he prepares for another year of teaching.
- Pray for the Lord's preparation of hearts and souls of program attendees.
- Pray for continued financial provisions that make the ministry possible.
- Thank you to all our faithful prayer and financial support partners!

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Hershey, Pennsylvania

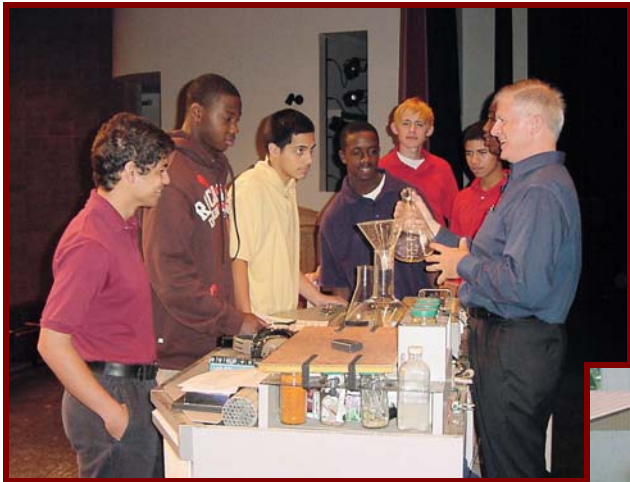
Prayer began decades ago! One of my colleagues at Moody Institute of Science was orphaned as a child and taken in by the Milton Hershey School for Boys, now Milton Hershey Boarding School in Hershey, PA. Bob and Dolly are treasured friends and were professional colleagues during our three decades of ministry through MIS. All those years they kept praying for an opening at the school so those displaced children could also hear the gospel.



Amish transportation is horse and buggy or foot scooters.

I'd visited the school years ago as a "tourist" while I was presenting the science programs at the Hershey Theme Park (similar to a Disneyland experience) for the Word of Life organization. There was little interest expressed at that time, but after a recent change in administration and a new school chaplain, the Lord opened the door.

Our allotted time was a Sunday morning chapel service. The full auditorium was not expecting what they experienced during that "sermon" for sure. What a warm reception by students and staff alike. Many questions afterwards kept us busy long after students normally left for the day's activities.



After presentations students usually have many questions.

One of the leaders responsible for a half dozen young people had been an orphan there and was raised his entire life at the school. He ultimately became a house parent able to effectively relate to those in his care. It was his team that helped us unload and set up for the program.



Hershey area Amish only use mechanical machines with no engines or electricity.

Please continue to pray for Mike, the new chaplain. He has a delicate position with an awesome responsibility to share the good news with so many displaced young people.

COMMENT

"I have heard nothing but powerful things from those who were present in our Sunday morning Chapel Service here in Hershey, PA. I do not know how you might feel about your ministry of Sunday but I know that God used you and I pray that great spiritual fruit would be the result. May God continue to bless you and your ministry as you faithfully serve Him. Thank you so much for coming to MHS and allowing God to use you as He did. Blessings on you!"

-- Chaplain, The Milton Hershey Boarding School --

"I have been a house parent for many years here at the boarding school and I've never heard such a straightforward presentation of the gospel at our school before. Thank you for such a clear message given in a sensitive way because current society is like a "minefield."

-- Boarding School Teacher --

"My teenager said, "I learned more during this week of camp than I learned all year in school. Why can't other science teachers make science and faith more interesting?"

-- Camper --

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CANTON, NEW YORK

Canton is so close to the Canadian border that radio and TV stations come in two flavors, English and French! Wyona, a former colleague at Moody Institute of Science, lives with her son Randy and his family in Canton and they have been praying for years to host a WOS presentation. By taking a ferry across Lake Champlain after the youth camp at Berea, we were able to make a rare one evening presentation before moving on to the Hershey program in Pennsylvania.

There are two colleges and two universities in the surrounding towns making Canton an ideal spot to hold a WOS series. The promotional evening demo gave the church family a taste of what could happen on a huge scale as they seek the Lord's timing for a multi-community outreach in the future.

It is so encouraging to see those who have retired from the active work force continuing to carry on their individual ministries of reaching others for the gospel (see also, Hershey, PA article).



Dean with a model of "Champ" the Lake Champlain Monster. The dinosaur, sighted by hundreds over the years, is thought to be similar to the Loch Ness plesiosaur which has been sighted by thousands. The noisy ferry and accompanying speed boats scare away any possible visits by these sensitive creatures.