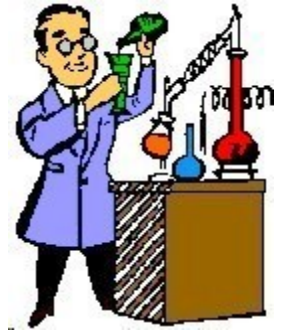


WONDERS OF SCIENCE



“... bringing life to science”

We Wish Everyone A Wonderful Christ Filled Season!



Of the many interactions we have with visitors to the Wonders of Science programs, one recurring theme common to questions posed is, “How can anyone be certain of eternal life, assuming it’s even true at all?”

Our ultimate authority is the Bible. Adam sinned, like produces like, the human race is fallen, Jesus the Creator pre-planned a solution by His willingness to become born into the human race (Christmas), thereby qualifying as a legal representative to die in our place (“*God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to be made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.*” 2 Cor. 5:21) and rise from the dead (Easter). Jesus’ sacrifice was accepted by the Father (“*but these things have been written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in His Name.*” John 20:31).

This message is so important! That is why God has led us to dedicate the past forty years of our lives to its proclamation. Thank you to all of you who have partnered with us in making it possible. May this season bring you confidence and joy in your secure position in Christ Jesus, our wonderful Savior and Lord.

In His Service, Dean & Terry

“You’re Not Allowed To Have A Face-To-Face!”

For several decades Wonders of Science has had a prison ministry where at times we can actually bring our equipment into Federal and military Penitentiaries like Folsom, Leavenworth and Terminal Island. State prisons have not allowed the equipment to enter, but we have provided sermon notes, tracts, study aides and correspondence materials to encourage inmates to keep their minds and hearts active in the things of the Lord.

On this particular tour, we were able to visit two different prisons in person. One visit was with a face-to-face contact where we could actually sit down in a conference room and chat. The encouragement that gives to inmates is of inestimable value to their spirit. This inmate was grateful for his imprisonment because he found the Lord while there! He’s become a strong Bible leader and teacher now after some 12 years of incarceration. Also, because of his behavior and skills he has been made director of a team of computer repair technicians who turn out repaired computers for education at drastically reduced prices.

Another inmate, we’ll call him Josue (“Ho-sway”) now at a different prison, was led to the Lord by this Bible leader prior to Josue’s transfer. To my knowledge he had never had a visitor in all the years of incarceration. Terry and I were determined to make a short side trip to see if we could visit on our way to our next program assignment. We learned that he was under maximum security and could only be “visited” through a computer monitor screen after we’d registered for a visit with the state via computer. Well, at least we’d be able to interact.

We arrived at the scheduled time, but were told we were not registered! I showed them the receipt and was told to wait. A half hour later, they found the records in cyberspace. We were passed through security and escorted into a small video room while the prison guard stood behind us. The monitor came up and Josue was called to his station. Warm greetings were exchanged for about 45 seconds. Then the screen went blank! I was crestfallen, thinking of how disappointed Josue was after finally getting a visitor.

The guard worked on resetting the computer and fiddled with the monitor for about 15 minutes. I was assured beforehand that if they got it going our time of 29 allowed minutes would not be cut short. We prayed and after those 15 minutes God intervened in an unusual way.

The guard told us to wait outside the room and he was just going to personally bring Josue into the normal visiting room so we could have a “face-to-face” through the thick glass visiting cubical. We were thrilled at the sudden change in the situation! We had a glorious time talking and then Josue asked a curious question that I’d never been asked by an inmate (or new believer) before.

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Enderlin, North Dakota

Pastor Dennis Norby and his family.

Last year **God opened the door for the full** Wonders of Science demonstrations at Enderlin's Community Center and also **gave us** the privilege of hosting the entire public school there on one afternoon for an assembly. This year we **returned to present** a seminar on Creation and Evolution. The two and one half hour program allowed for an intermission during which informal interactions as well as questions and answers were entertained.

The audience was very receptive and commented on how much they learned from "the rest of the story." We **so** appreciated the devotion and commitment of the young Lutheran pastor, Dennis Norby, his family and their congregation **to make this available to their community.**



Josue's conversation with me went something like this: "Is it wrong for me to cry and feel so excited after I have led my first person to the Lord? My friend and I were both crying and holding onto each other's shoulders! He had come to me with family concerns and was really down. I told him about how I had accepted the Lord and the guilt and shame were gone. He left to go to his room and I was afraid I'd offended him by being so blunt. Later he came back and that's when he told me that he had just prayed to trust Jesus, repenting of his sins and that's when we both started crying."

"Now I feel so amazing about that experience and the joy I had in seeing the Lord use me to help another person. Is it right to feel this way? Do you experience the same excitement when this happens to you? Why doesn't everyone share their faith with everybody they meet and watch God work such a miracle in that person's life?"

After listening to Josue it was difficult for me to even talk because of the lump in my throat. I glanced at Terry and her eyes were wet with tears of joy as well.

After our visit, I was able to thank the Warden's Program Director for her hand in arranging our visit. She had realized we'd come a long way and Josue was such a model prisoner. She had carefully searched the system and had finally found our registration. I gave the officer a box filled with Spanish tracts for Josue to share in the Bible study and chapel visits that the program director has set up for him and his first convert.

Please pray for inmates as the Lord brings them to your mind. Once some of them hit bottom, the only way they can look is up and many see the forgiving face of Jesus and come to trust Him.

Post Script: I recently received a letter from Josue and he was excited to tell me that his friend just led his wife and eldest daughter to the Lord! Never give up on anyone. Keep praying!

Prison Ministry (Continued from Page 1)

TONTO BASIN, ARIZONA

We presented the full Wonders of Science programs here last spring and had a good reception. One couple in attendance was Dr. Rick and Susan Oliver. They asked if we could team up with them for a series at Bullhead City, AZ in early May which we did. We hope to work together again soon.

For this recent series we helped with the church's annual vacation Bible school and then shortly there-after held a seminar on Creation/Evolution for the congregation and community. Many busy adults have not had the opportunity to hear the volumes of new information being discussed that seriously challenges the current consensus that God used evolution to bring everything we see into existence. One comment we received from a church elder was so encouraging (see "Comments").



The carnival at vacation Bible School was enjoyed by all!



BE INVOLVED!

Praise:

- Many decisions made during our WOS programs; For upcoming programs as God leads; For continued inquiries about Wonders of Science programs.

Prayer:

- Continued support through faithful supporters; On-going major equipment repairs (Million Volts!); For pending invitations to a science camp, and program requests in AZ, (AR & IL Air Force), NJ, PA, MT, CO;

Whittier Christian Schools Maybrook Campus Chapel, Whittier, California



There are times when a single room is not large enough to accommodate all the classes interested in a science assembly. So, we go outside! That eliminates all the popular demonstrations on light and color, but with eight hours of demonstration material from which to choose, and lots of willing volunteers, it's not a problem.



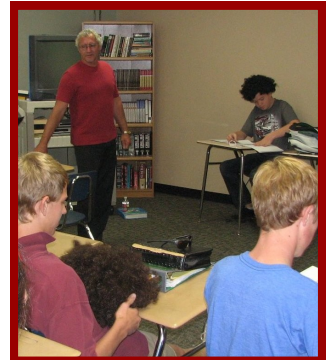
Dean speaks to the crowd in chapel.

HERITAGE ACADEMY, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

Heritage Academy made an unusual request once they were informed of our availability. Rather than hold an assembly (disruptive to a very full academic day) I was asked to speak to each science class throughout the day! That would mean six separate 50 minute sessions all day long for two separate days in order to cover every student.

What full, but exciting days! The very professional staff was so supportive and complementary as were the students. One special personal blessing was to be reacquainted with Terry's cousin, Curt Martin, and his wife, Grace, whom we hadn't seen for **thirty** years or so. Curt is the school's very popular and well versed HS Bible teacher. We could see why, after sitting through one of his classes during a break. We look forward to returning in the future for a full series for their community.

There were lots of questions!



Curt was instrumental in bringing WOS to Heritage.

COMMENT CORNER...

"Thank you for the excellent "Wonders of Science" presentations you presented, today, for our students. I know that several are eager to attend your evening presentation..., so enthralled were they by what they saw here. The biblical applications were absolutely appropriate, and I trust will be used by God to bear fruit in our students' lives as they learn to build their lives on the truths of God's Word."

-- Academy Headmaster --

"A [new] couple came to the evening meetings bringing their grandson and also attended [your message] that Sunday morning. They came to Sunday school again yesterday and still bring their grandson with them. Afterward the grandfather said that it was the first Bible study he had ever attended! I trust we will have the privilege of ministering to them long term."

-- Local Pastor --

"Dr. Ortner was our featured scientist during a daytime assembly to help generate interest for the evening program. His multi-faceted presentation was a hit with all grade levels (K-5). Both students and staff were able to discover scientific principles without being lectured to. Dr. Ortner's science program is not only interactive, but highly educational and informative."

-- Public School Teacher --

"It is my heartfelt pleasure that I got to attend your seminar tonight. I wish you the very best for your teaching and for your ministry. Your loving kindness is a blessing to this community and to us. Thank you again!"

-- Church Elder in Attendance --

"I remember with pleasure and awe your presentations here in Rhode Island at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center about 12 years ago and still love telling all of what you do and its power for Christ. Still hoping you'll be close by once again. Meanwhile, you remain in our prayers."

-- Recent note from past program attendee --

"Just wondering if WOS is coming to central Illinois again sometime? I was very blessed to see your presentation in 2003. It was incredibly encouraging. The last 10 years have been difficult and I was glad to have seen your presentation beforehand."

-- Recent note from past program attendee --

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UPCOMING ITINERARY

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| Science Camp, Oak Glen, CA | March 3-7 |
| ICHE Convention, Antioch, IL | June 5-6 |
| Harvey Cedars Home School Conv., NJ | June 8-13 |
| Sacandaga Bible Conf., NY | June 29-July 5 |
| Pinewood Camp, East Stroudsburg, PA | July 12-18 |

VAUGHN, MONTANA

The local public school offered its gymnasium for a community-wide outreach and in turn we provided two assemblies for the entire school. The challenge was that there was a volleyball game scheduled after the assembly so I had to take down all the equipment, then set it all back up for the following evening programs. It was encouraging to see the student's enthusiasm grow for the sciences. They were very attentive during sensitive references to the wisdom of how our creation was all put together so beautifully. Many students brought their parents for the evening programs, a number of whom also expressed their thanks for the program's content.

Vaughn Community Church sponsored Wonders of Science and while speaking there on Sunday morning we were introduced to some new visitors who were grateful to find a Bible honoring congregation. Pastor Rex Heckle made their acquaintance and was pleased to see them again the next Sunday.

Continue to pray for these tiny congregations whose faithful pastors nurture their flocks through consistent, uncompromising adherence to the Word of God.



PETRA Academy is a private Christian school providing a Classical educational experience (e.g., Latin is taught beginning in the third grade). Two assemblies were provided, one for the elementary and another for junior high through high school. I so appreciated the mature behavior, attentiveness and perceptive, adult-like questions I experienced with these young people.

That evening we presented a special program at Grace Community Church by combining demonstrations from all four Wonders of Science programs. ***We are always excited to see students from the school sessions bring their parents for the evening presentations.***

**PETRA
Academy,
Bozeman,
Montana**