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"The voice of one CRYING in the Wilderness . . . Prepare the way of the LORD" Is. 40:3

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Praise God for:

- + Daily opportunities to tell others about Jesus, especially at school
 - + The chances to share Jesus at our local O AFC Outreach Weekends
 - + Outreach weekends & events planned for 2011 and into 2012
 - + The blessings of host congregations, adult leaders and youth ambassadors
- Pray for:
- * Openings for O AFC Outreach Weekends and New Years Gathering
 - * The Growth of New Groups
 - * For added leaders, youth and host churches
 - * For Outreach Weekends & Events Scheduled (See list below for Sept. & Oct. weekends)
 - * For those who have recently heard the Good News of Jesus through O AFC weekends
 - * For God guiding and blessing the work of Pastor Dobbertein, the board of directors and



A Word from Pastor Dobbertein

By this time school has started for many of you, some in high school, others in college and still others may be working on graduate degrees. Some may wonder if school will ever be over, having spent most of your life in school.

As I read through the Bible, I have found that most of the leaders, that the scriptures tell us about, were also involved in

learning. Noah was over five hundred years old when he was taught by God how to build an ark; Abraham was one hundred years old when he had to learn how to be a father. David was a shepherd who learned to be a warrior, and king. There are many more examples of ongoing education of leaders in scripture. One of the keys is that these leaders also knew that they were not alone in their endeavors, God was always with them. He is always with us today, also, in our daily lives and learning experiences. David wrote in the Psalms " Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long." Ps 25:5. Daily we need to keep remembering what God has done for us in giving us a Savior. In all your learning ways remember first to acknowledge God and give thanks for your salvation and continue to do His will in all your lives.



The first weekend stop with many who joined them.

committee members
 * For the family of "Perry" Sakata who went to be with the Lord July 19th this year. She was very involved with the group in Alliance NE and Lincoln NE in the 70's and 80's. She continued to work with youth in her church through out the rest of her life. She had suffered from alzheimer's disease for the past 3 years and was ready to go be with the Lord. OAFc was a great blessing to her through her participation with her kids. She was a great lady of faith. (from her daughter, Tracy (Sakata) Leonard)



Tracy on 1978 Pennsylvania Travel Team with Dan & Ann Barz and Tom Moyer

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A Time of Growth

From Springfield, MO to eastern Iowa, all the way over the western Iowa, and back to Cedar Rapids, our Travel Team was blessed by Christ to speak with and to train many youth and adults throughout the churches of our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Our team was led by Matthew and Veronica Tassej, with Connie Kettner, Lucas Schmidt, Katrina Fricke, Kali Weissshar, Christian Perry, Josh Wudtke, Ryan Mueller, and Sydney Heimann.

This year because of the new Summer Training schedule we had two weekends: one in Platte City, MO and another in Cedar Rapids, IA. Our first weekend was a smaller one, with only a few youth trained and a couple of adults, but we were able to help this small town church learn ways to reach out to their community. At our weekend in Cedar Rapids we had over 15 youth and adults join us from the local congregation along with a number of ambassadors from around the area. The highlight for a number of us on team was the willingness and ability of the local youth to learn and perform "Bus Stop" in front of their friends and family in the congregation.

Our team stopped in a number of small town congregations along the way, with two youth riding with us in the van for another day at our next stop along with one local youth who joined us for all of Summer Training. It was cool and a great gift of the Holy Spirit. Along the way we had the time to stop in Le Mars, IA at the Blue Bunny ice cream museum and shop - after we found its new location.

The youth on our team really grew over the 18 days, both as a team and also as individual OAFc'ers. By the time team was over we took pride in the fact that we all had solid personal witnesses, a solid grasp and use of the Assurance of Heaven method, and training to be strong examples in their local groups. God blessed us with a great team and we continue to pray for the new group starting in eastern Iowa.

Report by Pastor Matthew Tassej



The Wisconsin team as they prepare to serve.

Serving Wisconsin

We are the Wisconsin Travel Team. Our team consisted of ten train ambassadors: Pastor Dan Smith, Bri Sonnenburg, Jack Loftin, Nate Smith, Kali Weishaar, Grant Perry, Michael Wesihaar, Sarah Hettig, Lauren Sperry and Emily Heuemann.

Our journey began on July 14 when we left Springfield, Missouri. Our first stop was to Indianola, Iowa. On Friday July 15, we headed to our weekend stop: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church- West Salem,

Wisconsin. There were eight area youth and adults that participated in this weekend. On Sunday July, 17 our stop was to Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Tomah, Wisconsin, here we did a nursing home visit along with our happening. On Monday July 18 we journeyed to Christ Lutheran Church in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Tuesday July 19 we traveled to First Immanuel Lutheran Church- Cedarburg Wisconsin. Next we stopped in Glendale Wisconsin and St. John's Lutheran Church on July 20. The 21, we our location was Immanuel Lutheran Church Brookfield, Wisconsin. Our last stop, also a weekend stop was at St Paul Lutheran Church in Brown Deer, Wisconsin. At this weekend we had a few participants from the church, but also three people from our last weekend joined us.

Sadly, due to several issues including intense heat, we only canvassed at our two weekends. Although we had this disappointment, we touched many lives and enjoyed sharing the Gospel of Christ with all who would listen.

Report by Sarah Hettig

Drumming - A Personal Witness

By Josh from Illinois

I always wanted to be a drummer. It seemed so fun. When I started I was in 5th grade and then we just played one drum snare or bass or whatever was needed. It was simple at first then we started learning different techniques like flams and rolls. In 7th grade I started taking drum set lessons and things got harder. It took a lot more hand-eye coordination having 2 hands doing different things and 2 feet doing other different things.

Each and every one of us is like one of the drums and God is in control but instead of 8 drums He has millions to take care of all at once and He knows exactly where each one is as it says in Luke 12: 6-7 "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." . God doesn't stop at knowing where we are but He loves us so much that He sent His only Son to die and rise again for us.



Iowa Travel Team as they prepare.

September & October O AFC Outreach Weekends

- September 16-18: Zion, Staunton IL & Zion, Pasadena, TX
- September 24-25: Trinity, St. Francis MN
- October 7-9: Holy Cross, Vandalia IL
- October 14-16: St. John Honey Creek IA; Zion, Bethalto IL & St. Paul, Flint MI
- October 15-16: Trinity, Fergus Falls MN
- October 21-23: St. John, Quincy IL & Immanuel, Cleveland OH

2011 Summer Training Travel Teams

Travel Team Report calls prospects not home ablaze youth trained

Immanuel, Conway, MO 43 1 36 7 1

Our Savior, Platte City, MO 45 4 72 8 1

St. Paul, Marion, IA 48 0 109 13 0

King of Kings, Cedar Rapids, IA 112 4 105 9 8

Prince of Peace, Cameron, WI 107 5 117 10 0

St. Paul's, Brown Deer, WI 102 5 214 11 0 0

Travel Team Totals 457 19 653 58 10

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