

Eagle Summit Ministry

CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING

small and rural churches
and their pastors.

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preaching, teaching & training



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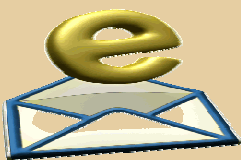
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2010 STRETCHING OUR



As sure as the Bible is God's Word, the new year will undoubtedly bring ministry challenges that may cause us to wonder if God knows and cares what's happening. We must remind ourselves of the truth of Scripture that "without faith, it is impossible to please Him (God); for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

You who have partnered with us through prayer, words of encouragement, and financial support help strengthen our FAITH. If not for you, it would be impossible to accomplish anything of eternal value. In 2009 we saw a number of campers come to know Christ as Saviour. We preached over 50 times at camps, Bible school programs, kids clubs and Sunday services. We are expecting God to stretch our FAITH even more this year. We need your support and encouragement even more for the challenges that lie ahead. God is aware, He does care.



THERE'S STILL TIME TO BE PART OF OUR "E-TEAM"

In our last newsletter, we had our first request for partners in prayer to sign-up for occasional e-mail contact (once or twice a month). A few have taken us up on this suggestion. There is still time to join and its absolutely free (this week only, JUST KIDDING). This is a simple and effective means of keeping in touch with ministry information.

Please consider E-MAILING us so we can add your name to our E-TEAM Prayer and Update List. All you need to do is send a "HI" to ghippe@integrity.com. We will know to add you to our electronic mailing list.

THIS WILL ENABLE US TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON BLESSINGS, CHALLENGES, NEEDS AND PRAYER REQUESTS.



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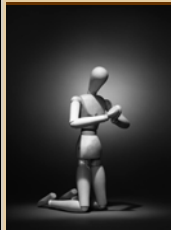
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Our Target Area:

Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana

Listed to the left are the cities and towns we have been in over the past thirteen years. We have served in well over 100 churches as well as at least a dozen camps.

Below are the cities Paul served in his missionary journeys. Our ministry is obviously not based on foreign soil, but it is every bit a missions ministry. We are assisting to reach our "Jerusalem." With strong churches in "Jerusalem," we can reach out effectively to "Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth." This is our mission field. Will you continue to assist us in "Serving God's Servants?"

**Partnering Through Prayer****PRAISES**

- VISA card — PAID IN FULL!
- DVD apologetics series from *Answers in Genesis*—provided as a gift
- Computers are working!
- Pray for 10 new churches and/or individuals to commit to monthly financial support for ESM
- Tabernacle Furniture Set—\$249
- Pray with us for ministry opportunities and effectiveness.
- Please continue to pray for Diane—health challenges

**LAPTOP CHALLENGES . . .
THEY'RE SOLVED!**

Sometimes trying to save money can cost far more than its worth.

After an over two year challenge, we can now report that our computer and software programs are running GREAT. We think we have all the glitches worked out of the program we use to record donations, print receipts and update our mailing list.

We now have Windows 7 installed on our new ESM laptop, that was purchased this summer after our laptop computer was stolen. We also have our office computer loaded with the proper software as a backup. I hope I have learned my lesson and do what it takes to keep up with software updates and changes. It will certainly reduce frustrations.





Thoughts from Diane . . . Social Profiling / John 9



During one point in our ministry we had the privilege to know one of the nicest families I've ever met. Their kids were not only cute but well behaved and genuinely loved their parents and each other. One of the children especially caught my eye. He had one of the nicest smiles I'd ever seen. That was many years ago and this sweet little boy grew up to be a godly young man. I've caught up with him recently and he related a story that had happened to him. He said he was in a very public and popular resort and that two security guards were following him. He's big, muscular and he also happens to be African American.

I've been reading through the book of John. In chapter nine is the story of the man who had been blind since birth. Jesus had a plan for this man that had been determined for one purpose ". . . so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." Jesus made a paste of mud and told the man to wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam. The man did as he was told and he was healed.

The other group of people in this story were the Jews. During Christ's ministry they had one purpose in mind. They wanted to kill Him. They set out to slander Him and destroy His ministry. They attempted to use this miracle to prove their case against Him.

You will have to read the whole chapter of John nine to see how God used this man and the Jews to bring glory to God. It is a powerful time in the ministry of Jesus. If we had been bystanders during this time in history, we would have had already determined in our minds two things:

1. We would have seen the blind man as a social outcast. He was a, man on the side of the road, who begged from others to merely to exist, a community burden with no credibility, no status.

2. We most likely would have seen the Jewish leaders as scholars, men of prestige having great power and influence over the society in which they lived.

God would have us see men as He does, blind and lost in a world of sin. We need the eyes of Christ to meet the glaring need of mankind. There is so much more in life than what we see on the surface. Jesus came in to the world to die for the sin of mankind. I would hope that in this new year you would take time to fill your heart with the truth of God's word and be ready with an answer to those around you that have a need that only God can fill. I hope you choose to be a part of God's plan. Don't just look at those around you and judge them by social status and outward appearance. See people as Christ would. Share the Good News.

Oh, by the way, I didn't finish the story about my friend. The security guards had misjudged him. Not only is he a man who holds the truth of God in his heart, he is a pastor who proclaims the message of Christ. What a blessing to know that he chose God's way. I hope you will do the same.



I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane



THANK YOU, SO MUCH . . .

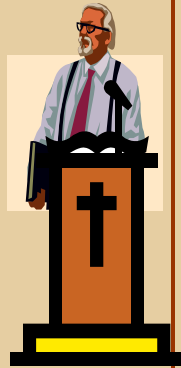
We asked you to pray for funds for a DVD apologetics series from Answers in Genesis—"Ultimate Apologetics" What a pleasant surprise to go to the office and find a special gift from a special young lady who has supported our ministry for a number of years. She took the time to purchase this DVD series, package it up and send it to us. What a kind and generous act. We will make this series available to churches and know that God will use this for years to come. THANK YOU, SO MUCH.



We have asked for prayer for our ministry financial needs. Each year, with the help of our board, we set a budget that we believe is very conservative, but does stretch our faith and forces us to our knees. We are pleased to report that through your generous giving we have met our budget for the third year in a row. In early years of ministry, it was not unusual for us to fall short of our projections. Your partnership makes it possible for us to fulfill the passion God has placed in our heart. THANK YOU, SO MUCH.



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STILL AT OUR ESM OFFICE . . .

We are still in our office at 2610 N. Pines. The building is for sale. There have been a few people interested in purchasing the building, but there are no firm offers at the writing of this newsletter. We are hoping to stay even when there are new owners, but that may not work out.

We are so appreciative of Ray and Donna Eberle for the past thirteen years they have all but given us office space for our ministry.



Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

December 20—New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA (Children's ministry)

December 27, January 3— First Baptist Church, St. Maries, ID

January 3—Heritage Church, Odessa, WA (John McCain)

January 5 & 12—New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA / AWANA Club

January —Mending Fences / Leadership meeting

January 23— ESM Board Meeting

TO SUMMIT UP



We are available for pulpit supply even on short notice.

Does your church need a speaker for your special outreach, AWANA Club, Sunday School, teen or kids winter camps, or any other special event?