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Project Theme: Use What You've Got and God Will Give You More

Project Acronym: L.O.V.E.

Long

Overdue

Valuable

Encouragement

To: International Director of Men And Women Of Action, Hugh Carver

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Memo: Reports on projects can be boring, especially if you didn't have the opportunity to actually participate on the project and intermingle with the team. Every project requires givers of time, talent and treasure, which go hand in hand with the "three P's," which are prayer, praise and perseverance as quoted by John Fisher. This project had all six elements.

Request From This Writer: I request that if you did not have the opportunity to actually participate with our team that you now participate, after reading this article, by utilizing the first two elements of the "three P's" as quoted by John Fisher in the memo paragraph directly above this paragraph.

Reason for This Request: I know that all of our projects are covered by prayer. On the other hand, we sometimes forget prayer and praise after the demonstration of perseverance. I have personally discovered that after any project returning team members encounter many difficulties on the home front in various forms. In addition, those left at the project site also encounter many difficulties.

(Did you know a cat has 32 muscles in each ear?)

“We need to pray after a successful project also.”

Perhaps you didn't participate on the project dates as annotated. Perhaps you never gave this project a second thought during the scheduled dates. Perhaps you thought that excellent leadership would take care of everything. Perhaps you thought all bases were covered. Or perhaps you thought that since you couldn't or wouldn't go that you couldn't be a team member. Perhaps you couldn't find the time just to ask if everything went according to plan. At this point in the article, you the reader, could never be more important and needed to the outcome of this Kingdom Project. By prayer there is no limitation to this team. The only limitation to being a team member comes in human form. Every team member has a job from the top to the bottom – no exceptions.

Perhaps yours is prayer. There are no tryouts for this team and everyone is a volunteer.

Request: Would you pause “right now.” Before you continue reading this article- please pray for ten minutes without interruption- without disturbance- without hesitation as an intercessor- for the workers of this project and all the other projects that other Men and Women of Action teams are participating in around the world. An MWOA Project list is enclosed so you can be specific in your prayer.

As I write, in a strange sort of way, I feel a little saddened that so many of you couldn't be with us on this special project for Youth also known as the “Future of the Church.” At this point many thoughts should be entering your “noggin.”

When our daughter, Lauren, was in elementary school she came home one day and explained the following as only a child can explain. She told us that her class was discussing moms and dads. She told her class that she was adopted. She was the only adopted child in her class. I remember the look in her eyes when she said, “I feel sorry for the rest of my class because none of them are (as she called it) “dopted.” She felt special that she was adopted. Everyone of our crew felt special to be a part of this special project that “dopted” us for these moments in time. They took really good care of us during our visit.

With the same stroke of the pen before the period or punctuation mark I feel saddened as I write because many of you couldn't be with our team on May 30 thru June 10th, 2005.

Let us now scratch the pen to the cotton and see what we can discover about this project, this team, and this Camp located in Clay County, Indiana on thirty-eight acres of land.

The theme of the project was “Use What You've Got and God Will Give You More.”

(Did you know a dime has 118 ridges around the edges?)
(Did you know a “jiffy” is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second?)

This article is an attempt to use what I have - namely a Compaq Presario and the American alphabet consisting of twenty- six letters and a blank screen on which to place my “hen scratches.” This is all God has given me to communicate with you about this project.

It is interesting that God provided some concrete blocks, some steel trusses, some sand, some mortar, some plastic schedule 40, a section of land full of Indiana shell & clay and that very special ingredient- YOU. God gave you to this project for this moment in time.

Each of you have your own thoughts; the following are mine. I trust you will enjoy this people, conversation and accomplishments generalization record of ministry. I very much enjoyed thinking about you and how God worked thru you to enhance Kingdom Ministry. On these pages is the recorded history of your personal participation.

Perhaps some of these thoughts will seem insignificant to those who did not participate. Perhaps they would not make excellent preaching material. Perhaps they would not make adequate teaching references. Perhaps they would not meet the standards of an organized effort to formally educate the Saints. But, to those who were present, activities like this is a demonstration of the Holy Spirit at work using a precious resource known as “His People.” My friend, may I say this with the deepest respect: there is no better first hand experience at ministry than to actually go into all the world - even a Youth Camp in Brazil, Indiana. These memories will never be erased or relived because the Holy Spirit gave us this time for His specific purpose. When you take away the “fluff” and actually participate with zeal then and only then: will you realize the effectiveness of your own personal and team ministry to others. There is no replacement or alternative to first hand experience tagging along with personal involvement.

The writer of “I John” was writing from a first hand experience the type that has “prima facia” evidence. The writer had been in the presence, saw with his own eyes, felt with his own hands and intermingled with the people. Therefore, this is a first hand description because I was there at the project. Everything in this article I felt, viewed with my own eyes or experienced first hand. You have your own thoughts but these are mine. Join me in my thoughts for the next few pages.

This is not the only project in the world. We looked at the list published by the MWOA Office and decided to pray each day for one of the projects. A list is enclosed with this article. We elected to pray for one project each day and one project leader. The Holy Spirit, you and prayer are essential to any accomplishment in Kingdom work.

You came from the Terre Haute Church of God, Rosedale Baptist Church, Friendly Grove Church, Benwood Mount Lebanon Church, Christ Community Church, Pleasant Valley Church, Carbon Baptist Church and other churches too. You came from a Men’s Group called the Lifebuilder’s. You also came from a small country church: Rock Run.

(Did you know that a shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes?)

You fed us three great meals a day. Total meals prepared and served totaled 898. It takes a lot of kitchen help to feed hungry workers but you did it with class and love. Some of the best Christian servant examples were not handling block but were on another assignment. This assignment was so important that all the workers (every one of them) flocked to your area of labor three times a day without fail. There is no Church in the world that had the consistent attendance that you achieved. One hundred per cent attendance is difficult to beat. They knew they were going to be fed. My recall isn't very good these days especially after punching all these letters on white paper for you to examine but I do recall a few faces that worked very hard or were assistants to the leaders. Some just stopped by to fellowship and extend encouragement. Let me now share what I saw and who I saw for a few lines.

The workers came from Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia, Michigan and Indiana. I saw Scott Vanatti, Shelly Bussing, Avalon Hapenny, Charlie Hapenny, Clark Lohse, Rosanne Aker, Pam Sappingfelt, Betty Ann Purcell, Jerry Purcell, Tom Sappingfelt, Kathy Pruitt, Sara Thompee, Segel Pruitt, Charlotta Whitty, Jim Whitty, Bob Decamp, Carmon Jackson, Bevelynn Sampson, Track Wyndham, Vicki Chamberlain, Shirley Reberger, Junita Sommers and Dianna McShannon. None of them were loafing.

I also saw Bill and Ester Harbin, Duane Sorensen, Cathy Records, Bette Fisher, Bryan Bretney, Shirley Parr, Betty Parr, Lisa Kneeland, Myrna Mager, Judy Adams, Sharon Donovan, Dottie Donovan, Kay Brant, Joni Ditto, Crystal Grubbs, Ramona Bryant, Alan Bryant, Tiffany Grubbs, Donna Teters, Betty Brown, Wilma Phelps, John Bealmear, Toni Woody, Natalie Horogan, Donella Crane, Charlotte Crafton, Patty Purcell, Angie Millar, Jeri Lawrence, Carolyn McCall, Carol Hansen, Lauren Taylor, Jacob Taylor (also known as Inspector Taylor) and Kara Bailey. None of them was waiting around for someone else to help. Their sleeves were pushed up and they were helping.

As I try to put name to face I reflect on seeing Pastor Randy McPike and wife Marty, Mary Ellen Channey, Pully Mattingle, Sharon Matteny, Debbie Hoggart, Adurey Abernathy, George and Elenore Long, Marilyn Beaty, Judy Pruner and Linda Wilder as they participated in the project.

I saw an entry on the log that was signed "ole Bert." Who might that be? Who signed his name "ole Bert?"

Penny Mattingly was there. Linda and Allison Wilder, Renee and Jessyca Rogers, and Kathy Yowell along with Hannah Yowell were also at the project. Sharlynn Mitheny, and Don Mishler were also at the site. Grass was not growing under their feet.

Larry Girton, Marilyn Douglas, Pam Hayes, Tammie Stenett, Becky and Barbara Kinery, Ettie Evans and David Evans were definitely part of this project.

(Did you know an ostrich's eye is bigger than his brain?)

Special thanks to Annette and Darrell Royer and Gale and Joy Jarvis for housing most of our team during the two weeks of the project. Our team members wish to tell you that they really appreciated your hospitality. You gave us a nice place to stay during our visit.

The local residents that served the meals waited on us hand and foot. I especially remember Pastor Randy McPike who always gives excellent devotions and is a demonstrator of care, compassion and love. We were all tired from the extreme heat and humidity. This Pastor is Pastor of The Rosedale Baptist Church. He could have been doing many things that Pastors do on a day – to -- day basis that would appear more important on the surface than being a waiter. But he chose to serve food and drink to some MWOA volunteers and local residents. We are glad he chose to do so.

He taught us and reminded us (with no words, just actions) that Christians must take care of one another. Mission projects are more than hammers and nails.

I tell the truth. Our glasses never got empty because he would walk the dining room and fill our glasses. This simple gesture of servanthood reminded us that this is exactly what we were in Brazil, Indiana trying to accomplish. When the laity observes a Pastor who is willing to take off his suit and tie and come down and be with the people, a special kind of ministry takes place. This time it touched people from many states who had come to do the same thing. “Perhaps birds of a feather do actually flock together.”

Another Pastor by the name of Dick McShannon came to work. He is the Pastor of Benwood Mount Lebanon Church. Benwood was our host Church. He had his work pants on and was ready to go to work. Pastor Dick worked a full day in pretty tough conditions compared to his usual duties. He had told me earlier that he would be there to work with the MWOA. He had just had surgery a few days before but was true to his word. Moving concrete blocks is not an easy task for those not accustomed to this type of work. But he came to serve and he served. The last thing is, he left a strong Christian witness.

Pastor of Friendly Grove Baptist Church, Perry Mager along with Gale Jarvis, Steve Crane and Jerry Purcell came to our Rally this past February. This Pastor - along with these men- wanted to serve others. Pastor Mager is President of The Board of Directors for the Camp, Gale is Caretaker and Coordinator, Steve is a Board Member and Jerry attends Rock Run Church and worked with us in Veedersburg last year. All good men—all servants, and all are examples, just like the MWOA.

(Did you know babies are born without kneecaps?)

All of these came to work and serve but little did they know- that one of the greatest things they served as was an excellent example of what MWOA is all about -- assisting others to serve. It is this writer's point of view that Christians must take care of one another.

Momentarily would you ask yourself, "Am I a servant or a customer?" Sometimes these two words -- servant and customer just sort of blend together and the lines between each just get crunched together. Before long we forget that Christians are specifically servants. But with the quality example of these men the lines remain clear, sharp and distinct. The servants were easily identified by us and by our Heavenly Father.

Another Pastor that was present each and every day along with his wife Martha was Paul Fillers. Paul is a "Veteran Of Christianity." As usual, they arrived with Daisy (the dog) ready to go to work. Paul is always ready to give devotions, use a paint brush, help move equipment or do anything to aid those whom we are attempting to aid. Perhaps we could learn a little more about servanthood if we took a close look at what the Fillers are doing in Kingdom work. He left Church Ministry to spend more time in the field with MWOA. He felt more people were being touched by the Holy Spirit in his ministry efforts by doing this type of work.

They came to serve. They are sometimes difficult to find because they do so many different tasks. One thing is for sure; they are always ministering from daylight until dark. You may find them ministering on the end of a shovel, pushing a broom, moving concrete blocks or in a suit and tie in front of a congregation. The thing I like about Paul and Martha is that they are down to earth people that make a project fun. When Paul and Bert Zuch get to "jaw jacking" it is hard to tell what will escape their brain and exit the mouth. Quick wit and good humor from these folks made our stay a little more interesting. They probably thought they were just having fun between each other but the fact is everyone got a kick out of the verbal exchanges. Laughter makes a tired man not so tired. Thank you for ministering to us.

Powerful moving devotions were the order of the day at breakfast and dinner. In the course of two weeks we had twenty-eight great times of fellowship thru inspired devotions. Men like Shelly Morgan, John Brant, Graham Myers, "BB" Bill Bradley, Gale Jarvis, Pastor Randy McPike, Pastor Paul Fillers, Pastor Perry Mager, Bob Miller, Herman Clegg, Danny Bowles and Mark Scarbrough delivered their thoughts as the Holy Spirit directed. I would like to mention that I also asked Jack Pittman to give us a devotion but Jack declined from the opportunity due to illness, but somehow Jack participated - probably by prayer, the first of the "3 P's of paragraph one. Jack knows about prayer. In fact, it was evident that each of the speakers knew about prayer. We listened to your teaching and enjoyed it a great deal. You served the Word and we were the recipients.

(Did you know that it is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open?)

There is something about these devotions that can never be replaced or duplicated in any form because each is unique for a specific time and a specific place. This was Brazil, Indiana May 30th thru June 10th, 2005. In all my joy I still feel sad that the entire readership of this article was not able to participate.

Old time friend of Kenny Kincaid's, Stan Tribble, popped up one day at dinner time. I must add that he did not appear out of the western sky like the old Sky King television show but off the asphalt that runs in front of the Camp and Benwood Church. It is always a pleasure to see Stan. Kenny and I met Stan on the Peru, Indiana Church of God project that was Pastored by Jewel Pratt. Isn't it amazing how God brings people together that do not know one another. Then in just a few short hours He makes friends out of each of us. Stan has been working at Braggadocio, Missouri for the same time we have been working at the Camp. Now that Stan has spent a couple of days here perhaps some of us should go to Braggadocio and lend him a helping hand. I believe the Lord would like that, don't you? I believe Stan is practicing what he preaches using outreach as a significant tool.

Another gentleman that just happened to show up for a few days was Lloyd Koester. Lloyd brought a gentle spirit and an eagerness to work for God. He was very helpful, assisting many of us with our tools and equipment. He helped our painters prepare the areas that were painted. His willingness to participate was inspiring to me and many other men. His gentle spirit and politeness would be difficult to duplicate.

Boring! It is boring to watch the flowers grow. Let us face facts. It is boring to watch anything grow. Just to sit and watch and not do anything is boring with a capital "B." It is boring to watch the flowers grow but when you get into the flower bed and actually start working it is exciting. Of course, I am using an analogy here to express the fact that these men, women and teenagers actually got into the flower bed of life and boring became exciting in their lives as they worked. The possibilities of future changed lives became apparent as they labored. Some that worked this project may never see the results but others will see the beauty of their dedication. They are not practicing the familiar phrase, "I've been watching that Camp grow" but rather are practicing a better phrase, "I'm a volunteer that is assisting that Camp grow." Ya see, they have discovered the difference between watching and participating. Of the two thoughts participation is the greatest.

Paul Reberger is always present at the Camp. He - along with Charlie Hapenny - continues to be consistent, constant and continual workers. They have a vision of children accepting Christ at an early age. They know this Camp is a quality resource to the entire county and perhaps the country. One of your loved ones might get saved at this Camp located at 525 E. County Road 1200 North, Brazil, Indiana 47834.

(Did you know that Maine is the only state that is only syllable?)

Paul Reberger said, "I'm tired but it is worth it." Then he cranked out one of those "Reberger" smiles and shook his head slightly up and down as he always does. We each understood what was being expressed. That is the attitude I want in my own life. "It is worth it." Charlie Hapenny said, "Jake, perhaps before long I won't be able to sleep because of the children making noise at the Camp." Charlie Hapenny is no stranger to children. He is a retired elementary school teacher. He lives a stone's throw from the Camp. They understand that we are preparing by participating in the future of the Church -- good men, good workers, wise and a blessing to others. They understand youth.

Bert Zuch was with us as we poured the footer. He was always giving us a good word for the day. His excitement has never faded or been derailed. Every time we looked up Burt was at the site working and helping our team. I enjoyed Burt's presence because complaints just do not come out of his mouth. He is a good Christian example to young and old. Age didn't get in his way. Paul Reberger thought Bert might be approaching eighty. But that is just speculation. Burt thought Paul might be about eighty - one. Who knows? They each work like they are twenty. It would be a blessing if the majority of our population had the opportunity to just come and work just one day with these two gentlemen. Oh my, the lessons they could teach one and all. I learned many during our project.

Brad Chamberlain loaned us a mechanical lift that came in very handy as it saved us some sweat and lifting on the gable ends of the bathhouse. Brad always is a pleasure to be around. He is positive and encouraging from the "get go." He worked a full day at the shop then came and worked a couple of hours in the evenings on the project. Brad is not alone with his enthusiasm. Brad's father dug the footers. He is Howard Chamberlain. Brad comes from Christ Community Church. This church Pastored by Tim Russell has sent many people to this large project such as Dick Burchell, John and Bette Fisher, Shelly Morgan, Bill and Ester Harbin, Burt and Rose Zuch and many more because they care about youth and the role accepting Jesus as Savior plays in the short and long scheme of life.

Joy Jarvis started working hard to put together an excellent menu for the workers. Sometimes it was difficult to pass up that extra piece of pie when we realized we had to go back to work. Joy, the food was excellent and all the food handlers worked as hard as the people laying the concrete blocks. Each meal was actually a feast.

After a few days of watching John Brant only eat one-half of what three normal men would eat at breakfast and lunch I realized what he was doing. He was saving up for supper so he could really "pig out." So I joined him and ate more at supper time because we didn't have to go back to work. After we were full those precious devotions followed. The cooks fed us well but truthfully the speakers filled us to overflowing spiritually.

(Did you know no word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, and silver?)

One couldn't help but feel in their spirit. "Good food, good fellowship and praise to God for letting us be adopted for these two weeks."

Perry Mager is a smart man. After all, he married Myrna didn't he? He can somehow get the message across with ease. He is tailor - made to be a Pastor. He Pastors The Friendly Grove Church and everyone else that comes into his contact. "I like that!" He knows no strangers and loves everyone. Kenny Kincaid attends this Church and says "his Pastor is a real Pastor." The very distinguishing element I enjoy about Pastor Mager is that he isn't afraid to come down from the pulpit and be with the laity. He is an excellent leader in that he Preaches and Pastors and knows the difference between the two as do most laymen. Laymen appreciate both Preachers and Pastors. I suppose each of us has many hats to wear but Pastor Mager wears a hat that says "who so ever will."

I remember sitting in our church office at 2501 Thompson a few years ago. This is just a short period of time ago that is now history. Once in a while it is worth it to thumb the pages of time and take a glance to view the rear of history. Our men were asking questions about the possibility of supporting a vision about a youth camp that didn't even have a name at the time of our discussion.

The leadership of our men and a group of men led by Pastor Mager sat across the table talking and thinking ahead about the future of kids. One of our men asked a question that time hasn't erased from my memory. The question hasn't evaporated either. The question was "what's the bottom line fellows?" The answer: "Every child should get to know Jesus Christ as Savior. This camp will be a place for this to happen." "No child should be denied this and if they cannot pay we will take them anyhow." What he said in one sentence many have tried to express in books, articles, publications, videos and an assorted use of verbiage from poor grammar to eloquent or formal composition styles. Pastor Perry just knows when to switch hats and speaks his heart always.

In the words of Lowell Eversole, "**we just make things too complicated don't we!**"

Our men responded and a relationship developed that has continued many years.

Wayne Turk is an interesting man. He's interesting to me because of something that happened to me. Can I just take a few lines and talk about me and Wayne? I promise I won't be boring and long. Come join me in the flower garden of life for a few lines.

Until a week before this project I never knew Wayne. Project leaders struggle all the time with issues that others do not know about. I needed a block layer before the project.

(Did you know "stewardesses" is typed entirely with the left hand?)

Brother Charles Taylor wanted to get the footers dug, underground plumbing installed, foundational concrete blocks laid and the pad poured and finished before the team arrived. Wow. I was in my basement and had just finished praying over the project and all the people that would be traveling to the Camp. I needed a mason real bad. So I asked the Holy Spirit to send me a mason for this project. Uneasy, I went to the computer. On it was an E-mail from Wayne Turk. Simply stated he said, "I am going to come. This will be my first missions project. By the way, I am a block mason by trade." One can imagine the feelings that entered my noggin and the water that exited my eyes. No fluff here, just a willing vessel that wanted to be used by God. "Get the picture?" "There were no ifs, ands or buts about it." There was no fluff in his words- just desire to enhance ministry.

Wayne, God certainly used you to bless this "old boy" from Indiana and a bunch of patient hard-working people that care about the future of the Church—kids.

Wayne -- along with eleven other people -- placed a Bible in the Eastern corner of the building at the foundation level. Then we prayed for the Camp. Wayne said, "I've laid a lot of block during the years but I have never had this type of feeling laying block."

But then again, this is the first one Wayne had laid with a Bible placed in it. I know Wayne is training to be an electrician now, but the Holy Spirit could use some block layers in Africa, Bolivia, California or someplace that you have never given a second thought. Just like Pastor Mager you can wear more than one hat and do an excellent job. You are a good witness. Keep up the good work. Your church can be assured that you presented a good witness.

On the day of the concrete pour we had an emergency that the Holy Spirit corrected for us. Our concrete finisher, Steve Yelish hadn't worked for some time. You can guess what happened. Steve was offered a job starting the morning of the concrete pour at the Camp. Now we had no concrete finisher. We understood and started to move our fingers thru the Yellow Pages to search for a concrete finisher. We looked high and low without any results. Paul Reberger referred us to Tim Byers. Tim is a Mennonite. He accepted and arrived at 8:00 a.m. to finish the concrete with his three sons. These are very hard working boys. They were gentlemen and very polite. Tim, his sons, John Brant and myself started to work on the finish work. The hot Indiana sun had started to dry the concrete out very fast. Tim was working very hard to get all the drains to slope properly.

The Lord is always on time. We looked up and saw Steve with all his tools. He immediately started helping Tim on the difficult sloping of the drains and together they got all the work accomplished. The floor looked great and we were now ready for the team.

(Did you know the sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the alphabet?)

As I was talking to Tim he asked who employed me. I told him that we were all volunteers working for free. His eyebrows dropped down and a smile shot up as he nodded his head with a confused look on his face. He said, "that's nice."

Not many people take the time to give to others. Seems like most folks are just interested in what they can get.

When the concrete work was completed Steve left as quietly as he arrived. No "fluff" here, just a willing vessel. He had got done early and then came to help us out. God bless you Steve. Your Christian witness is strong and direct.

God bless the Byers family. Tim, when asked how much we owed him for his labor, responded something like this: "All these people are volunteers. Would it be alright if me and my sons volunteer our time too?" Praise the Lord for the Byers family.

Like Steve, with the concrete finishing completed, the Byers family left quietly with their equipment. They each, however, left something behind that they probably have never given a second thought - memories of sacrificial giving to all the other volunteer's and- as well - the recipients. Denomination was no barrier here, just assistance and respect. "Pretty cool!"

Ya see, I somehow feel saddened because you didn't get to experience those feelings except by this gathering of letters printed on this paper. I tell you the truth, ink and paper will never replace first hand participation when it comes to seeing God move in the heart and mind of his people. The Byers family reminded me by their actions that the Kingdom can be strengthened if we all give a helping hand to one another.

Jeff Kreig arrived as the "Sewer Rat." Jeff is a professional plumber who goes to church with Wayne Turk in Columbus, Ohio. It is amazing how God puts a team together. One can think his brains out, manipulate, organize, and use ideal methods of operations just to discover that the Holy Spirit has already taken care of the need. The Holy Spirit always has a better way. Jeff took some time out of his busy schedule to arrive at the Camp and offer his assistance. He taught us all much about plumbing. The underground plumbing phase was accomplished in one day. Darryl White, a local contractor also took a couple of days off his regular job and volunteered to assist Jeff. Darryl was a big help and eased my mind by solving problems I didn't understand.

Jeff is the President of The Tribe Judah Motorcycle Ministries. This is a motorcycle organization that travels and ministers. If you are interested in having them at your church or another facility contact Jeff Kreig at www.tribeofjudah.com or write him at Jeff Krieg, PO Box 44173, Columbus, Ohio 43204. His phone number is 614-272-2612.

(Did you know there are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order? Glad you asked-----they are abstemious and facetious.)

Bill Bradley was bitten by a little tick in Maryland. Bill is a tough dude because he rode a bus for twenty - three hours just to get to a Youth Camp in Brazil, Indiana to volunteer his time on a Men and Women Action Project. He was not feeling good, but came anyhow.

That tick put the hurts on Bill. We all thought he was suffering from Indiana Allergies. He was tired and had redness around his sinuses.

One couldn't help seeing that Bill was sick but he never was late and he didn't call in sick - he just continued to give to the project. This was Bill's second trip to the Camp.

I asked him about the long bus ride. I thought he would complain about the long haul. Not Bill. He said it gave him many opportunities to witness and share his faith about Jesus. Bill unknowingly reminded me that the Holy Spirit can be shared anyplace, anywhere and at anytime. If you take the time to offer Jesus someone is willing to receive your witness, even on a bus going from Maryland to Indiana. God indeed gave us brothers and sisters to work on this project. Perhaps we should take the time and reflect on the lives they touch. Men and Women of Action travel to various projects around the world. These projects reach much further than we can even imagine.

As I consider Bill I cannot help but think about all the opportunities I missed to share Jesus - especially with people I spend a lot of time. Perhaps the next trip one takes should be a bus ride instead. It just might qualify as an adventure in Christianity. Thanks for the verbal reminder that Jesus doesn't care where He is shared. The point is - please share.

Bill, being a single person, was used to eating TV dinners. He was delighted to "chow down" breakfast, lunch and dinner. I told him if he ate a lot he would get better and this man from Maryland believed me with eagerness.

John Brant worked very hard laying concrete blocks all day. John was our lead mason. He is a brick layer by trade and he tried to teach (of all things) a painter to lay block. Now I know why so many block layers want to be painters. On the other hand, I only know of one painter who ever wanted to lay block: me. The block laying was interesting but the fellowship and knowledge that John actually gave me was more interesting and valuable. John is an interesting person to be around because he isn't afraid to tackle anything, especially work. He has a straightforward type of communication that cannot be duplicated by anyone because God gave it to him. He is unique. He also is a good speaker that gives excellent devotions. It is a pleasure to work with gentlemen who work hard for the Lord and share their hearts as they sweat. I will not forget our time together because your Christian witness has left a lasting positive impression on me, the other adults and all of the youth that participated in Brazil, Indiana.

(Did you know there is no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins?)

Kids, more than we know, take a very close look at each adult on these projects. You may not realize it but you are being watched with 20/20 vision. You cannot hide anywhere because kids will see you as you are each and every time you are in their presence.

When Lauren was a small girl we went to Daytona Beach just to hang out as a family. It was one of those vacations that you just didn't do anything you didn't want to do. Lauren and I love to walk on the Beach. So we took off at a snail's pace. When we were about three hundred yards away Charlotte got the video cam and took a shot of Lauren and I just walking and sharing with one another. Later, when we viewed the video, Charlotte said, "Lauren walks just like you." All the Crafton's have an odd type of walk easily identifiable. I surely inherited it from my father with whom I spent a lot of time. It was passed on to Lauren as we spent time together when she was growing up.

Here is my point with reference to the last three paragraphs. When youth see adults like John Brant, Jonathan Wallace and Adam Millar working for the Lord - and if they see it enough - they will also do the exact same thing. They will walk like you, act like you and witness like you. Thank you, John, Jonathan and Adam for your witness and being more than pew sitters. Thanks to all the adults that allowed our youth to watch and actually participate in an outreach of excellence.

Thank you for taking Christianity to the field of operation. I am positive that they walk just a little different now. Perhaps they will walk "just like you". Quite a responsibility.

Kenny Kincaid is also known as a problem solver and is handier than pockets on a shirt. We messed up on the sheeting by getting out of alignment. I just knew we had to do it over again. "I just hate to do things two times to accomplish them once." Kenny knows I'm like this. I talked with Kenny about the problem. He told me, "Jake you got a problem." I just knew he was going to tell me to tear it off and start over. But after a pause (I think he was enjoying watching me squirm) he said, "but there ain't any problem we can't fix." Then he shared the solution and made everyone smile. He took the complex and made it simple. Kenny is good at solving problems. He saved us many hours of hard work. Thanks Kenny for your advice. If it happens again I'll remember your teachings.

Annette Royer did her share of the lion's work. She helped carry "mud." She mixed it and used the "misery spoon" to shovel it up and onto the scaffolding. She carried concrete blocks, struck joints and got us equipment with which to work. If we needed it, she got it. She set scaffolding and moved heavy boards also known as "picks" by painters. In addition, she housed many of our Men and Women of Action from out of state. She is truly a lady that has the respect of one and all.

(Did you know that there are only four words in the English language which end in "dous"?) The words are tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.

Darrell Royer is Annette's husband. This man can do anything. He was there when the footer was poured, then again when we laid the foundation and later when the walls were being built. He worked his regular job then came to the project to work with our team. He is dedicated to seeing this camp completed and demonstrates it by active involvement.

Shawn Royer is working as a carpenter. His skills and talent always come in handy. He - like his Dad - came to the project after his regular job had ended. It is always helpful to get that young energy. He is no stranger to working at the Camp. He was here the last time we worked on the cabins.

Rochelle Royer also came to the job site after and between regular jobs. Always willing to help in any way she can she arrives with that special smile and soft, gentle appearance. But, don't let that fool you because she is a worker for the Lord. She loves mission trips.

I really appreciate the entire Royer family as they labored for the Lord as a family. What an example to the world and Christianity alike. As I look backward and reflect on activities associated with this project one activity stands out in my mind the most: When entire families are involved things happen that are positive, beneficial and progressive.

Make this Camp a family goal. Gather your family together and determine what you can do as a family. Sit down and just talk to your family. Involve them from the youngest to the oldest. There is no better experience than to go on a Men and Women of Action project with your entire family and work for the Lord, side by side.

One can talk about Family Enrichment Night (usually Wednesday) at the church all you want but participation in one of these projects is the next level of Family Enrichment so highly sought after as a place of achievement. This next level experience can be achieved by every family who puts the "peddle to the metal." This will bring unity to the family and, as well, the Church.

May I digress for a few seconds. You owe it to yourself and your entire family to go on at least one Men and Women of Action project as a working family. I guarantee you that you will leave with more than you take. Your family will be enriched. Your family will be strengthened. Your faith will be expanded. The energy that you receive will be transferred to your Church as you return to local fellowship. When families are involved things get done both on the project and within the family. One of the best places to get close to your family is standing next to each of them working on a common cause. It might be in Alabama, Texas or Brazil, Indiana.

The locations may vary but the outcome never changes. Unity in the family, unity in the church and unity among believers will surface if effort is the first step. Make an effort today to go on a trip and take your family with you. Oh, by the way, don't forget to ask your Pastor and his family if they will join your family as you reach out to others.

(Did you know it is said that women blink twice as much as men?)

This is where real “leadership and followership” actually unites. “You will get to know one another.”

I suppose this would be considered as moving to the next level. This next level thing is talked about more than it is understood. If you really want to move to the next level of leadership then go and take your family with you. To me this is real leadership. Ladies and gentlemen let us lead our families to the next level of enriching lives by our own participation.

I cannot help but thinking and wondering what would happen if the U.S. Church would “actually catch the drift” that families are one of the key ingredients to outreach and a concept I will title “in reach”. We both know and teach about outreach but seldom do we receive teaching about all the inward possibilities of change the “out – reacher” will receive. As we reach out God is reaching in toward us.

“In reach” is a natural by product of outreach. “In reach” occurs only after outreach. It is literally as important as outreach. It is a concept that occurs during and after outreach. It happens to every single individual that participates in some way or some how. It is personal and it is implanted by the Holy Spirit. There is a stirring that takes place in the interior of one’s being when working as a family on a common cause for another human being or beings.

Who knows, you and your family could inspire your entire church to reach out past the four invisible walls of the church and touch and change lives on this planet.

Bob Miller gave a devotion that made us think about our loved ones and the richness they have on our own life. Bob’s wife passed away not long ago and this left a big hole in Bob’s life. He also lost part of his back to arthritis. He wears a back brace because he has had part of his vertebrae removed. This man has suffered a great deal in his life but he was at this project working and doing anything he could for kids he may never know by name. I listened to this man talk about his love for his wife and the affliction he suffered with arthritis. All the time he was sharing about problems I noticed that he kept working -- even though it was difficult. He talked but he never complained. He just kept referring to Jesus as his strength. It was obvious that this man loved the Lord. I listened closely.

Here is the point in the paragraph above this one: don’t miss what I have to say. This rural gentleman was an example of “stick to it, buddy.” He told me that the Men and Women of Action were an amazing group. He continued to say that the MWOA is a blessing to the Youth Camp and that he would help in any way he could. Bob is correct, MWOA is an amazing group of volunteers and he is one of those amazing volunteers helping the Youth Camp. It is an amazing group because of people like Bob Miller.

(Did you know that your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or else it will digest itself?)

There are those who come and work for the Lord in spite of personal afflictions and sick or lost loved ones. They serve as an example to young and old alike that they can do all things thru Christ Jesus that strengthens them.

Bob Miller is a man of action. He joins other individuals such as Perry Mager who worked with a badly smashed finger, Bill Bradley who was bit by a tick and was very ill, John Fisher who has a bad back, Shelly Morgan who suffered a stroke, Joy Jarvis who has to use oxygen, Kenny Kincaid who has emphysema, Steve Crane who fought cancer, Dick Burchell who suffered a heart attack, Richard Oliver who, by the way, walks on crutches and various others who have worked on this project in spite of personal situations that seemed to limit accomplishments. These are overcomers by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. The amazing element is that God uses people to accomplish his will and in doing so He strengthens each of us. Period!

Dan Bowles, Joe Chopp, Duane Hooper and Will Stover all arrived at the camp ready to go to work. I appreciate these gentlemen because they worked on their own project last year at Houghton Lake, Michigan. They built a beautiful ten thousand square foot church. I worked personally with Danny, Joe and Will. Once you meet any of these men they become your friend. They all have something in common with each other. Each of them has this sort of twang in their speech. I suppose it must be from the cold temperatures way up North. Together they finished the overhangs on several cabins and helped paint five cabins. I don't know about the amount of food they consumed but Danny called me from Minot, North Dakota and told me that it was some of the best food they ever ate. Our cooks did a fantastic job. Thank you Danny for calling.

Duane was a big help because he had a lot painting experience. Joe is always eager to work hard. I think it is his second nature. While at Houghton Lake, Michigan I learned that Joe shot on the Marine Corps Rifle Team. We had a lot in common because I shot on the Army Rifle Team. Will is one of the friendliest men I have ever met. Will has been a big encouragement to me. I remember his devotion sitting in that restaurant in Michigan. He received bad news that his friend (Andy) has passed away, but stayed to work on the project. He received the call at the beginning of the project.

Will is always willing to do anything and eager to be a helping hand. He always takes the time to speak a few words of encouragement. Danny gave a beautiful devotion. He shared his vision for Houghton Lake and encouraged all workers at Brazil, Indiana to hold onto the vision and don't let it go because it will be worth it. Projects do not get done at the flip of the tongue. It takes a lot of work and coordination but you will be stronger, he added.

At this point it might be well said that if you are taking advice it might be wise to take it from someone who has worn your moccasins. (By the way, I'm not Indian). Thanks!

(Did you know that there are more chickens in the world than people?)

These four men and Bill Bradley went to the Indianapolis 500 Speedway which is about an hour from the Camp. They teamed up with several locals to clean up a section of the track after the big race. None of them had ever been to the 500 Race. This group of volunteers earned \$3500.00 for the camp by doing some nasty cleanup work. In addition they sold the cans and netted another \$400.00 for the Camp.

The Terre Haute Church of God Life Builders presented a Check to the Camp for \$1000.00 that was generated by the Annual Golf Scramble.

A few days after the project ended a local retired business woman gave a check for \$75.00 to the Camp. She had been following the achievements and just wanted to give a love offering. Thank you, Margaret.

A few days after the project the Camp received \$2,000.00 for work accomplished by local residents under the leadership of the Board of Directors. This was a community effort. In addition, the Camp received a check from the Church of God International Offices of The Men And Women Of Action for \$375.00 to be used for construction needs.

Once again, a few days after the project a local Foundation contributed \$5,000.00 to the Friendly Benwood Community Christian Youth Camp.

Jerry Bailey from Battle Creek, Michigan had started to leave for Brazil, Indiana to work on the project when he got an unsuspected phone call. His son had suffered a heart attack. Jerry then called us and let us know that he was on his way to be with his son. He asked for prayer. Pastor Mager prayed over the request along with the team members. A few days later Jerry called again saying everything was improving. Wayne Turk had car trouble but made the trip to lay the foundation blocks.

Herman Clegg and Mark Scarbrough built, loaded and transported the steel trusses from Tennessee to Brazil, Indiana. It is absolutely amazing how God puts together a team. Herman called and said Mark would build trusses for the bathhouse. Herman and Mark not only delivered the trusses but they also installed them before Mark had to leave for home. Seems like Mark had a board meeting in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He and Richard Oliver waited until the last minute before they left.

Herman told me he has two mission passions. One is Emma' Kids in Africa and the other is the Brazil, Indiana Youth Camp. This man works like he means it. He is a man of action. If you want to go to Africa, call Herman.

Mark said he loves working in missions. He believes the Youth Camp is going to minister to many, many people and has already changed the way many people think and live. We appreciate all that Mark and Herman did to make this a successful project.

(Did you know that there are 293 ways to make change for a dollar?)

While we were preparing for the arrival of the team Pastor Perry Mager got his finger smashed on a mortar mixer. It was a nasty smash but the Pastor is recovering.

Charles Taylor had problems in Florida with a contractor he was using to work on his house. Charles and I talked every day or two. He gave me good advice and direction each time I talked with him. It is a secure feeling that if one has a problem he can call any MWOA project leader and get a good solid answer.

Rain was the order of the day the first week. We were beginning to wonder when it was going to stop long enough for us to get something done.

Mud and lots of slipping and sliding also made an appearance at the job site.

Humidity at its best accompanied the rain and mud. Those are an awesome team but it gave us some time to talk and be friendly while anticipating what God was doing at this project and projects around the world.

Travis Girdler couldn't make it to the project because of a gallbladder operation.

Mike Willison took photos from the beginning of the project until the end. You can view these photos on ctministries.net Log on and see what God is doing!

While on the ctministries.net website check out the Russian project. For information on this project contact Peter Priest, 3693 Country Wood Rd, Terre Haute, Indiana 47805. Call Peter at 812-877-6972. E-mail him at priest@RoseHulman.edu

Doreen Neff wrote a nice letter to her pastor about the project. She lives in Tipp City, Ohio. The locals would remember her as Doreen Shepard. She and I grew up going to The Pilgrim Holiness Church on Jackson Street and graduated together in the dark ages (1968). You might also remember a couple of her brothers-- Don and Bobby. Thanks to you Doreen for being a part of this project. She was one of our prayer partners.

While working on the project Steve Crane was back and forth. His mother was not doing very well so Steve distributed his time between being with his mother and working at the Youth Camp. Steve is a board member of the Camp. He is a constant source of encouragement. Steve has been to our Rally in Tennessee and has also worked at Veedersburg, Indiana and in the state of Kentucky. He remembers the "Dinky Road".

Don Donovan and Peter, his son, were always working on the project. Peter grew two feet from the last time we saw him in 2002. Don is still the same height.

(Did you know it is said that the sun never sets on the MWOA?)

Peter is a fine young man. Peter laid concrete blocks, helped put decking on the roof and helped install the metal roofing. Just like the Royer family the Donovan family is working together to build a youth camp. I personally enjoy being around Peter who is a little quiet but not intimidated to attempt anything. He is a sharp young man who loves the Lord.

One of the best ways to see your children establish a Godly attitude is to work side by side with them for a common cause. I tell you the truth: some of our teaching techniques would change if more families would work in unity to enhance the ministry capabilities of other human beings -- be it in your hometown or around the world. *It costs almost nothing to take your family to a project. Be bold enough to spend the time and reach out this year. If you cannot go sponsor somebody who will go. They will appreciate it.*

John and Bette Fisher & Jeremy Bussing are another family that is working together to strengthen this facility. Bette is the wife and Jeremy is the grandson. John is a retired carpenter and a very good one I must add. I have been painting many of the structures he built a few years back. The same quality that I followed in his professional work I see in the work at the Camp. Anything John does is right the first time. He believes that the Lord wants us to accomplish things correctly and in unity. He believes God does things like healing us and allowing provision for our families and He does it right.

When we do anything for the Lord let us do it right. It is a pleasure to work with a man like John. I have the same attitude as I reflect on the motto, "use what you got and God will give you more." Ask John about the terrible cut on his hand that was so bad his finger was in jeopardy of being amputated. The doctors were going to cut it off but John's father decided to leave it alone and pray for healing. I suppose this is why John likes to do things right because God healed his hand. I suppose this is a reminder that John sees every time he drives a nail or cuts a board.

In the same thought block of expression I suppose if we took some time and reflect on what has and is happening to this once identified clump of shell, woods and clay and now see ten completed cabins and a bath house we can't help but feeling what John must have felt. God is at work and will not quit until the job is completed -- right. God is working and using one of His best tools-- His people.

Charlotte Crafton, Lauren Taylor & Jacob came and visited the project. They took a few snap shots and enjoyed the fellowship. Of course Jacob thought the basement of the church (our dining hall) was in fact the Indianapolis 500. You could tell that this infant felt right at home around people that loved him. I watched my grandson intermingle with the men and get their attention one by one. All of these men gave my grandson the same attention they give their own children and grandchildren. One lady asked to hold Jacob when devotions started. His motor was "revved up" and devotions were the furthestest thing from his philosophical reason for living.

(Did you know that MWOA has more projects than we have leaders to accomplish? Why don't you become a leader today? Get involved!)

Quite to my surprise he sat on her lap and didn't move a muscle; remember Jacob is twenty-seven months old and bursting with energy.

As the devotions started, I watched Jacob sit on the lap of a woman he had just met. They developed a quick friendship. I then digressed mentally from the content of the devotions (you know what I am taking about because you have done it too, so there!) thinking to myself about this project. I thought about how many children would find a Christian friend at this Camp. I thought about how important it is to develop relationships with people of the Christian faith. I thought about the care this Camp would provide. Somehow the building part of this project seemed insignificant to the care that would be presented. It takes care to give a twenty-seven month old your attention men. Ladies, it takes care to hold a youth and listen to them and let them feel they are special.

I think this Camp will provide a safe, organized place where the young can feel loved and special and the old can feel exactly the same. Jacob was safe and secure as he listened to devotions and my mind wondered the atmosphere for reasons this Camp will be a facility where many will get to know Jesus. As Jacob sat on the lap of that lady, I wondered what the Holy Spirit was instructing Jacob. I do not mean with words, I mean with atmosphere and relationship with other believers. God does in fact talk baby talk because He will do what no other God can do. Jesus loves the little children.

The Terre Haute Church of God Youth Group Pastored by Jonathan and Karina Wallace brought a team of great workers for the Lord. The team consisted of Johnny Wallace, AJ Millar, Graham Myers, Mike Bailey, Whitney Wetnight, Tia Wetnight, Josh Sanders, Ashley Whitley, Kara Millar and Danyel Millar.

Gale Jarvis led this team of youth who cleaned ten 24x26 cabins (8640 sq ft), cut grass, moved playground equipment, set freeze plates, drilled holes, disposed of trash and served as laborers who cleaned the work site. Some of the group talked at dinner. Tia and Josh talked to the adults at devotion time and shared what they felt on this mission trip. Graham Myers and AJ Millar volunteered to work on the project before the team arrived.

I was very pleased that our teens volunteered on this project. I am sure they have a different perspective now. Thank you Jonathan for committing our youth to this successful project of giving and helping.

Billy Parr and I talked after the evening meal one evening after the work for the day had been completed. He is a pleasing man with a gentle voice that grabs your attention instantly. A local businessman by the name of Tony Trotter couldn't get away from work so he sent his employee to work on the project and paid him his regular income.

(Did you know that the average American will spend about six months sitting at red lights in his lifetime? Have you ever been where there is no electric light?)

Joy Jarvis started preparing her team of workers far in advance of our team's arrival. The hospitality extended, the patience offered and the coordination practiced made a lasting impression on our team that they were appreciated. "After all, we were dopted".

Bill and Ester Harbin are always ready to assist. They are a very nice couple that always put a smile into their labor.

Richard Oliver is another interesting man always full of praise for the Lord. I was introduced to Richard by a man who jumped off a big bridge in Africa. The bridge jumper is Herman Clegg. Of course, Herman was bungie -jumping. Herman has some interesting friends around this word, literally. Richard is one of those friends.

He draws absolutely no attention to himself. Perhaps that is the interesting element I immediately recognized in his Christian Witness. Richard also accompanied Herman for a week last year to work on the cabins. Together they have accomplished much for the Camp. Richard helped us get tools and served as a taxi driver with one of the two furnished golf carts from the Camp. He worked on the concrete blocks using a striking tool to smooth the joints. He shared with us at devotion time and served a great attitude-- never complaining about the heat, humidity or difficulty of his labor.

Herman, Richard is an interesting man -- one each of us learned a great deal from-- spiritually and physically. Thank you Richard for sharing this portion of your life with us. By the way, you didn't notice how many of the youth noticed your witness but I did. You are a Christian example of "I can do all things thru Christ Jesus that strengthens me." Richard, you are using what God has given you in time, talent and treasure.

My grandson, Jacob, will remember Richard as the man that had the keys to the golf cart. Jacob must have thought his role as the youngest MWOA worker was to ride around with Richard and be the inspector on the project. When everyone was tired, hot and hungry, Jacob was full of energy so Richard took him for a short spin, developing a relationship along the way because Richard took the time to minister to a child. As the new - fad saying goes that you hear everywhere, "that's what I'm taking about." Relationships are one of the most important elements in our lives. Relationships are essential to a successful project.

Perhaps Richard has the "key" to more than a mere golf cart. He really cares for everyone, even a small child who could have been easily overlooked-- considering all the activity that was taking place. It kind of reminds me of when Jesus was walking but slowed down to talk with Mary— one--single person. Each one of you is important.

(Did you know that the vast majority of Christians will never serve in the missions field?)

I told you Richard taught us a lot. Perhaps we should slow our walking and talking down and then we too could have the mindset of Richard. I have to stop typing here but ask that you not erase these simple words: “God cares for you-- young, old or disabled.”

Ashley Whitley attends church at the Terre Haute Church of God. I just want her to know that she ministered and influenced the men on the project with her willingness to “take the bull by the horns.” She helped carry concrete blocks and clean mortar from the floor. She helped move scaffolding and boards. She did all this with a continuous smile. This young lady is a hard worker and a good witness for Jesus. Thanks Ashley.

Mike Bailey is also one of our teenagers. Mike did a good job helping Gale Jarvis move playground equipment. I think he enjoyed riding on the tractor the most.

Adam Millar is a truck driver by trade. He worked his shift then helped us at the project. Adam got a migraine headache that wouldn't go away and couldn't return to the project. He told me the following after seeing the camp first hand. “Jake, I didn't know it was like this with all the cabins.” Adam said: “This is one of the nicest places for Christian Activities I've ever seen and it is right at our backdoor. I just didn't realize the potential, but I sure do now.”

AJ Millar worked with us before the team arrived. We-- worked in the sun--rain--mud. AJ also worked with Herman Clegg. AJ was working with me-- when, all of a sudden he was gone. When I found him he was drilling holes for Herman. AJ enjoys working with men. He told me he loves working with his dad, Adam. AJ will do any task you ask him to do and represented his church with a demonstration of servanthood.

Emily Bryant, Jeri Lawrence, Angie Millar, Carolyn McCall, Shirley Parr, Cathy Recon, Rose Zuch, Amy Meister, Patti Purcell, Joy Jarvis and Charlotte Crafton can surely cook a good meal and serve a special smile. To tell the absolute truth even if the food was terrible the smiles would have made up for it. In this instance we had the best of both elements, food and smiles. Thanks ladies.

Bill Reberger was there carrying boards, moving scaffolding, getting materials, driving a truck and many more jobs that needed to be accomplished. Bill in on the Board of Directors for the Youth Camp. As this article is being written he is on the way to Alaska just to see what he can see. Have a good time. You worked hard.

Graham Myers was our photo man. Graham is making a video of this project. I'll send you a copy when Graham gets it finished. You can be sure of one thing; it will be of the highest quality within his means to finish. Graham will put it together in a way that all will enjoy the contents. Graham is no stranger to working for the Lord. He started working for the Lord as a very young boy. He developed good sound relationships with men who served the Lord. One of the finest examples of a servant is his own father, Dave.

(Did you know that “Dreamt is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt”!)

During general conversation one day Dave shared the following: “Jake, when I got home from work Graham and Garry (Dave’s other son) met me at the door. They were ready to go to the camp out sponsored by the men of the church. I was tired and they were ready to go.” Robin (Dave’s bride) just sort of laughed because she had them all day at home waiting for Dave just to come home from work so they could go fellowship with the men at the camp site. Both these boys have a great relationship with the men in the church and a personal relationship with Jesus.

Back to the family working together for just a few lines. Dave didn’t send his boys. He took man of action and has been involved with the camp from the beginning. He invested in this facility for Youth and now his son’s are doing the same thing. them and stayed with them in the rain, mud and sun. That is one of the things I admire about Dave the most. He is a “taker with him, rather than a sender with them” type of man. Dave is a

Folks, if we give a good example of what Christian service is then our children can learn about it and continue this valuable extension of Christianity in the form of servanthood.

Let us be like Dave Myers who involved Graham and Garry his son’s. Let us be like Don Donovan who involved Peter, his son. Let us be like Adam and Angie Millar who involved their son AJ and daughters Kara and Danyel. Let us be like Annette and Darrell Royer who involved their children Shawn and Rochelle. Let us be like Lauren Taylor who involved her son, Jacob and let us be like John and Bette Fisher who involved their grandson, Jeremy. Don’t rush past this paragraph.

Look closely; these are examples. These, along with others, put action together with their faith. They have taught me a great deal using a technique I call “silent teaching.” There wasn’t a great deal of organized preaching but there were abundant demonstrations of the faith within.

I saw prayer, faith and stewardship at its’ best -- even though there was no offering plate passed. I saw fellowship that one cannot buy -- love that not every Christian gets the opportunity to actually see and partake. I saw an extension of the church. I saw World Missions at work in my own “back yard.” World really means world to the International Offices and MWOA.

Silent teaching occurs on every MWOA project. Subjects are taught thru the natural process of sharing, interacting and intermingling. I wouldn’t trade my time on this or any MWOA project for anything the world offers as a substitute. Many men and women on these projects have graduated from fine Universities and some have not finished high school.

(Did you know that “silent teaching” is one of the best ways to learn. Let us be silent enough to learn the lessons taught by others in the class room of life and Christianity).

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Some of the most educated get the most benefit from the teaching that lasts twenty-four seven. Talk about intensified Christian training and development -- this is it!

Perhaps some of us spend so much time trying to teach others that we forget to let ourselves be taught.

Isn't it time you received some "silent teaching?" There are no physical, administrative or psychological restrictions. If there is a restriction it will be discovered in your spirit.

Perhaps I can add this thought as I wind this machine down:

If you have received no "silent teaching" you have missed a great deal of the perspective of Christianity in its purest form.

It can be corrected with "silent teaching."

Let each of us be like the participants on this and many other projects around the world.

"But most of all let us be like Jesus who didn't only send but went personally."

Reflecting and concluding thoughts put to paper:

Go ye therefore into all the world. "How about you - how about me - how about us?"

Do you really know the people in your Church? Do you really know them?

If a Youth volunteered to go on a MWOA missions trip would you volunteer to take that Youth to expose him to Christian servanthood or is that someone else's Christian responsibility?

If you are a Pastor and some one in your church had a desire to serve would you go with that laymen to the short term mission field that MWOA offers daily?

How many laymen have you sent from your leadership to the mission field? Be honest now!

How many people from your Church have actually went on a mission trip anywhere in the world, including Indiana?

What is the closest mission trip the Church of God offers to your Church?

(Did you know that you can do all things thru Christ who strengthens you?)

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What is your role as a layman?

Mission trips are more than hammers and nails. They are about relationships, faith and an extension of love surrounded by great expectations both physically and supernaturally.

I hope to see you on a MWOA trip. I'll be looking for you -- and so will the people that need your personal touch in a silent sort of way.

PERHAPS SOME SILENT TEACHING WOULD BE IN ORDER. And if not silent teaching perhaps some silent learning . Any way one looks at it is a win - win activity.

Some of them have been waiting for a very long time for your arrival.

I leave the confinements of this Compaq with one lingering question that can only be answered by you individually. How long will you wait before you go?

Indiana Director, Men And Women Of Action
Jerry (Jake) Crafton

P.S.

A gentleman that attended the Benwood Mount Lebanon Church that traveled a lot on his job and did some missionary work that recently passed away was so impressed with all the work and participation being conducted at the Friendly Benwood Community Christian Youth Camp that he left the Camp \$36,800.00 to be used for construction.

Some of the last energy he spent was for Youth of which he will never see this side of Heaven.

And that, my friend, is a silent teaching that will be extremely difficult-- if not impossible-- to misplace within one's self whether you participated or are just reading this article.

What is contained in these above three P.S. paragraphs is some of the best silent teaching examples known to man.

Page one stated the theme of the project: "Use What You Got And God Will Give You More."

Page twenty-six, last sentence, sixth paragraph under the postscript also leaves you with this message that is right on time: “Use What You Got And God Will Give You More.”

God knows what He is doing. “All we need to do is offer a helping hand called “silent teaching.”

The following is a list of those who signed the Men And Women Of Action Personal Covenant And Liability Release Form.

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Avalon Hapenny
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Don Miller

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Ettie Evans

David Evans

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The following is what we accomplished in work terms on the Friendly Benwood Community Christian Youth Camp.

Dug a 30' x 36' -18" footer out of shell and clay. Installed field tile around outside

Poured 13 yards of concrete footer

Laid 400 concrete foundation blocks

Laid 2600 concrete blocks on exterior and interior walls

Installed under ground plumbing, 16 drain openings, 8 vanity stations and wet vents

Installed steel trusses

Installed 1080 square feet of 5/8 's sheeting

Installed felt paper 1080 square feet

Installed metal roofing 1080 square feet

Poured concrete pad 30'x36'- 4" deep

Installed 400 square feet of concrete lap siding on gabled ends

Install fascia board, and top plate 250 linear feet

Delivered 66 tons of pea gravel and hand spread it for fill and drainage

Trimmed out 20 cabin cedar support posts

Installed soffit on four cabins porch ceilings, about 200 square feet

Cleaned concrete floor areas including new bathhouse 10,000 square feet

Painted five cabins about 4800 square feet of area concrete lap siding with 2 coats

Caulked openings on ten cabins

Installed wood trim around A/C unit and caulked

Re-caulk 20 interior windows

Church of God
International Men and Women of Action

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Youth Camp
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Project Leader: Jesus

Indiana Administrative Bishop: Ronald Martin
Indiana Youth and Christian Education Director: Fred Smith
International Director of Lay Ministries: Leonard Albert
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Indiana Liaison: Danny Tompkins

Indiana Lay Board: Colonel Barger, Jake Crafton, Mike Fetzer, Dr. David Harris, Bob Kee, Del
Marshall, H. Lloyd Pratt and Jack Stout

FBCCYC Board: President of Board: Perry Mager, Cheryl Bealmear, Steve Crane, Gale Jarvis,
Bill Reberger, Burt Zuch, Dan Baty, Brad Chamberlain, Don Donovan, Paul Reberger,
Joy Jarvis and Deb Raderstorf

Inside The Writer's Mind

Question: What prompts a person to sit at a computer and annotate Christian Ministry?

Answer: In a direct and descriptive paraphrase of the words of Hugh Carver: “it is not what we do that is important but rather why we do it that really is important.”

I suppose listening to Bill Bradley talk about a twenty-three hour bus ride, Bob Miller telling about the loss of his loved one and an attack on his body know as arthritis could prompt one to make a few annotations. In addition, watching Shelly Morgan stand in front of MWOA workers giving a devotion after suffering a stroke, watching Jonathan Wallace take the time to bring several youth to this project (just to work and be a part of MWOA), viewing many women from surrounding Churches prepare many meals for the laborers as they labored with actions that are louder and clearer than any big words any human can invent, seeing John Brant utilize the skill God allowed him to learn, seeing Paul and Martha Fillers arrive for work faithfully every day with zeal, zest and encouragement, seeing John Fisher put finishing touches on the handy work of men like Kenny Kincaid, Bob Hansen, Ken Seymour, Landell Raburn and to include many more, to see and look directly into the eyes of a youth named Graham Myers as he shared his heart to those who came to minister themselves and, in conclusion, to be involved with a cutting - edge ministry that cuts the heart out of the Devil's fight for our youth.

To me, personally, what was accomplished at this project was as if we in
unity spit in the Devil's eye.

To me, personally, I enjoyed each moment that God allowed us to be
together. The spirit of adoption is alive and well.

“There is a project ready to adopt you---so get, dopted, now”!

This is a written historical account of the International Men and Women
of Action Ministry, Cleveland, Tennessee.

This article is a record of unique ministry and is dedicated to a unique
Pastor.

This article is dedicated to Dr. Herb Frazier. As this article is unique so
is Brother Frazier. Brother Frazier was never in a hurry when it came to
youth. When he was Senior Pastor of the Terre Haute Church of God in
Terre Haute, Indiana I observed him just sit and talk to our youth. One
of our youth that now attends Columbia University in South Carolina
told me that Brother Frazier is the only Pastor that ever just sat and
listened to him speak without interruption. Likewise Brother Frazier was
Pastor when I started working in MWOA Ministry. I had been to so
many meetings that I was getting bored and felt that I was heading
nowhere in a hurry. Brother Frazier gave me good advice by telling me
to keep going to the meetings because God was just getting me educated
so he could use me later. Many accomplishments have been made
because a Pastor took the time just to sit and talk not only to a youth
presently in South Carolina but to a Painter in Terre Haute, Indiana.

May God bless you and Jewel.