

Reaching the youth of the world

It was my privilege to travel to Philadelphia & present global youth missions to a group of 35 Grace College students at the beginning of August. I joined them as they visited both an African-American community church and a Chinese congregation in various parts of inner-city Philly to learn of the many different ways to do ministry with the cities many ethnic people groups.

It was my challenge to tell them of the 50% youth under age 21 in South America, 60% youth under age 21 in the Far East, & the 75% of youth in Africa. That seems like an exaggerated number but it is true & growing. What a potential for doing youth ministry!

I wove an interesting mixture of creative games that teach missions with creative sessions about the great need for missions around the world. We have a great reason to leave the USA & do missions around the globe.

We took time to pray for various missionaries that we know & the requests that they presently have. We covered the various ways to prepare USA youth for mission trips for short-term overseas. Considering the many different cultures that they represent brought a dose of realism to the discussion. Probably one of the most favorite learning activities was when we divided up into Alpha & Beta cultures & began to visit each other & learn what each culture was about & how to reach them for Christ. It is very interesting how easy it is to forget how to allow each culture to maintain what of their culture is not contrary to the Bible. I presented a mini-glimpse into my last seven months in Bangkok, Thailand; Puebla, Mexico; Iquique & Santiago, Chile; Columbia International University, South Carolina; Ghana, West Africa & various ministries that I have had here at home too. We had a great time. It is my desire that they serve the Lord wherever He calls them but I sure do hope it is abroad! (=

PRAISES

- Possibilities for 2012 ministry contacts
- Meaningful conversations about missions
- Progress on online youth ministry course

REQUESTS

- Safety & powerful presentations at Bangkok Thailand
- Meaningful ladies retreats in Delaware & North Dakota
- Meaningful time with folks at Washington Baptist



Displaying at the ME 2011

Each year I display at ABWE's annual missions enrichment conference to get a better feel for what field might be open to having me come & participate with them in the coming year & share with them about ministry to youth.

This year we met in Baltimore MD at the Marriott. I shared a room with Carol Bibighaus, director of singles ministries for ABWE & found out that we both at different times were members of Faith Baptist in Winfield, IL!

Time with the Reynolds going to the UK was awesome! They are going to make a great couple serving there.

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Coming ministry attractions

August

30-Sept 5 International Christian School, Bangkok, Thailand

September

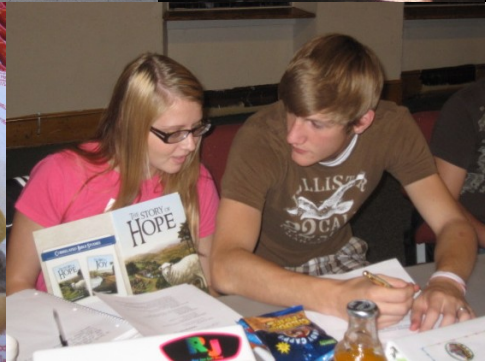
6-9 ABWE Mobilizer Summit, Lancaster, PA

15-17 New Life Island, New Jersey Ladies Retreat

18 Washington Baptist Church, New Jersey

22-25 Ladies Retreat, Cooperstown Bible Camp, ND

27-30 North American Missions Conference, Indianapolis, IN



A very intense trip to Philly for the Cross Cultural course on Youth Ministry provided plenty of opportunities to get to know & interact with 35 students from Grace College in Winona Lake IN. We learned by using hoola hoops & creative sharing. This building houses the Urban Hope Training Center for this and many other situations here in Philly. Jason Holt gave great leadership to the course & provided the debriefing session the last night in the gazebo near the Philly Art Museum. Three great interns for the summer & into the year ahead provided a place for me to rest & great leadership for the course. A Philly Mushroom Cheese steak was the "topper off" for a great course.