



GOD IS FAITHFUL!

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Back to the *hardcopy*

Amidst our fast paced “technologically advanced” digital and computer media saturated society, there remains a special joy in finding a letter from a long time friend in the mailbox, especially when the letter is filled with *good* news and a long list of “God’s Awesomes”! It seems though, the more “connected” we’ve become the *less* we actually interact with or talk personally with each other. As I sat in the tent door this morning, reading my fathers love letter again, watching his starry host disappear as he turned the night skies to day, I was reminded again how glad I am to have an actual *written* “hardcopy” to hold in my hands. One I can read again and

again, whenever and wherever, with or without a plug-in, a USB port or internet capabilities.

It seems we’re hearing it less and less in these ever darkening *last* days, but we’ve got to share it... we’ve got to share the “God IS awesome” report, share of his utter faithfulness to his kids, of the complete sufficiency of his perfect word, of his ongoing unwavering ability to keep his promises, and provide for those who trust in him! The continuing story of our lives *climbing on with him* remains the same, though the circumstances and terrain are ever changing... God’s word is TRUTH, and he *is* FAITHFUL!!



JC camp 2011

Jesus counts the *one’s* and *two’s*

“...Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.” Jesus - Luke 15

his answer was?!

God gave us the opportunity once again this past June to be involved with the JC (Junior Citizens) outreach camp in Montana. Due to a scheduling *conflict* with last years director, Stan was asked if he’d consider “*directing* the JC camp” this year. Humm, let’s see? *Director* position includes... sharing the gospel message... teaching God’s word and trust in our ANCHOR... high ropes course... rock climbing... hiking in the Absaroka Mountains... CWC Higher Ground journals... and serving with our second oldest daughter Rachele? *Guess what*

Daniel and Reuben Peck came from Addy, Washington to counsel the guys, and Rachele helped Sal in the kitchen, and Linnea Skoog and Kit Coleman with the girls. The “scholar-shipped” youth show up for the nine day camp on Wednesday afternoon, go rock climbing Thursday and hear the *full* gospel message that evening. They then wake Friday morning to begin packing their backpacks and learning to survive in the



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JC Camp Highpoints:

- Salvation. Seeing first hand the fruit of the simple (full) gospel message
- Serving with Rachele.
- Witnessing some confident and *mature* young men (the Peck brothers) whole heartedly serving Jesus and desiring to live according to his word.
- Giving *full* Bibles away, having devotions and hearing testimonies, high in the mountains.
- God forcing boys to be men by sending a sudden storm high on the mountain and breaking one of their tent poles.



Ropes Course Ministry

The ground is always fertile out next to the creek

We call it "The Trust Factory"

If you've been around Climbers' ministry at all you've no doubt heard Stan say something like... "of all the outdoor ministry and various pulpits God's allowed me to tend, if I could only pick *just one*, I'd pick a piece of private property in the mountains and build a *high elements ropes course*." In twenty years of ministry there remains no ground more fertile from which to preach the word of God.

This summer, on the outskirts of camp fifteen miles up Mill Creek proved it once again. As we got the chance to facilitate the high ropes course at Temple Hills Camp for the summer months again, God did amazing things. Unless you've been there or served with us at a high

elements challenge course, it will be hard to (if not impossible) to explain.

Nowhere have we seen the word of God bear such immediate and tangible fruit, as "Christian" people are presented with his words and given an immediate opportunity to evidence their *professed* faith by their works (Jms 2). Stan begins most every ropes course safety talk (ie. *message*) with the statement... "*Christians get saved at a high ropes course!*"

The five elements of the high ropes course proved again to be a most stretching and intimate place of ministry all summer long, as participants young AND old alike trusted the ANCHOR, got in a harness, and went step by step, log by log, cable by cable through the trees..

The high points from each camp and course are far too numerous to try and recall or count. Statements like... "*that log changed my life*", "*really... keeping my eyes on the cross is what got me through*", and "*I CAN do all things through Christ!*" are heard almost hourly by those serving

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COL Ministry and Mountaineering Seminars Update

Christian Outdoor Leadership Trainings

This last June God again gave us the opportunity to conduct our Rocks ropes course and rappelling COL Seminar in Montana. The seminar included an 8 hour Level 1 high ropes course facilitator training, with prayers and in much hope that the local Christian outdoor population would deal-in and be able to help serve and facilitate some of the Temple Hills ministry. God is faithful! What an encouragement to see a full group of 15 deal-in.

Floyd Christman helped lead the trainings (Angie and the kids were also present for the week).

Last fall Ben and Christianna Flook and their family (from Livingston) attended the 20 hour facilitator training. They and their children (Hannah 15, Mariah 13, and Ben Jr 9) attended the 3 and a half day seminar. Their whole family showed a definite excitement and desire to be used in this type of ministry. And use them God did! Not a camp went by this summer that didn't see at least two or three of the Flook family either in a tree or manning a belay at the local crags.

As a family, they've also *already* used their skills locally by taking some friends and family rock climb-

ing on their own. Praise Jesus!

The outdoor mission-field is a wide open door, and as always, God's only need is *willing hearts and laborers* who will step out and trust their ANCHOR. He IS Faithful!

We've already begun praying for, planning towards, and are very hopeful for the COL Ministry and Mountaineering seminar to be held in April of 2012.

For more information on these COL Ministry and mountaineering Seminars, please contact us or visit us on the web at: Climberswithchrist.com



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mountains without a cell phone, video games, or mom to wait on them. They learn to purify water, run an MSR stove, cook, set up tents, and how to safely hike in bear country (It's not really any different than hiking anywhere else – pack everything on your back, use your legs, sing out loud a lot, and hang your food in a tree).

After our devotions and

singing time around the first campfire, a thirteen year old boy from Billings surrendered his life to Jesus while kneeling at the foot of *the old rugged cross in the chapel out by Mill Creek*. We planted and watered the rest of the week, hoping that others would also heed Jesus' call and believe the Gospel. Though we did not witness any other *new* "births" that week, we did get to witness the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in (or around) the

lives of *everyone* who came to JC Camp this year. We've a great joy knowing that those God brought all went home with the seeds of his word planted in their hearts, having heard the *full* gospel message, and having *seen* that yes, Jesus IS alive and real!

Thanks Daniel, Reuben, Linnea Rachele, Kit, and Sal for serving the King... and the *least of these*. Jesus is keeping count of all that's done for him.



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at the course. What a gift it is to witness, and to be part of God's life changing work in this way.

This summer, at the top of the Centipede on the Zip-line starting platform, Stan had the specific opportunity to pray for and encourage five head pastors of different Montana churches, as they in particular seemed to have a more difficult time trusting, surrendering to *the anchor*, and stepping (or scooting) off the platform. More than a few sermons this fall and winter in Montana will have probably originated from or take application from a very intimate few moments spent at camp, 40 feet up in a tree out by the creek. Praise Jesus!

Big thanks to Jesus and to those of you who served with us in Montana this year. Bob Davis, Ben, Chris, Hannah, Mariah, Benjamin Flook, Tom Daniels, Linnea Skoog, Erick Roussele, Tyrel Shepardson, Bill Kafflyn, Jasmine Lieuallen, Hunter Gappa, Floyd Christman, Katie and Rachelle Busby, and Daniel and Ruben Peck.

Wonder Woman Update

And I thought I was tough!

wife, mother of 11, homemaker, evangelist, school teacher, slack-liner...

Usually the praises for our amazing wives and incredible helpmeets come out of God's word somewhere, or Proverbs 32, or the Song of Stan. This past summer in Montana we heard a song on the *God's Country* radio station that said it strait up gospel true as any we've heard...

*She's in the kitchen at the crack of dawn
Bacon's on, coffee's strong (not!)
Kids running wild, taking off their clothes
If she's a nervous wreck, well it never shows...
Drops by the bank, stops at the store
Has on a smile when I walk through the door
The last to go to bed, she'll be the first one up
And I thought I was tough
She's strong, pushes on, can't slow her down.*

*She can take anything life dishes out.
There was a time, back before she was mine... when I thought I was tough*

*She's a gentle word, the sweetest kiss
A velvet touch against my skin
I've seen her cry, I've seen her break
But in my eyes, she'll always be strong*

She's strong, pushes on, can't slow her down.

*She can take anything life dishes out.
There was a time, back before she was mine... when I thought I was tough*

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BIG Thanksgiving and Praise to our Lord Jesus!

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ... 1 Corinthians 1:4

We know many many prayers have been made for us and the ministry that God has entrusted to us over the years. The last couple of years there have been a few of you that have gone above and beyond in their

giving to the work of the Lord in our behalf. Jesus is keeping count and he knows how grateful and humbled we are. To him be all the glory...

Steve and Erica Nitchman, Floyd and Angie Christman, Sal & Julie Ippolito, Bob Davis, Matt & Jackie Yakley, Travis & Leslie Rathe, Brent & Becky Busby, Shane & Nikki Gazan,

Russ & Aimee Walker, Jay & Julie Martin, Chris & Janelle Beadle, Jeff & Denisa Dietzen, Larry Wilcox, The Spokane Union Gospel Mission, Alan Adams, Ben and Chris Flook and Grandpa and Grandma George and Jackie Hankie.

We praise Jesus for his care and provision, through you. May he bless each one of you!

CWC Gear Garage Sale! Visit our ongoing online used gear sale. Buy, sell, or donate (for sale) your used or not used gear AND contribute to the ongoing work that God is doing. Everything comes with CWC "NO JUNK! and Lowest no price guarantee". Pay shipping and suggested offering. Check it out.

Prayers and provision

My Father seems to be telling me over and over that I need to ask him. Then when I ask him he tells me he already knows, and he'll take care of all my needs. "Stan... ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts... your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things... But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. (James 4, Matthew 6)

Thanks for your prayers for us and about YOU serving with us. Pray that the gospel message go forth:

October 14-16

Christian ropes course facilitator training (Level 1) in Montana

October 22

49 Degrees North Ski Swap DVD/Tract Outreach- Colville

October 25-28

Northwest Christian School Outdoor Ed class/rock climbing at Minihaha (Friday 28th)

October 14-16

Mt Spokane Ski Swap DVD/Tract outreach - Spokane fairgrounds

November 12-13

Wilderness First Responder refresher (Stan) - Missoula

November ???

CWC Introduction to the Winter Outdoors Seminar - Penial Ranch (Grand Coulee, WA)

Prayers for provision:

**Servants/guides
WFR re-fresher \$250
Print and mailing costs**

Prayers for discernment:

Time management - Husband/Dad full-time, everything else part-time
Montana ministry - future options and/or possible move



In all our twenty years of following Jesus never has there been a more pointed or personal *extra-biblical* "SIGN FROM THE LORD"!

"She looks well to the ways of her household, and eats not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands... and let her own works praise her in the gates!" Proverbs 31

*Kristina, you sure don't have to wave your flag your amazing works do it for you!
Thanks so much!*



While visiting the Flocks in Montana, Kristina worked a bit on her balance doing a little slack-lining. Even though she is carrying **Baby Busby 11**, they didn't cut her any slack!

COMING SOON!!!!!! ALPINE TOURING SEASON. This may be your year to get out into the backcountry!

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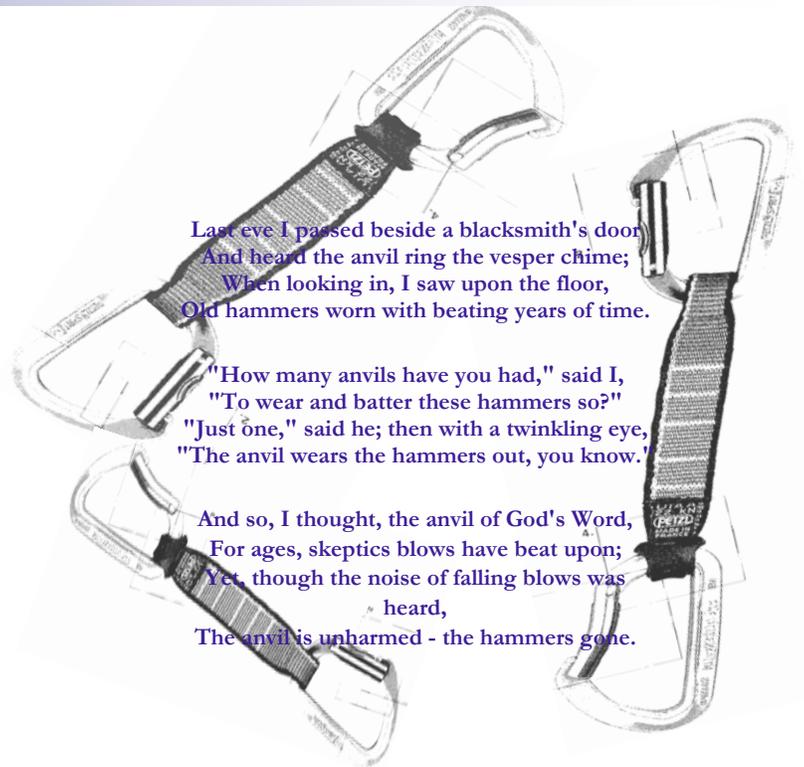
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Sharing the good-news of Jesus Christ in the local high and low alpine



Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
When looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he; then with a twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word,
For ages, skeptics blows have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was
heard,
The anvil is unharmed - the hammers gone.

My ANCHOR remains unchanged!

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul... Hebrews 6:19

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever"
Psalms 12:6-7

We wanted this *Back to the Hardcopy* newsletter (and our lives for that matter!) to shout out of God's utter faithfulness, and be an encouraging reminder to all that read it of the unchanging, completely solid ANCHOR God's children can have in his written word.

Psalms 12:6-7 told us of God's promise to *preserve* his *pure words* throughout the generations *forever*. Some six years ago I purchased an actual *facsimile copy* of the 1611 King James Bible (of which we, this year celebrate the 400th anniversary of). Upon looking *for myself*, I



was completely amazed to find that not only could I read it, but that other than the font changes and spelling changes or corrections, it read *exactly* the same as the King James Bible I'd been reading daily. I found that, contrary to the critics claims, God **has** kept his promise... his word has remained *unchanged*.

As the last twenty years have flown by, we've watched as pretty much everything we *thought* was "solid" has either changed or moved or disappeared altogether. We have become ever so much more grateful that our Father

has indeed *written* a love letter to *me* (us) that I can hold in my hands and read, and *by his Spirit*, can understand. One that I can run to, camp out on, and ANCHOR every single thought, situation, and decision upon.

Praise Jesus for his word, for his *promise*, for his promises, and for his FAITHFULNESS!!



⚠ WARNING ⚠

BOTH BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY AND CLIMBING & MOUNTAINEERING INVOLVE PHYSICAL RISK, AND ARE DANGEROUS UNDERTAKINGS. THE PRACTICES ARE INHERITLY DANGEROUS, AND YOU MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR DIE, AS A RESULT OF FOLLOWING JESUS OR HIKING AND CLIMBING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Do your OWN homework before trusting your life to any anchor!