

CLIMBING ON WITH CHRIST

“For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth... I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge... Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth...

BUT I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more... I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto (from then to now) have I declared thy wondrous works.

Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shown thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come” (Psalms 71)

Motivational moment on the mountain today

The “still quiet voice” boomed out the words written above this morning *again* as Samuel and I sat a moment half way up Chewelah Peak. I heard a similar word with Jacob two mornings ago while working up in Metaline. “You, Lord are truly my stronghold!” The only *unchanging Rock* and *place of solace* for my heart in this continual “climb of faith” our Father leads us in. It is not an easy climb for sure, or for the *faint of heart*... except the *faint of heart* whose trust is in God’s everlasting truth, and unfailing love and mercy.

Along with the always highest call to share the gospel message, truth’s of his word, and helping combat the CDD (Creation Deficit Disorder) plague that’s swept the Christian church and this culture in general, God gave me *another life goal* this week...

“...also Lord, when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shown thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come” (Psalms 71: 18)

I have this deep and nagging desire to trust Jesus and his word in such a way as to be a *living* testimony to Samuel and Jacob and “everyone to come” that God’s word *is* true and does *not* change - ever. That he IS alive and faithful to his children, to “all them who *know* him, *fear* him and *love* him”. Not just *eternally speaking*, but in very real, tangible, and intimate everyday kind of way.

With that desire though, I know comes the reality that God will have to *keep* me and Kristina in a place of having to trust him *daily* for that which is beyond our ability to do or figure out on our own. Which he has. Pretty much every part of our existence here looks like a Jordan River at high water crossing or the walls of Jericho just off in the distance to us. I am ever continually more and more excited about (and thankful for) his word! And for the *ability to remember*. For we have a week in and week out, year to year record of *experiencing* his faithfulness - story after story after story. Without his unchanging word *and* the ability to *remember*, it would for sure be a much scarier climb... this *climb of faith he’s leading* us up.

We have decided to follow Jesus

No turning back... No turning back! We have decided again *this day* to follow our *good* Shepherd, wherever and *however* he takes us - as a family and ministry. He does truly have the words of life! We appreciate those like-minded brothers and sisters he’s brought along at different times to encourage us in this journey, and all of you who have served alongside with us physically, prayerfully, emotionally, and financially. We know that only through the grace he’s given - much through his body, we’d not been part of or doing any of this work. All praise to Jesus!

“Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life” (John 6:68)

COL MOUNTAINEERING SEMINAR UPDATE

4 Days in the Kootenay’s with Jesus and company



Back in mid March, our Father did again bless our 6th Christian Outdoor Leadership (COL) Ministry and Mountaineering Seminar held in the Kootenay mountains of British Columbia - and with PLENTY of snow too! A full crew of 12 (and Jesus) dealt in for this years event. We dug in on the top of Ripple Ridge south for the 4 days. Some of the group even dug a snow cave underneath our campsite and spent the night in it the final night on the mountain. During the seminar we covered the basics of winter travel and camping in the alpine zone, avy beacon use and recovery, snow and ice anchors, crevasse rescue - individual and team rescue), some ski mountaineering anchors and a day of ice climbing below Monk Peak South at Blue Acres.

Sunday morning’s fellowship time was filled with sincerely “awestruck motivated” praise and worship and testimony, and passage upon passage reminding us again of *the Anchor we have in the Word of God*. One of those “never sweeter - unless you were there can’t explain it” times. Camped at the highest point on the ridge, with blue skies and HUGE views of three states and Canada surrounding, the 2 hour “service” could have easily lasted 3 or 4 with none leaving early! A big thanks and big praise to Jesus for all who attended, and especially to Chris Beadle, Floyd Christman, and the Peck bunch for all the guide and gear helps to make it possible.

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2)

Please pray that God will continue to use those he brought to the mountain back in March for his purpose and



glory in the local (and some not local) outdoor mission-fields around the northwest.

If you've never been to one of these COL Ministry & Mountaineering Seminars, you might consider it, and begin *praying* NOW about your being part of the next one.

**16 Days in Ecuador... in just 14 days!?
"Merry Christmas Buzz, you're going to Ecuador!"**

Kristina was filming my response as my son Josh said, Is that cool or what, dad?!! I had just finished watching a video clip my friend Marc Porterfield had sent me Christmas morning. Our daughter Katie had hooked it up to the television screen and gathered us all around. Everyone had already heard about "the gift" except me.

My old friend (since Mead Jr high!) had contacted me earlier in November having just recently climbed Mt Baker with a "Climb For Cancer" team. Marc who lives out on the east coast with his wife and



5 children said he was excited to be "getting back out in the mountains" after quite a few years, and was hopeful to climb Mt Rainier this coming summer. In looking me up, he found Climbers With Christ, and saw that I was still involved with climbing and decided to get a hold of me. Though we had been close friends through our growing up and the "BC" days, I had not seen Marc for about 20 years, and have been praying for him since my conversion. Through this renewed excitement for the outdoors in Marc, God began to rekindle our friendship through a series of emails and phone calls.

Sometime previous, Marc had been asked to go on a guided trip of three climbs in Ecuador as a way of preparing for Rainier later this year. On Christmas morning he sent me the "video announcement" that he and his wife, the company he manages, along with another family, were paying for me to accompany him on the Ecuador expedition! The entire trip - meals, accommodations, travel, and 3 mountains. Over the years I've witnessed the Lord drawing people to himself and opening doors for the gospel, but NEVER have seen it in such a dramatic way. Not a Christian yet that I would know himself, Marc came out for the COL Winter Mountaineering Seminar in March - a very neat reunion time in which I got the opportunity to clearly share the whole gospel message and my complete testimony with him. And now Marc had signed, *and paid* for me to spend 3 weeks in the same "tent" with him!

I had hoped to post the Christmas morning "Gods Awesome" videos, but have been unable to thus far. So I thought I ought to at least get the news out to you all. **PLEASE** pray for the Lord's will to be done in *the rest of this story*. I know the battle rages! There is still quite a bit the Lord will have to do to make this trip happen. Even in

my heart. I want to see Marc come to know Jesus, but I've never been a "world traveler" and my heart is in providing for the needs of my family and on Danforth Road when not working or sharing the gospel. As of now I'm still unsure if I'm to be part of the actual trip itself?

☞ The Expedition IN Ecuador has been paid for completely (\$4000). An AMAZING & HUMBLING GIFT!!! But the 3 weeks time away & provision on the home front here is still looming in the very near distance, and remains in the "the Lord only knows" status. Around the Busby family and farm there's no "paid vacation time" savings or allowances.

☞ We'd been waiting to purchase the airfare at a "better price". God has allowed Kristina to recently be very, very sick. I've needed to focus on caring for her and helping our home these last couple of weeks. And only been able to work outside the home a couple of days. Trusting the Lord knows, we used the Lords provision in of the *airfare* to pay the monthly's thus far this month.

☞ Since the first 4 woodworking orders, the Lord has remained silent in that endeavor, despite our eagerness and prayers, completion of the sawmill set-up, area flyers and craigslist posts.

One of my closest friends asked me this winter after I had just shared some "God's Awesome" stories with him, "if the trusting the Lord week to week gets any *easier*, since we've seen him faithful so many years?" My answer is NO. Though I surely don't often doubt his faithfulness, it is definitely not *easier* to trust, or any more comfortable in times of waiting. In fact I am less "comfortable" with this stretching than ever quite frankly. But confident my Savior knows.

EXPEDITION INFO <http://www.alpineascents.com/ecuador-main.asp>

BIGGEST PRAYER REQUEST TO DATE!! COURAGE& ZEAL
To simply trust and obey. Same prayer as the *last* letter... and most others. Courage to go forward in faith. To continue to take the next step. To fight through the doubt storms and what ifs. Outside of God and his word, all around us, even our *churched culture* says "no way".

What will you hear on rock climbs with CWC this week?

- "KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE... DON'T LISTEN TO THE LIES!"
- "LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF TRUTH!"
- "IT'S ALL ABOUT YOUR ANCHOR!"
- "TRUST THE ANCHOR!"

You can rest assured you will not be getting "stale bread" or "day old manna". We ALL have our trust "issues". The good news and the message we preach at CWC each and every outing comes from that which we ALL are called to practice and live out daily.

Coming Local Outdoor Evangelism Events

- God continues to bring opportunities to share the gospel and his word in the local outdoors. PLEASE PRAY with and for us. That we may be faithful witnesses and ambassadors for him! He has provided the tools, we need him to work in the *hearts!*
- May 14 - Classical Conversations rock climbing. Minnehaha **FULL/Guides needed**
- May 19 - Exploring Families. Minnehaha **SPOTS AVAILABLE/Guides needed**
- May 22 - CWC Families On the Rock. Minnehaha **FULL/Guides needed**
- May 25 - CWC Open High Ropes Course outreach day. Usk **SPOTS AVAILABLE**
- June 25-26 - CWC Father-son Alpine Adventure. Chimney Rock, ID **6 SPOTS AVAILABLE/Guides needed**
- June 30 - CWC Families On the Rock. Minnehaha **SPOTS AVAIL/Guides needed**
- July 7 - Camas Learning Center Rappelling Day. Washington Rock **FULL/Guides need**
- July 9-12 - Women and Children's Climb. Mount Rainier **4 SPOTS AVAIL/Guides need**
- July 18 - Summer Cross Country High Ropes Course. Usk **FULL/Guides needed**
- August 14-17 - CWC Mount Spokane "Ski Patrol Climb". Mt Rainier **Guides needed**
- September 12 - Davenport Family Rock Climbing Day. Minnehaha **FULL/Guides need**

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for IT is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes..."





Next Fall - End of September early October

2015 Selkirk Mountain Youth Backpack!

Please let us know if your interested in helping out leading this year. OR if your hopeful to attend, we are praying about what dates to set. This our "high point" backing adventure of the year for sure! Parents welcome! Pictures and video on the website.

"But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief (#1, first, highest), as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serves? is not he that sitteth at meat? **but I (Jesus) am among you as he that serves**" (Luke 22)

Guide, noun. Jesus' Definition - Servant

Lead Guide, noun. Jesus' Definition - Head servant

Rock Climbing Guides / Servants / Belayers

God has (and IS) raising up and training a great bunch of local outdoor servants and guides. Most are under "the age of 18". Unheard of in the "guide industry". God showed us a few years back that 18 years old is WAY too LATE to be training up the next generation of "responsible" young adults and Christian outdoor leaders. We know that we are way out on a limb in allowing such "youths" to be involved at a "guide" level on outings, but we are trusting our LEAD GUIDE who has led, and is also the one **holding up the limb!** We are very thankful for you and your service to Jesus, for his kingdom. No way he'd get his work done without you "laborers" - he said so himself.

(We know you're NOT doing it to get your name in a newsletter)

- Calvin VanWert
- Gabrielle VanWert
- Hannah Neale
- Aaron Neale
- Josiah Neale
- Emily McArdle
- Caleb Proszcek
- Hannah Proszcek
- Troy Eldridge
- Marley Eldridge
- David Eldridge
- Austin Borders
- Patricia Story
- Reuben Peck
- Jacob Busby
- Rachelle Busby
- Alicia Busby
- Pat Leeper
- Will Leeper
- Chris Beadle
- Floyd Christman
- Bob Davis
- Larry Wilcox



Thankful too for "uncle Buzz"! We're STILL encouraged by Edmonds FCBSA leadership! That would be... **very boldy FOR CHRIST** Boy Scouts of America.

SOLID ANCHOR

Father - SON - son Adventure



CHIMNEY ROCK IDAHO

WHO: 3 fathers, 3 sons, 4 guides and Jesus

WHEN: June 25-26, 2015

WHAT FOR: Relationship building, do hard things, personal experience & growth, CDD, refreshment, inspiration, God

We've waited, prayed, thought and dreamed quite awhile about offering this type of opportunity. We've finally put a date out there and are praying the Lord will bring 3 specific fathers and their sons to "deal in" on this climb of a life time trip. If you are interested in this adventure for yourself and your son, or know someone that would be, please phone or email us as ASAP. We have a few "couples" in mind, but would like the Lord to put the group together *himself*. The hike to our camp is pretty mild, and the climbs consist of 3 pitches of 5.6-5.7 climbing. *Some climbing and belay experience required.*

Women's and Children's Climb July 9-12



MOUNT RAINIER

Thursday -Sunday. There are 2-3 spots still open for this climb. If you're interested, contact us NOW for more information. And yes, *men* can participate in this as well.

GOD SAID... YOU'RE CREATED TO WORK AND TO...

DO HARD THINGS!

"Why do you make your kids climb Mt Rainier?" We don't make them. They want to try it themselves. They push each other themselves. But we also definitely "push" them to do hard things and to WORK hard. To earn their keep. "Go for it... You CAN do it... Don't quit... God made you for work." These are all things heard quite regularly around the farm here. We have not perfected it for sure and most of the verdicts are still out or remain to be seen. But... as we look around it's quite evident that our soft and worldly American culture coupled with the wishy-washy



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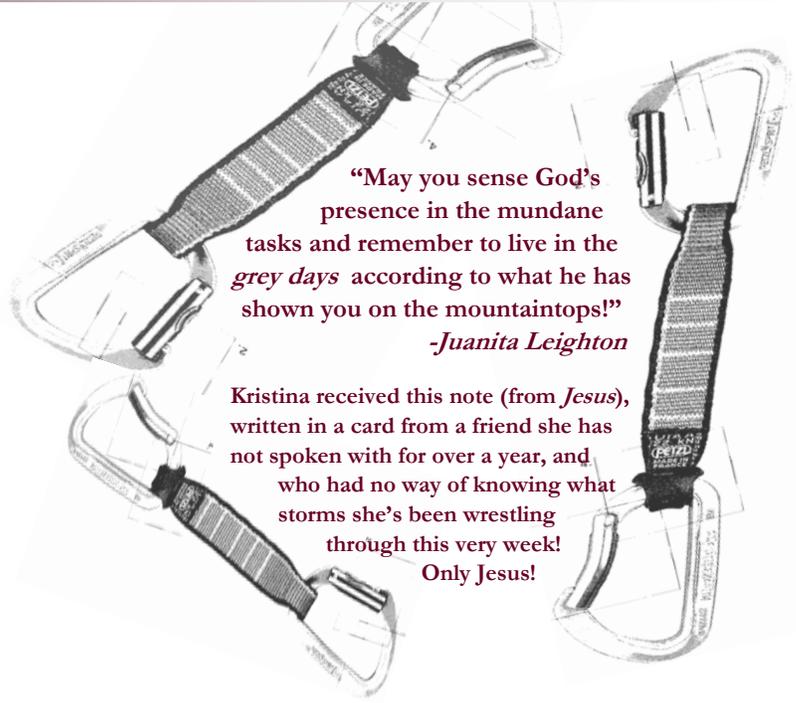
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**“May you sense God’s presence in the mundane tasks and remember to live in the *grey days* according to what he has shown you on the mountaintops!”
-Juanita Leighton**

**Kristina received this note (from Jesus), written in a card from a friend she has not spoken with for over a year, and who had no way of knowing what storms she’s been wrestling through this very week!
Only Jesus!**

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

Still standing... the ANCHOR holds!

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

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever... The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever”

1 Peter 1:23-25

government planed parenting of zero discipline and “let the kids be just kids” mentality has produced a society of 20-30 year old digitally duped “children” and a bunch of lazy, out of shape, can’t & won’t work, indebted, stay at home (or college) grown children.

Proverbs 22 says **“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”** This is NOT a teach your kids the gospel and FOR SURE they’ll get saved someday verse. Sorry. This is a “teach your kids to work and to earn their keep, and they’ll turn into productive young adults” verse. This is a “teach your kids there are consequences to their actions and decisions, and they’ll turn into young adults who think before they act” verse. This is a teach your kids that they were created *individually* for honest, hard, daily works, and they’ll go to bed

feeling needed, valued, and fulfilled at the end of most of their days” verse. Proverbs 22:6 is a “teach your kids that if they want to get warm by the fire, they must be willing to gather wood for the fire” verse. A DO HARD THINGS and the rewards **later** will be great kind of verse! It’s a “let young adults under the age of 18 belay, and they’ll turn into the next gen of outdoor leaders” verse.

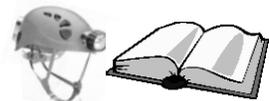
So make your kids work and do “really” hard things. Do them *with* them! Fight against the onset of Creation Deficit Disorder, and our soft American churched culture! GET OUTSIDE INTO GOD’S CREATION. Do something different, something challenging, get really fatigued, get dirty, swim in cool water, climb something difficult, ~~jump off something high~~ (oops!), catch a fish, build something watch a sunrise or

sunset from a high place, get a large animal to keep...

Be an example to your children and get outside!

Hey! What’s with all the skin, tight, revealing, and sensual clothing these days... in the church?!! Expect it from the world, just sad to see it allowed in HIS body too. Don’t think that’s the bride he’s coming back for? Along those “lines”, lets live distinct, different, and set apart For our King! Really! It’s been a real encouraging blessing to see out on recent family rock climbs so many of HIS families who truly ARE

“living by faith” -trusting the Lord for his daily supernatural physical provision. He IS faithful guys! Keep your eyes up and... climb ON!!



Stan

⚠ 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!