

I love you guys... so into the storm you go!

“And straightway he (Jesus) constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side...And when even(ing) was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them” (Mark 6)

Does Jesus himself knowingly and willfully send his followers into storms?

Some of God's glory again at High camp on Mount Rainier

The God's Awesome Report

“First of all I'd like to say... that whatever reports, praises, encouragements, and “God's Awesomes” are shared here, to **Jesus alone be all the glory and honor**. Everything that's gone on and/or is going on is truly a “God-deal”. I'm merely the writer of the report. And God has definitely been at work. In the last couple of months...

- Families on the Rock trips at Minnehaha
- To the top of Ecuador and back
- Miraculous provision on the home front
- Doubt storms
- Kalispell tribe evangelism and rappelling
- Women and children's climb on Rainier again
- Family reunion campout in North Idaho
- Royal City Cross Country camp and high ropes course here at Base Camp
- Josh's wedding this week at our home here.



Brother Pat Bethke, rock guide and belay servant for Jesus at the Families on the Rock day at Minnehaha Rocks. June 2015

I'll do my best to try and share some of the highs and lows of this most recent leg of our journey climbing with Jesus, and also some of the “Lord, where are you goings? And what are you doings?”



“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee... In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.”

Psalms 57

Sooo... Does Jesus knowingly and willfully send his followers into storms?

For sure he does! And yes I know well there is a giant difference between God's *allowances* in our lives, and in his *willful doings* in our lives. This past year I've taken a greater than ever and “very personal” interest in the written account of Jobs life. A couple of weeks ago I was reading in John chapter 6. I saw this *again*. Jesus did *himself* “constrain” (urge irresistibly or powerfully, force, or compel) his disciples to get into the ship and go to the other side of the sea, **knowing** himself that the winds (which are at his command) would be “contrary unto them” and they would very soon be “toiling in rowing” - rowing for their very lives getting tossed by the huge seas! (Mt 14, Mk 6, Jn 6). Jesus *did do this*, and to his closest most blessed followers. *Why?*

God is about *humility*

I am very aware that Jesus *alone* holds *all* the answers to these questions, but in looking into his word, and at me and Kristina's walk with him over the years, and even at our current circumstances, I have some ideas. Everywhere throughout the scriptures we see that God is about **humility** - us realizing our *ongoing* need for, and our dependence on him. And on him *alone*. It's clear that God holds the quality of humility in highest regard, and desires all of his children to possess it as an *ever increasing* characteristic in our lives. *Immediately* after the huge stretching and witnessed miraculous provision in the feeding of the masses, Jesus sends them out into an even *bigger* storm, an even bigger stretch. The newly acquired zeal



and courage they possessed in their hearts from seeing even the most recent miracle still would not be enough to carry them through even the next night *without Jesus' intervention!* They needed to realize their continuing, or *abiding*, need for him. *His presence, his power, his peace, and his provision... every hour of every day. God's definition of humility!*

Everyone God used (and uses) must go through much humbling - at the Lord's hand. And our Father has infinite means and methods for working humility into our character. God's power is made known (to us and others) in our weakness, in our inabilities, in our needs, and in even in our sicknesses and reproaches. In order for us to *remain in that place* God must allow, and even lead us into seeming ever increasing storms of life, and desperate situations. Most of our daily Christianity in America is lip service - until *those times!* It's *those* times when we turn to him, where we actually "cry out to him". And it's where he meets us. I just talked with our landlord - also a brother in the Lord. He had some questions as to what our thoughts are concerning continuing to be able to rent the property. I told him, "I know God moved us across the river to this place here, and at this time put Mountain School and a Base Camp *family ministry* in our hearts, and has been faithful to provide thus far. But, brother, *as usual*, I can *not* see how he's going to do it." It was truthful, and the right answer, but very humbling. He said, "As you know... Jesus' office is at the end of our rope?!" Again, most of us "know" this neat and tidy (and theologically true) Christian statement. Very different and difficult to walk out when God remains seemingly quiet *at the end of your rope*. Or when you, like Job in Job 23:8-14 (KJV), have been crying out and yet still can not see where he's at or what he's doing in the storm... and then another storm... and another... and another. Storms he may not have just *allowed*, but actually *sent you into himself!*?

Jesus' disciples had just witnessed probably the greatest miraculous provision they had ever seen - the feeding of five thousand men (along with many women and children), with a boys lunch of just five pieces of bread and two small fish. They could easily have gone out immediately after that in *their own strength* - "after all guys, we are with him! Right?!" Within just a couple hours they are acutely reminded of their desperate need for and dependence on him, whether he was *physically* present or not. This is where we have been living lately. From one miraculous *Jesus intervention* to another. If this is what he uses to make and keep us humble, then I guess we're *in!?!!*

"In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness... deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me... I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side... BUT I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand: deliver me... Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee..." Psalms 31



Mountain School and Base Camp Ministry here in the future

This month we've had *three* young men ask us (quite serious young men) about being part of the next **Mountain School 11 Week Guide Apprenticeship Course**. One is planning on flying out from Minnesota in September to visit and see what it's like out here. God's moving hearts and all the tools are here and available to use. God blessed us with **all** the material for the building of **Winchester Cabin** (pictured), the guys guide quarters. We've only had to purchase just one box of lag screws! It's going to serve *first* as "Winchester Chapel" next weekend for our son Josh's wedding here.

As far as a **Base Camp ministry** here goes, last year God specifically provided for the high ropes course to be hung on this property. The high ropes "trust factory" here has been used quite a bit this last year! We recently hung the centipede and are waiting his go ahead for the zip line element to be hung, and would like to add an outdoor climbing wall and rappel tower for CWC ministry guide training events, and use by the local volunteer fire department. We've a fully furnished apartment with bathroom and showers on the property. There's nine forested acres outback, with a large tree stand, and great possibilities for hosting biblical "boyhood, bow hunting, and beyond" and small group retreats. Possibilities abound for sure... 60 people camped out comfortably here last week and heard the whole gospel. Besides that Chewelah Peak is just 15 minutes up the road with snowshoeing, cross country, backcountry, and downhill skiing options. Washington Rock and Minnehaha are only an hours drive.

The first front - family ministry. Proper and the most effective blessed ministry flows out of a healthy and loving family unit. In addition to Mountain School and Base Camp ministry, there's been room for Kristina and our family to grow here as well - even water and new pump! Besides a great setting in which to grow and train up our family, we have experienced God's favor as well on Danforth Road in this last year. *Locally* we have built relationship with all six of our closest neighbors



- most of which have not yet surrendered to Jesus and been born-again. And even up at 49 Degrees North we've seen the Lords hand of blessing opening doors for CWC ministry and relationship there as well. There's also been the addition of pigs, goats, rabbits, and recently a new chicken coup, along with our horses. And on top of that, a brother in the Lord has gifted us with the ability to have our sawmill set up and usable on a neighboring property just behind the one we are on here.

So then, here goes *humble*...

As great of miracles as we've seen Jesus do (even this last week!), I must humbly tell you all, we ARE in need. The Landlords have said they must sell if we are unable to continue to rent the property. God moved us here and has been faithful to provide for the last 19 months - one month at a time. In order to give them a "better" answer as to our future continuance on this property, I'm asking for help!

I have no doubt God has wired and empowered me to preach the Gospel and point others to him using the outdoor tools, abilities, and ministry he's entrusted to me. A "mountain guide evangelist" if you will. For 23 years he's provided all the tools and resources to fulfill that calling and to avail the gospel, and *all* of Climbers With Christ ministry at no fee to thousands of people over the years. And this past year, added a high elements ropes course here to the property, and given us pretty specific outdoor surroundings here. He's also given our family an amazing sawmill "tool" and much woodworking and wood products abilities here as well. Over the years we've not asked for anything but prayer and servant help, and have seen God provide all. But we do have needs in order to continue... and he is *about humble*.

Every one of you reading CAN help somehow. Here's how...

1. **Pray and be obedient.** As you're praying, then be obedient in your own life to what God is asking you to do. We know there is a battle for (or against) the family and for the gospel and the word of God to go forth. We have other weapons. When we work we work (and Christians should be the hardest workers at what we are each called to do!), but when we pray God works. Plain and simple, prayer changes us AND prayer changes things, others, and circumstances, and yes DOES "move the hand of God". Pray fervently... pray anywhere... pray all kinds of prayers, and pray without ceasing!
2. **Obey.** Prayer without obedience though is self defeating. We know that disobedience (sin) in a husbands life affects his wife and family negatively— *even if they themselves* are following Jesus! Disobedience in Christian children's lives can affect a fathers job or ministry ability. My sin can/does affect others and hinder the work of the gospel, or the fruitfulness God wants to bless others with.
3. **Pray for wisdom in the future rental agreement here.** If we are to stay here on this property (and we believe we are). Pray about the possibility of us purchasing this property or a future "rent to own" agreement. I know... it'll be a "God deal for sure!"
4. **Pray for tables, benches, wood products or sawmill orders.** God did give us *those* tools too. *More information at <http://busbyfamily13.blogspot.com/>*
5. **Commit to giving monthly and/or regularly to the Climbers With Christ or the Base Camp ministry.** We want to continue to give the gospel away and it would be nice to stay here. We need help to though. We have never asked for funds, as our Dad owns it all and is, and has been faithful. But he is about humble *also*, and has us at *that place*. If someone is waiting to and wanting to help, I'll accept it as from the Lord. I'm trusting him! We will need some pretty immediate "regular" helpers in order to stay here or purchase this (or any) property. On that note, here's a story I have written in my journal. 17 months ago a 14 year old young man overnighing "on an outing" woke me at midnight and handed me an envelope with a \$1000 in it. He said he been saving and knew God wanted to give this to Climbers With Christ. Unbeknownst to him was that that the very day our rent was due! If God can do that, I trust he can move other hearts as well. *"...and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10)*
6. **If you WERE supposed to give to the work here (or anywhere) - Give.** Here's humble again... If you've been reading our emails you already know some of this. For the first time ever, this last month we were unable to send the entire rent. Later that week Kristina ran into a very neat, very godly man in Spokane who'd been on a CWC outing with his family earlier this year. As they talked, he shared with her that *"my wife and I talked multiple times last week about giving to Climbers' ministry. We said we need to. Quite frankly Kristina, I've just been plain old lazy, even disobedient."* He wrote her later and told her that a check was in the mail. When it came the following Tuesday, it was just what would have been needed to complete the rent payment. Coincidence? I think not. I'm not saying God's hands are tied in our disobedience, but you'd have to throw out a lot of clear scripture that tells me that many of God's first and *perfect* plans are NOT realized or being realized because of his own children's unwise choices and/or disobedience.
7. **Pray for a new work??** If this is not what he has for us any longer- the property here outside of Usk (family farm & animals, CWC evangelism, Base Camp, the ropes course, mountain school, the saw mill and woodworking, etc), and he is changing that call, Pray that I'll hear and obey. Stop, chop, and drop all this and sojourn on?! Pray for God to bring new works for an ex-mountain guide evangelist, hard working, outdoors family oriented kinda guy?



Family Outings at Minnehaha

Between the Exploring Families rock climbing outings and the Climbers' Families On the Rock outings, Minnehaha continues to be quite the amazing monthly mission-field for us. If you yourself have not yet signed up your family for one of these events, you really ought to pray about it and just do it. Come see how the gospel shines! Seems like the local cliffs and ropes course environments really help bring the gospel message into better focus for many of the professing Christian participants. Whether they truly have trusted **the Anchor** (or are willing to), becomes very evident. Every time the Lord opens the door for us to head down there we feel humbled and blessed that God has chosen us for these most amazing opportunities. Thank you to all you local climbers with Christ rock guides and evangelists (belayers)!!

In almost 25 years of doing these types of outings we've run into only 5 or 6 Christian groups using Minnehaha. Amazing! Lord willing, we will continue to put these out each month. Pray for people to get the word out to other families in our area about these outings. Also that others will find and sign up through the Exploring Families field trip website. *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"* (Jesus).

Team Papajauca! To the top of Ecuador and Back!

Pronounced papa-jock-tua, Marc and I thought it sounded like a solid (i.e. tough) name for our Alpine Ascents International climbing team in Ecuador, so we went with it. Four mountains: Ruccu Pichincha (15,820'), Illiniza North (16,818'), Cotopaxi (19,347'), and Chimbroza (20,700') were the stated objectives of this most amazing "gift & reunion trip" from my long time friend Marc Porterfield, but Jesus is ALWAYS doing so much more! I've been asked to preach this weekend at the local fellowship down in Cusick on "Things God did and taught me while in Ecuador". The lessons are many and some are still being realized for sure. Here are a few...

1. God will go to great lengths to save people and get his gospel to them. He took me (and Marc) all the way to South America, putting us both in completely new and different environments, in which we were able to hang out very close together for an extended and very personal time of reunion. During this time God gave me the opportunity to not only hear Marc's heart on many life issues, but also able to live my faith and "put Jesus on display" in very real and tangible situations. And as always, I trust God did much more than I am or was aware of while with Marc in South America
2. Where God guides he does provide. His calling IS his enabling. They highly recommended that us coming from lower living elevations bring and use drugs such as Diamox to help the acclimatization process. I figured if Jesus set me free from the need for "performance enhancing drugs" 23 years ago, and has been faithful all these years, he'd be faithful to give me the strength and/or carry me anywhere he was taking me now no matter what the elevation was or what the statistic say. Jesus worked! Better than the drugs. I took each mountain like most uphill and harder "climbs" of my life... trusting one step at a time. All the praise and glory goes to him and him alone! That *"no flesh should glory in his presence... that as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord... I (we) CAN do all things through Christ..."!*
3. We were created for and DO need the fellowship and regular encouragement of true like minded, like hearted brothers and or sisters in the Lord – especially in evangelistic outreach efforts! There was a reason Jesus sent the disciples out in twos. God planned it that way, and it was then, and still is, best! Though my time with Marc was very sweet and very meaningful and fun, I was the only born-again believer on the team and definitely felt spiritually alone much of the time, from the moment I left Kristina and stepped onto the plane in Spokane. No matter how great the earthly relationship it can not replace or come close to the oneness in His Spirit that born-again believers know. And there is no sense in trying to get the unbeliever to understand this. It was very good for me to experience both the aloneness that Jesus himself often felt, and the lack of needed fellowship that we take for granted in our local American surroundings.

"What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Corinthians 6).

"And Jesus sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come" (Luke 10).

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10).

4. I was reminded **again** that outside of our salvation, marriage (and especially marriage to a God loving and God fearing woman - a

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





true "soul mate") is indeed God's greatest gift to mankind. *"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies... Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that fears the LORD, she shall be praised" (Proverbs 31).*

The power of a trustworthy and praying wife! Kristina is awesome! After days of wet and very minimal mountain visibility, we woke to starry nights for our two biggest climbs. Kristina had sent out weather window and favorable conditions prayer requests, and she and others were praying at the exact times we were waking for our Cotopaxi and Chimborazo summit attempts. For the first time in AAI's guiding history we were "required" to use gas masks while climbing on Cotopaxi. The team all summited. The Ecuador tourism bureau actually closed Cotopaxi to climbing just after we summited due to the increased plumes and volcanic activity, forcing the next AAI teams to choose a different mountain! And on Chimborazo, though we climbed through the night under a clear and starry sky, as we descended the mountain summit, high winds raked the mountain, and literally *chased* us off!

5. This may offend some, but is not meant to - remember I'm just the "writer of the report". The trip to Ecuador immediately (first day!) **affirmed** what I have seen, studied, and come to know to be true... regardless of what the American church population wants to believe about it.

In other truly "catholic" countries it is overwhelmingly obvious that true Catholicism is first and foremost about Mary, the Pope, and Mass attendance - Jesus is not the center. Not even a "piece" of the center.

*"the Lord Jesus Christ... who is the blessed and **only Potentate**, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who **only** hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: **to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen"** (1 Timothy 6).*

*"**Christ... Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church... For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father"** (Ephesians 1,2).*

6. We in America ARE really living in Disneyland! No doubt about it. At any given moment on the trip, the dollar amount of our gear alone probably could have funded 3-4 average income Ecuadorian families for 5 or 6 months!! God has used daily and monthly dollar provision to keep Kristina and I trusting and hoping in him alone over the years, and the last couple months have been no different. We are right now again trusting him for supernatural provision for our monthly needs. We have God on our side and we have "options". Most families in Ecuador have little or no options for their days. In most families, all members all work together daily just to obtain very simple foods for a pretty basic diet. It was the norm to see people gathering "anything" and selling "anything" along the roadways, going through garbage piled in the streets prior to what little garbage collection service there was. Laundry was mostly done by hand and hung everywhere, giving continual testimony to the reality that most people around the world don't have more than 1 or 2 pairs of anything. Most of the nation (as here!) does need to know salvation through Jesus **alone**. He has promised to provide his kids' needs "until that day". *We however* need to be better at practicing thankfulness and contentment! *"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition"* (1 Timothy 6).

Note: WE, the low to middle income class Christians here in America are the "rich" who Jesus was talking about.

Supernatural provision on the home front while in Ecuador!

God provided this trip through Marc, his company, and some other friends. It was a pretty amazing gift. I went on a 20 day trip to South America and spent only \$30 for meals, and \$40 dollars on a handmade Ecuadorian table cloth, an Alpaca blanket, and silver earrings for our oldest daughters! There was work and perfect provision right up until the day I left. What was NOT included in the trip provision was the cost of me being gone ("off work") for close to 3 weeks - June rent and monthlies! I (we) simply had to trust and board the plane, knowing I could truly "do nothing" to provide for my family while away. But GOD had "summoned" and was the one sending me to Ecuador! While away I was able to intermittently email Kristina and call a few times on Marc's SAT phone. God DID it! He cared for our needs at both ends!

First of all, beginning the day I left, people began to call and email Kristina EACH DAY to pray with and encourage her, and share scriptures with her. She informed me that out of the blue, a family living in Alaska called to encourage her, and then sent quite a large check "to help out while Stan was away"! A few days later, another family from down south called and asked her "what was needed financially while Stan was away?!" They too went ahead and transferred quite a large amount to our account! He has proved his faithfulness over and over! Why then is it always so hard to trust?! You'd think we'd get it!!!



Three other BIG July God's Awesomes

This month the Lord again opened to us some pretty amazing doors for us to share the Gospel and his word!

The first was with the **Kalispell Learning Center summer school program**. For the second year they brought 19 eleven to sixteen year olds to the Washington Rock rappel zone. Once again, the Gospel shined forth brightly from the top of the rock. The Gospel message cuts right through the perceived cultural, racial, and religious boundaries, because it deals with the "eternal question" first and foremost – which God has wired into us ALL. Standing with the group above the Europa Wall rappel a couple of hundred feet above the Pend Oreille river we shared the message once again, of hope (and personal knowledge) of eternal life in Jesus alone! God's presence was obviously present as we were able to encourage all but two to clip in and trust the anchor for the rappel. Later that afternoon ten of the students rappelled off "the Nose", a full 200 foot rappel of which 170 feet is completely overhung and free hanging!

As I radioed down to Reuben and Larry that the last participant was "on rappel", I could only marvel and praise Jesus for "the most amazing opportunities he has given us over the years atop this rock!" He has blessed us for sure. I said to Larry later, "what other groups out there are helping 12 and 14 year olds experience a rappel that is typically a huge "graduation rappel" reserved for week long adult mountaineering programs! The ANCHOR holds and is faithful!!

On top of all God's *already done*... they just emailed us about bringing all the kids to the high ropes course?!! "Praise Jesus and *pray!*"

The second outing this month was what has become known as the "**Women and Children's Climb**" on **Mount Rainier**. As usual with most outings, many commit initially and sign up, but by the outing have dealt out for one reason or another. But God continues to charge us to go, and always brings forth participants to serve and take higher on the mountain! This years Women and Children's climb was no different. Before leaving for Ecuador the climb was full with seven participants, and included three women and two young men under the age of twelve. After all the "I'm in and I'm out's", the day before the climb we were praying whether we should even go. God is faithful. We ended up with a team of three of which only two were of the original seven. Blake Sommers from Spokane, Christine Roberts from McCall Idaho, and Ryan Mott from the Westside, and myself ended up making up the single rope team this year.

God works in the big mountain environment in many different ways, and it seems there is always something "physical" to focus on especially when climbing Rainier. For me though, this year one of the highlights was when the Lord sent a small rain event the second morning to our first camp at 8,500 feet moving us all into the tents. For the next unplanned hour I got to open God's word and read aloud from Ephesians 4&5. He had his plans. Hunkered there on the side of the mountain that morning, a 48 year old mountain guide, married 25 years with 12 children, had the opportunity to share my entire "pretty ugly to pretty awesome" God story, and encourage three 24 year old followers of Jesus, currently in pre-marriage "dating" relationships to "do it Gods way", in the areas of purity, pre-marital guy gal relations, and Gods best plans for marriage. The rest of the trip was all "icing" for me. The giant crevasse and snow slope right near camp for an awesome real mountain skill session, God's strength in moving everyone to 11,000 foot camp, camping right next door to my friends from high school - Marc and Sheldon Myers on the Ingraham Glacier, our super exciting "DC route" summit that took us directly through the most gnarled bunch of hanging ice and seracs on the upper Ingraham I've seen in years, over to Gibraltar rock and then on up to the summit. Seven ladder crevasse crossings and fixed lines on the route turned the "normal route" into a pretty spectacular climb!

My friend Marc was also on the mountain during the same time with another group from AAI. It was very cool to see them summit as well. Definitely some experiences of a lifetime for all those on the mountain at that time! God has truly blessed our times on Rainier over the years. This was the 33rd climb on the mountain, with God taking us to the top 30 times! Good job to all you guys (and gal)!

*Blake Sommers has posted a very neat GoPro You Tube video of the climb on the internet. It's titled **Mt Rainier 2015 (Climbers With Christ) Disappointment Cleaver** (be very careful out there looking for it though!).*

Thirdly, the Royal (City) Cross Country camp and high ropes course was held last weekend at "Base Camp" here on Danforth Road. It was an incredible blessing to see God use the whole place here. We've had single day ropes course and zip lining events here, and have had some people come and use the apartment for an overnight get-a-way. Had a few tent campers, and our family reunion here last summer, but this last weekend, with 60 people here for two days, gave us a glimpse at what we imagined when he brought us to this side of the river here at the base of Winchester peak a year and a half ago – Base Camp! It was really the first time ALL the tools here got used together purposefully for his glory and to share the gospel message (and more!) to 50 junior high and high school students from the Royal City area. Kristina and the girls preparing and serving meals, the high ropes course, 20 tent sites, volleyball, basket ball, tug-of-war, and horseshoes. A 6am group hike to the top of Chewelah Peak, huckleberry picking, zip lining at the neighbors, "campfire and smores" while sharing God's word with 50 government school kids!

The head coach, having climbed Mount Rainier with us last year, contacted me about possibly using Climbers With Christ in planning



activities for their summer cross country camp. We talked and prayed and the Lord took the idea and turned it into a 2 day overnight at Base Camp – and in so doing opened the door for us to love and serve this large group like Jesus would, and to not only present the Gospel message (definitely enough in and of itself!), but to plan two days worth of events and activities.

The coach asked if I'd be willing to "guest speak as a mountain guide" for their evening session, and then added that he'd like me to "share my whole story"! Praise to Jesus!! He just makes a way. We got to talk openly of Jesus and pray with the entire group multiple times, and all of us individually had many many opportunities throughout the weekend events and activities to share as well. We are thankful for those Christian coaches who see their worksites as a mission-field and are obedient to the Lord's leadings. Please keep **Ben Orth** and others in the government school mission-fields lifted to the Lord in prayer. The battle DOES rage!

Also a huge thanks to Jesus for **Austin Borders** who came and belayed and guided with us for the entire weekend! Also for **Kristina and the girls** who served, prepared meals, cleaned up, and oversaw the younger children throughout the weekend. And for **Bruce and Patty Rutherford** availing their gifts and services as well. AND for **Rachelle, Alicia, and Amber** who manned (along with Austin) the 5 hour ropes course session on Saturday! God bless you all! Note: God has asked us to give the gospel away. There was no fee for the group to come, but as you all know there are expenses. As they were preparing to leave and the hugs and high fives were going about a young Hispanic gal came and gave me a card she had obviously spent some time during the weekend making. Amidst the colored picture and hand embroidered borders this is what it said...

"Stan Busby. Thank you for having us in your home! The whole Climbers With Christ team is very friendly and nice! Thank you for sharing your story and for telling us about the anchor. TEAM PAPA JACKTA! Thanks! Royal City Cross Country"

God in response to my prayers for "paying work" prior to the weekend Jesus gave me this word... *"Stan, Labor **not** for the meat which perisheth, **but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life** (Climbers work that coming weekend), which the Son of man shall give unto you... This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent..."*

This priceless card was definitely payment enough. Just before they got into the cars the coach gathered them all together and asked our family to join them. All praise here to Jesus. He told us that they appreciated our hearts to give the CWC ministry away, but that the team had wanted to give us a gift. Everyone had pitched in. He handed us an envelope. When they left we opened it. It was full of mostly ones, fives, and ten dollar bills. 850 dollars! Almost to the dollar of what we needed to bring the month current that day - From a cross country team of mostly Hispanic "lower income" families! It was very humbling. Again we heard our Father... *"Amidst it all, in the storm, through the doubts and questions, I am faithful guys."*

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!*

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| August 1 | Josh and Jessica's Wedding celebration. 6pm. Busby Base Camp Facility Everyone welcome! RSVP |
| August 5 | Kalispell Learning Center High Ropes Course. 1pm-4pm Guides needed |
| August 9 | Fellowship Float. Box Canyon to Metaline Park & potluck. 1pm-6pm Everyone welcome! |
| August 14-17 | CWC Mount Spokane "Ski Patrol Climb". Mt Rainier Guides needed |
| August 27 | Families on the Rock day at Minnehaha 10-3pm OPEN/Guides needed |
| August 29 | CWC Family High Ropes Course Day. Base Camp Usk OPEN/guides needed |
| September 12 | Davenport Family Rock Climbing Day. Minnehaha FULL/Guides needed |
| October 2-4 | Selkirk Mountain Youth Backpack Loop. OPEN/Guides needed |

Please contact us for more information on the above outings, and to help serve and/or guide with us ! Jesus does need your help to share the "goods" and toot the heavy's in the local alpine!

BIGGEST PRAYER REQUEST TO DATE - SAME AS ALWAYS!!! 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".

More outing photos and reports on the CWC Website and Facebook!

Coming Soon!!! October 2, 3, 4

2015 Selkirk Mountain Youth Backpack!

Please let us know if your interested in helping out leading this year. OR if your *hopeful* to attend. This IS our "high point" backing adventure of the year for sure! Parents and families definitely welcome! Pictures and video on the cwc website.



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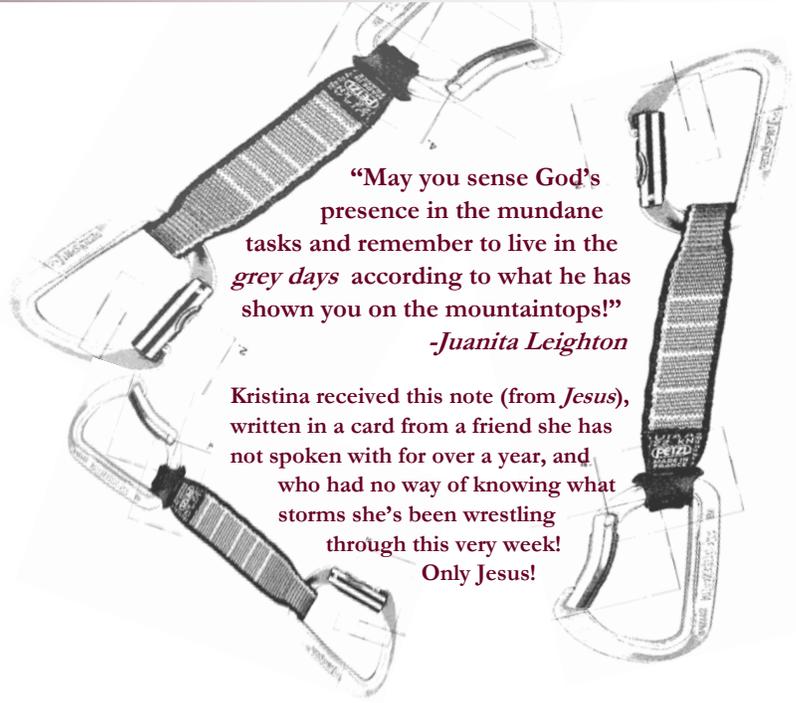
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"May you sense God's presence in the mundane tasks and remember to live in the *grey days* according to what he has shown you on the mountaintops!"
-Juanita Leighton

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



This note left for me at Mtn Gear attached to the 8,000 meter mitts said (and says) it all!!! Our whole life! Thank you Jesus!



Prayer Requests and Praise reports!!

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee...for God is for me. In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me."

"I'm climbing on, trusting his promise. One upward step at a time!"

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!



Winchester cabin/chapel. Our ultimate low-cost (no-cost) "condo-minimum"!



"The virtuous woman" and our in house (and out!) full-time Base Camp Manager! Kristina

