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Youth Mission Experience Wind River Reservation, Wyoming

"I want to stay here another week." "I want to stay here another month." "I want to stay here the rest of my life!"

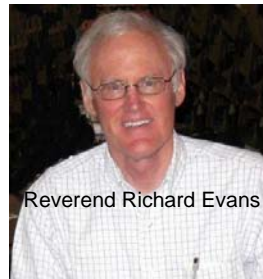
Those were comments from our youth less than half-way through their mission experience at the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. During the week we visited with residents at a nursing home; scraped and painted two houses; and worked with kids.



They cleaned, fixed meals and made new friends. Each day closed with devotions and a time of group reflection. It was a week of fun, service, and growth in faith. Below are some of their comments.

"Not only did the Youthworks mission trip create a closer relationship with [God], but it created relationships with the ones working beside me, the people in the nursing home, and the children on the reservation. This trip really taught me how to love and give to those in need. I feel that I no longer need my phone, iPod, or computer as part of my daily life."

". . . I only believed because [of] other influences I half-way



Reverend Richard Evans

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August 1 =
Moats, Steve
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Steelman, Barry
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Thompson, Sterling
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Lydigsen, Jen
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Quartarone, Jim
August 8 = Ryan,
Michael
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Johnson, Colin
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Murrey, Emersen
August 11 =
Wieder, Carrie
August 12 = Dorr,
Marie
August 12 =
Marutle, Teboho
August 14 =
Thompson, Jamey
August 16 = Salis,
Sheri
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Hamrick, Ellie
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believed in God . . . but this trip has totally changed my beliefs I needed to see the love on the children's faces . . . to see that I was painting others' houses not by force, but out of love. I realized that love as been around me my whole life and yet I was oblivious to it. I



August 24 = Hoskins, Emily
 August 26 = Sublett, Amy
 August 27 = Burke, Cindy
 August 28 = Steelman, Heather
 August 31 = Banbury, Bowen



Youth Painting a Home

to me by my family, both at home and here in church. I also realize that I had unknowingly passed [God's] love on to the children and homeowners I thank [God] for this trip in which he has brought me closer to him."

August Anniversaries

August 5 = Mr and Mrs Steve and Karee Bondy 11 years
 August 5 = Mr and Mrs Ron and Michelle Hoskins 11 years
 August 8 = Mr and Mrs Thomas and Jennifer Nolan 3 years

"Be thankful and appreciate what we have."

"Treat others with respect."

". . . this mission trip was life changing, and its memories will last in my heart forever."



Youth participants were Davis and Sydney Burckhardt; Catherine Chorney; Maggie Eronymous; Elly Jack; Megan and Ryan Palizzi; Jessica and Lindsey Robinson.

Adults were Liz Palizzi and Dick Evans.

Shalom,

Dick

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The Kased-Ruhaif Family's home at 800 S. Patton Ct. in Denver will be a two-story duplex like this.

You Can Buy a 2x4 for Ali and Kamila's Habitat House for Less than Two Bucks!

Of course, it will take a lot of 2x4s (or pieces of wood) - hundreds, in fact. But if a lot of us each give a few dollars to buy one 2x4 or a dozen, the house will be up in no time at all. Every dollar you contribute goes directly to help erect the Loaves & Fishes house for the Kased-Ruhaif family, which is now under construction.

Consider what your gift to the Loaves & Fishes construction fund can buy. Here's the approximate cost of a few items:

One 2x4	\$2
One box of nails	\$10
One doorknob	\$25
Three gallons of paint	\$50
Kitchen sink	\$75
Four walls	\$500
Kitchen cabinets	\$1,000

... And piece by piece, we've built a house! You can literally "buy into" this project by making a contribution to Habitat for Humanity through our church. Please make your check payable to WPUMC with Loaves and Fishes in the memo line of the check.

We have started our new Habitat for Humanity/Loaves and Fishes house build for 2011. Our Loaves and Fishes group builds at our new location of 800 S. Patton Court in Denver on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Whether you are a Habitat regular or a new-comer to this type of mission, you are welcome to help. Other non-build volunteer opportunities are often posted on the Habitat bulletin board in the parlor where food is served on Sundays. Feel good and volunteer!

Here are the dates our church has been assigned to help with the build.

- Thurs., 7/21
- Sat., 7/30
- Fri., 8/5
- Thurs., 8/11
- Sat., 8/20
- Fri., 8/26
- Thurs., 9/1
- Sat., 9/10
- Fri., 9/16
- Thurs., 9/22
- Sat., 10/1

If you would prefer to volunteer on a different date, have questions, or would like to register to volunteer, please contact Carol Nelson at 303.766.1978 or at customtrainingllc@q.com. You may also register by signing your name on the Habitat bulletin board registration. Make a difference and help Habitat for Humanity!

AUGUST MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to all of you, we filled and wrapped 31 boxes full of goodies for children around the world and at home for Operation Christmas Child. This amount is short of last years totals, so we will be accepting boxes for the next few weeks. There are empty boxes with instructions on the Missions table in the Narthex. When you have them filled, return them to the Food Bank basket and they will be stored until November.

- Redemption Fellowship will be August 21: Volunteers for both food and serving are needed. Time commitment is from about 1-4. The congregation at Redemption is growing by leaps and bounds, so we may need some extra help this time. This is a great activity for a family! Check the sign up sheet on the Missions Bulletin Board in the Narthex.
- Gleaning in SW Colorado: Mark your calendar for September 9-10. Once again WPUMC will be sending a team to help with the gleaning for the Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley (www.lapuente.net/gleaning.php). We will be leaving late afternoon or early evening Friday, Sept 9, spending the night in Alamosa, gleaning Saturday morning then joining La Puente Home for lunch. We will then drive back to Denver. We will be renting a passenger van if that makes your decision easier...leave the driving to us! Any questions, call Liz Palizzi at 303.346.1123 or Katie Wieder (see below)
- Food Banks: Don't forget your non perishable, nutritious foods. Drop them off in the basket in the Narthex. Food Sunday is August 14, but donations are accepted any time. Borrow a colorful tote bag if you need a reminder.

Any questions, feel free to contact
Katie Wieder at 303.798.3522 or
katiejunew@comcast.net

TAKE THE MISSIONS CHALLENGE!

Our youth group has just returned from a Mission trip which sounds like it was the trip of a lifetime. They took the chance and stepped out of their comfort zone in MANY ways!

The Missions Committee, of which you are all a part, would like to challenge each and every one of us to take just one step out of our comfort zone! How?

- Help with the build for Habitat for Humanity
- Come glean with us in September

Pastor Dick's sermon the past two weeks focused on pictures from the children's book, , by Istvan Banyai. It doesn't really matter if you start at the beginning or end of this book. Either way, you see how we are all indeed a small part of the Family of God. Reach out to the rest of the Family. Make your world grow!

Sign ups and information on both activities are in the Narthex. Come join in and experience something new!



YOUNG ADULT BBQ

The 2nd Annual Young Adult BBQ had to be moved inside due to rain, but this did not dampen the fun! A great time was had by all with fellowship, food and a game of "Two Truths and a Lie". Did you know we have church members that have danced on Broadway, won a Miss Pac-Man championship, speak multiple languages

and have been on a 6-month long honeymoon? A special thanks to Pastor Char and Miss Maria for watching the kids. We are already looking forward to next year!



Upcoming Events and Calendar

Stump the Chumps: will be held on Sunday, July 31. Put your questions for Char and Dick in the box on the table by the tea kitchen.

VBS: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 1 to 4 from 9:00 am - 11:45 am. Our theme is: "Shake It Up Cafe", where kids carry out God's recipe! Children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5th Grade are invited! For more information, contact Char at education@washparkumc.org.

Lunch Bunch: Our social group for children meets on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in the large Sunday School room. Children bring their own lunch and a drink! Children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5th Grade are invited. Friends are welcome! For questions contact Char at education@washparkumc.org.

Annual Peach Sale: Our annual peach sale season has started! Our peaches are Sweet, Fresh, Tree-ripened Palisade, Colorado Freestone peaches. They are sold in 20 pound boxes (45 - 50 to a box). They are available to you for \$30.00. All orders and complete payment must be received at the Church on or before Sunday August 7th, 2011. Make checks payable to WPUMC. Mail or bring checks to WPUMC, 1955 E. Arizona Avenue, Denver, CO 80210. Peaches must be collected from Washington Park United Methodist Church on Friday August 12th, 2011 at 2 - 6pm or Saturday August 13, 2011 at 8 - 12 am. For further information call Charlene Sullivan at 303.632.8312.

Blessing of the Pets: This service will be held on August 14, 2011. More information will follow.

Swinging at AIDS: The Center for the Church and Global AIDS will host the fifth Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction on August 16, 2011. It is \$125.00 per golfer. Please contact Claudia Svarstad at 303.594.8027 or cvarstad@aol.com. Great services, and fun opportunities. Come and shop - support this great cause. Please contact Sarah Harrington at treyharrington@comcast.net or 303.877.1955 if you would like to donate an item for this year's event.

Bingo Night: Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 5:00 pm will be our first all church BINGO NIGHT. Enjoy dinner, dessert, bingo, prizes and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up outside the Tea Kitchen or email Heather Steelman at hbs691@yahoo.com with "BINGO" in the subject line and include number of adults and children. We look forward to seeing you there!

Washington Park Events

August 1 - 4 = Vacation Bible School (9:00 - 11:45)
 August 3 = Choir Rehearsal
 August 13 = Lunch Bunch
 August 14 = Blessing of the Pets
 August 16 = Swinging At AIDS Golf Tournament.
 August 17 = Ad Council
 August 17 = Choir Rehearsals
 August 21 = Redemption Fellowship
 August 21 = Bingo Night

Free Days In Denver

August 2 = Children's Museum (4-8)
 August 5 = Chatfields Botanic Gardens
 August 6 = Art Museum

August 6 = Golden Car Show
August 7 = City Park Jazz (6 pm)
August 7 = Doll and Toy Museum
August 20 = Littleton Parade
August 22 = Museum of Nature and Science
August 28 = Museum of Nature and Science
August 29 = Denver Botanic Gardens

Timing for LINK and Weekly Info. Distribution

If you have information that has to be in the weekly updates, please make sure that the information reaches the office (at office@washparkumc.org or in person) by Tuesday on the week you need it in the emails. Information for the Link must be received by the 20th of each month. The information must clearly indicate whether it is for the Link or the weekly updates or for both. We really appreciate your help!

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