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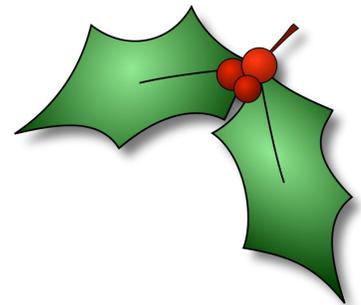
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“..without faith it is impossible to please God.”
Heb. 11:6

I've recently been reading a book by Michael Wittmer called Despite Doubt. In it he states that “Faith is not a blind leap, where we get ourselves in trouble and wait for God to bail us out. Faith means to commit to what we know, and what we know for sure is what God has revealed in Scripture. We have faith when we trust God enough to try new ventures, but we express just as much faith when we simply claim Scripture's promises and obey its commands.” Sometimes I've heard that faith is “a leap in the dark;” but this book helped me see that faith is based on knowledge and on the character of God, not on just anyone or anything. And I can count on Him and what He has said. Please pray that I will exercise THAT kind of faith each day.

Each December I try to share in the Bible studies I lead about the wonder of the Christmas story. Because it is the truth from God, there are many lessons we can learn from each character in the account. We looked at whomever the participants could remember in the story, and gained some insight for our own lives. Please pray that we will become more like Jesus as we study Him and His desire for our lives.



I've had the privilege of visiting Kenny and Jonathan this Fall. Both are blind. I was able to pass on a resource that contained the New Testament on a solar powered little device to Jonathan so he could listen to it with only a little effort.

This resource from Dr. Charles Stanley's "In Touch Ministries" will hopefully enrich his life and build him up in his faith, even when no one is near to share Scripture with him. I hope to give one to Kenny shortly.



Jonathan with his keyboard

Jodie's sister, Judi, from San Diego, spent Christmas with us, along with her other sister, Jeanne, who lives near us. Also **my** sister, Carol, was in the area from Kentucky. So we had a wonderful time last month. Hope all of you who get this letter had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, filled with the BEST that God wants for you– the worship of His Son, Jesus, the King of Kings.

Kyle Robinson (Director of Mobilization) and I are gearing up to visit Christian college campuses and recruit students to work for us at Handi*Camp this summer. Please pray that the Lord will bring just the right staff together– service staff (over 16 years old), counselors (over 18 years old), kitchen workers and nurses (LPN or RN) for our 2 PA weeks and our 4 NJ weeks. Camp orientation starts May 24th. We have lots to do before then! Pray for wisdom and good use of time.



Prayer/Praise Requests: 1. Pray that my faith will be in Jesus, not in myself. 2. Pray for the campers with whom I share to trust Jesus and grow in love for Him and others. 3. Pray for the Handi*Camp staff who will come on board with us.