

LIVING WATERS MINISTRIES

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRUE BRIDGE YOUTH RETREAT APRIL 8-10, 2005



MAY 2005 NEWSLETTER

Well, things change quickly when weather threatens in Minnesota. The 4th annual TrueBridge Youth Retreat, scheduled for March 18-20th, was rescheduled due to an impending snowstorm to April 8-10th. We were pumped to have 77 students and 28 leaders (105 total) attend the weekend. Praise God! We had 7 students and 1 leader that came to the retreat that would not have attended the weekend in March. The whole weekend worked out great. This year we got a lot of help with the administration and financial end of the retreat from City Hill Fellowship in Eden Prairie. This was a huge blessing and freed us up to do other things. Mark ran sound, and was the MC. Anna organized the snacks, small group times, and group games. Both Mark and Anna spoke during the weekend. Mark shared the Gospel and Anna talked about overcoming fear and prayed with the youth for freedom from fear. We had a wonderful time praying with most of the 77 youth individually during a ministry time on Saturday night. Many specific words of prophesy (encouragement) were given. It was a huge encouragement to see how God knows each one of His children by name and wants to meet with each of them where they are at. Thanks for your prayers for the retreat. The warm weather felt great as we spent a lot of the free time outside. We even had a few daring youth (and chaperones) jump in the lake! (See photo below)



(at left) Marshall/Balaton youth
hooping it up in the gym

(below) Jim McCracken shares
what it means to be "sent"

(above left) Goofing around during
"PaperBag Dramatics" skit

(at right) Warm weather prompts
these crazy students to take a dip



ELLIE CHARIS HAUGEN IS NOW 3 YEARS OLD!



On February 13th, we rejoiced with family and friends to commemorate Ellie's turning a whopping 3 years old! It is incredible how the time flies by. She had a blast inviting 3 of her best girlfriends over for games and cake & ice cream. Ellie is a TALKER! She has an amazing vocabulary and a mind like a steel trap remembering every name and detail. She would be a great candidate for the show "Kids say the darndest things"



CZECH REPUBLIC HERE WE COME!

I never thought I'd be going to Czech Republic this year. Not this soon! It is amazing how God works things together. And I am so delighted to be travelling with Becky Odegaard (pictured here with me at right) from Morris. She is a tremendous leader and will be a great help in the work we will be doing there. Pray that we would gel with the group from Clearbrook that we'll be traveling with. We met them for the first time on April 18th. They are really neat. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You for all the financial support that has poured in for the trip. The trip is paid in full. Praise God!



While in Czech, Here's what we will be doing:

- * evangelism through street drama
- * sharing our testimonies at English school
- * ministering in the local church in Pardubice
- * I also plan on visiting Prague apart from the group and checking out the club scene in hopes of doing some band outreach on a future trip



(above) English schoolstudents

(left) missionaries Waylan & Laurie

(right) street outreach



PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

- * Mark's trip to the Czech Republic May 20th-30th. Pray for safety, protection, team unity, fruitful ministry, divine appointments, souls to be saved, and the local church in Pardubice to be encouraged.
- * Anna and the girls while Mark is in Czech. They will most likely be visiting family and friends during those 10 days.
- * Praise God for our Team of New Board Members: Pat Franey, Bill Royce, Scott Guhl, Matt Engelson, Mark Daigle, & Ben Goodman
- * For God's guidance in writing our mission statement and goals.