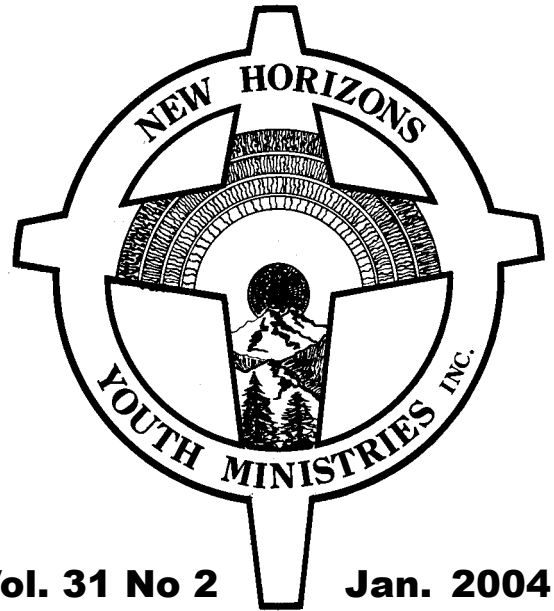


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MISSANABIE WOODS ACADEMY: TRANSFORMING HEARTS IN THE WILDERNESS!

“Over the last year we appealed for funds to purchase the mining claim at the front of our camp property. We are very grateful to the many friends who responded and made it possible for us to preserve the remoteness of our setting. For 26 summers we have staked our claim to part of the Canadian wilderness and carved out a place to live among pines and aspens on the edge of Dog Lake. Your gifts allow us to continue to bring our students into the isolation of the wilderness, away from the clamor of the many voices that vie for our attention.

Missanabie Woods is a place where God’s presence can be felt and his quiet voice heard. It is, for me, sacred ground: a place I know I can meet God whenever I choose. The lake, the rocks, the sky, the stars, all declare His glory and show His handiwork and make it easier to believe He is near. That is why I look forward to returning to camp each year. It is something many of our students carry in their memories as they move on.

All of the work times, backpacking, canoeing, free days, cleaning, chores, chapels and competitions we do with our students allow them to see God at work in the life of each staff member. The combination of a sense of His presence and a view of His ongoing work in us is a powerful testimony to our students that God can build character in them and give them hope for tomorrow.

Our Lord Jesus longs to stake His claim in the heart of each of our students with the rough-hewn beams and long nails of His cross. We thank each one of you who prayed for our students and us this summer and for your part in supporting our ministry to reclaim the lives of rebellious teens for our Lord.”

(Peter Bergs, MWA Director)



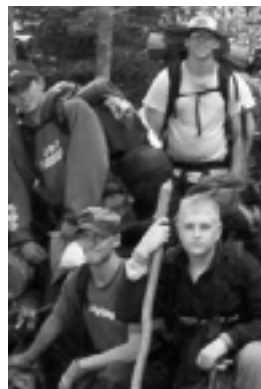
Two Students’ Perspectives on MWA

“My experience in Canada was simply amazing! I loved every single part of it! Being in the wilderness, living in ‘do it yourself’ circumstances was great.” (Eliott, student)

“What can I say about MWA?...only that I would not be where I am today without it. The Canada camp helped me to grow spiritually, physically and mentally. It was definitely a life changing experience. It made me stretch and grow in ways I would not have imagined possible. The relationships I built there were the best part. I absolutely loved Canada and want to go back some day.” (Halley, student)

“Therefore I will teach them-- This time I will teach them my power & might. Then they will know my name is the Lord.”(Jer. 16:21 NIV)

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Former Student is Hero

One summer morning, 19 year old Brandon Garza was driving in his hometown of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, with a friend when he came upon a house on fire. He stopped his car in the middle of the road and ran to get help.



Brandon and Rio Rancho Mayor

After knocking on the doors and getting no response, Brandon grabbed a garden hose and began hosing down the side of the house while flames licked up the sides and rose high above the roof. Neighbors who had been unaware soon came to assist and were able to get the occupant, who had a medical condition requiring oxygen, out of the burning house. Brandon and his friend worked with neighbors until the fire department arrived and got everything under control and then they left without even leaving their names.

A couple of days later Brandon related the incident to his mother who in turn wrote the local newspaper to express her pride for what her son had done.

We are always thrilled to hear from our past students and parents as to how they are doing. We rejoice when the stories are positive as in Brandon's case and we pray and intercede when the situation calls for that.

Our message to you is to keep in touch and our encouragement is that we have not forgotten that you are a part of us and we care!

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"In the same way; encourage young men to be wise. In every way be an example of doing good deeds."
(Titus 2:6,7)NCV



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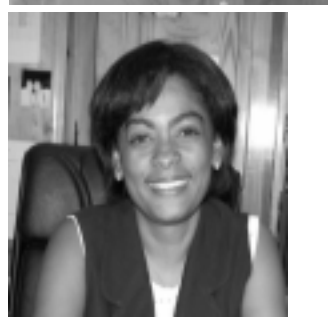


From the Pen of Phil Redwine

How can 2003 be summarized for Escuela Caribe? This has been a strong year of challenges and growth. We reached a record number of students totalling 54 with a high of 22 for our new summer program. Our CVS Summer Program focuses on school and community outreach as well as our key principle of hard work.

Needless to say we needed a quality staff to pull this off and God again came through. As I write this we are fully staffed and have the quality and quantity to handle the load. More and more staff are seeing this as a career and staying long term, which provides great consistency and stability. This was not a year without crisis as many students came carrying their pain with them. We continue to weather the storm and hold to our standard that we will never give up on a student.

If you have not seen our beautiful campus or chapel yet, come visit!! Our landscaping has taken the campus to a new level of beauty. We encourage you to visit our website www.nhym.org and see photos of our campus and homes. This year also saw us launch in earnestness our volunteer and internship program. It has been a joy and blessing to have parents of former students return to give back to the program that meant so much to their family. We are also working with Christian colleges to provide placements for internships in education, missions, youth ministry and counselling.



JCS

Jarabacoa Christian School is in its fourth year and bustling with 128 students! The work being done at that school is remarkable. Many Dominican parents are surprised by their children's spiritual growth; praying at family meals and reading and memorizing Scriptures. One mother reported her daughter crawled up in her lap and told her she loved her, but followed it by saying, "But I love Jesus more. Shouldn't we love Jesus more than our family, mother?" This mother trembled as she related her story at the parents group meeting.

For those who helped with our raffle by buying tickets, the raffle was delayed until the end of September and had a marvelous outcome. The man who won the car lives in Florida and donated the value of the car back to JCS! We have purchased land and are now working to raise the money to build on that property. We have a beautiful design and are praying for additional funds in hopes of breaking ground early in 2004 with money made through the raffle, carnivals and dinners held so far.

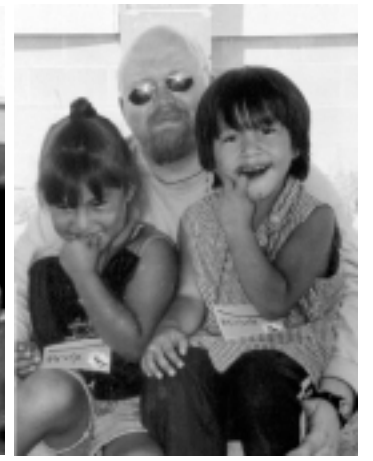
It has been a blessing to offer quality education to staff's children as well as the children of local missionaries and Dominican families from Jarabacoa. JCS has also been a great opportunity for our students to go there and volunteer as helpers and tutors, especially our graduating seniors in need of employment while finishing their time at Escuela Caribe. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this gift to the community of Jarabacoa!



2003 MISSION TRIP



“As You Do It Unto The Least Of These..”



“Our trip to South Dakota was an eye opener for me. I learned what Generational Poverty means. Families that have lived in the same circumstances devoid of aspiration of a better existence. Every morning when we transported the students we would see some of them dressed in the same clothes all week. One dwelling was missing a wall from a tornado from 9 months before. It was miserable to see people living like this.

The saddest part of the trip for me was when Mr. Saunders asked a group of about 20 Lakota children, “What color is God?” Their reply was “White.” This made me meditate on how in one week can I demonstrate to them that God is not white, particularly if the majority of the white people they have known have ill-treated them. Our host Kate Kendal said, “Be kind to them”, and that is what we did. We tried to love them and demonstrate that God is not a color but a being of love. I am not sure if I was successful in living how God wanted me to while there, or even if it will make a difference in their lives, but I know it made a difference in my own life.” (Tony Callender)

“It was an awesome experience for me. The kids were so great! Having us there sharing with them made them so excited. For me, getting to know the little kids, spending time with them and letting them know that God loves them was the coolest part.” (Danielle Paulson, student)

“Spending time with the kids in South Dakota showed me how unconditional God’s love for us is. All He really wants is that ‘childlike’ faith. The faith that the Lakota Indians had, even while living in poverty was so inspiring.” (Kady, student)

InterestingFact: Mr. Saunders killed not one, but two rattlenakes while out there!!



When the bus left NHA in Marion packed with students and staff ready to go to the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota, expectations from the staff differed from those of the students. Staff prayed and hoped that by the students reaching out and working with children in an impoverished and radically different culture than any of them had ever experienced that they would begin to develop empathy and transfer focus from their own needs to those of the children. The students were happy just to get away from the structure of the school environment and the promise of an adventure was appealing. In the end, God showed up and everyone came back changed in some way.

Chaplain Paul Swanson summarized the mission: “The opportunity to love, serve, and share our lives with the Sioux people was profoundly life changing. God worked through us, and we saw first hand the power of Christ.”

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A Christian therapeutic school for high potential, under-achieving adolescents aged 14-17, located in the central highlands of the Dominican Republic. Students are provided with a combination of learning experiences designed to raise personal potentials through character enrichment, cultivating a lifetime desire for excellence!

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MISSANABIE WOODS ACADEMY...

An intensive summer experience in wilderness survival for adolescents aged 12-17, taking place at our campus on Dog Lake, Missanabie, Ontario, Canada. Students develop resourcefulness, self-esteem, and character through Christian teaching and the rigors of the unrelenting environmental demands in the "bush."

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General Support Staff - **Darlene Bergs**

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A Christ-centered co-ed boarding school with campus in Marion, Indiana. Here we provide Christian character training in a distinctive educational setting for adolescents aged 12-17 which provides academics and counseling (individual, group, and family) in a residential environment.

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While students are enrolled in any of our training programs, parents meet monthly at five different geographic locations for assistance in understanding what their teenager needs most from them and in conserving the important gains made by their son/daughter upon returning home.

