



“REACHING OUT TO YOUTH”

HIS PLACE Teen Center

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Mt. Washington, N.H. Bike Trip!

The weekend of September 21-23 was our annual bike trip from His Place Teen Center to Pinkham Notch NH. On Friday September 21st at about 5:00 PM we had a group of 5 male youth, Aaron S., Johnathan P., William M., Scottie F., Randy H., and 2 female youth, Donna M., Alex S., and 5 adult staff and chaperones, our fearless leader/staff member, Artie Hladik, his compadres, Brad Saunders and Ron Blake, chaperones, Ron Hopping, Rich Maguire, female staff members, Tiffany Scaliatine, and Kathy Bonney. We also had our chief cook R. P. Pike, and his helper, youth, Seth S. to do the meals. They all rode out of our property at His Place Teen Center on the first leg of their approximate 65 mile journey to Pinkham Notch NH. We had a number of new youth on this annual trek. Herb and Lois Strauss and Rocky at the Papoose Pond Camping Resort made 7 cabins available for the bikers and staff to stay in for Friday night. This is our third year of doing this and our chief cook, Russell Pike had a great meal of toasted cheese sandwiches, soup, beverage and desert planned for them once they all arrived. Ron Blake, one of our staff members that accompanied Bert on motorcycle for the big New York bike trip had been getting in shape and practicing for this bike trip. He used Russell's bike to join the group for this journey. Bert, Fran and the rest of our staff stayed back to run the teen center for the youth that didn't go on the trip.

This bike trip was especially different and unique in that for the first time a baptism for 5 of our youth, Donna M., Laura G., William M., T.J. Ray, Alex S., took place early Saturday morning at the Papoose Pond Camping Resort in their swimming pool. Many of the youth baptized had been attending His Place Teen Center for about a year and also attended our Outpost meetings, (formerly known as Teen Church), and wanted to make a public confession to their

friends and family that they wanted to commit their lives to serving Jesus Christ. Family and friends came over to Papoose Pond for this special occasion. After the baptism they cleaned up the grounds and boarded their bikes for the next leg of their journey with a stop at Melby's Store in North Waterford, just a short ways from the campground for a good breakfast prepared for them that was included in the low price of just \$15.00 a



Bikers for New Hampshire trip: L-R. back row: Staff: ,Brad Saunders, youth Aaron S., Chaperone:Rich Maguire, youth Scottie F., Staff, Ron Blake, Chaperone: Ron Hopping, youth William M., cooks helper: Seth S., Donna M., Chaperone: Kathy Bonney, youth Alex S. Staff: Tiffany Scaliatine, Chief cook: R. P. Pike, Front row: Artie Hladik, Johnathan P., and Randy H.

person for the entire trip. After filling their bellies and with great weather they biked to Bethel, Maine where they had some fruit and refreshments before continuing on to Gorham NH, where they stayed for the night at the Holy Family Catholic Church, after another great meal, music, movie and fellowship.

On Sunday morning the bikers got up and went to the local park for their morning worship and message. I heard that this was cool to quote staff and youth. A special moment after worship and the message was they broke up into small groups to pray for one another. The weather was spectacular this year with no rain in sight.

Bert and Fran brought up their truck to haul back the bikes and joined the bikers for a meal at Kentucky Fried Chicken before returning back to His Place Teen Center. Another great trip with pictures and memories that youth and staff will remember for a lifetime and God was with us from start to finish. Our God is faithful! Amen.

Another first for us at His Place Teen Center is that one of our youth, not a biker but wanted to be baptized. We baptized Vanessa V. on her birthday, Oct. 6th before our Saturday Night Outpost Meeting at the Norway Lake in the dark..... We took a picture of this momentous occasion which came out great and was a very special service with Vanessa's dad, Allen, and brother, Blake. We then went back to the teen center for a great time of worship and a powerful message, followed by prayer time chicken bomb subs and homemade coleslaw fixed by another one of our cooks, Ron Blake and his helper, Kathy Hladik. We had a good turnout for this.



Baptism of Vanessa V. on her birthday Oct. 6 at Norway Lake. L-R. Staff members and baptizers: Brad Saunders, Artie Hladik, Vanessa V. and staff member Ron Blake.

His Place

In Bridgton or Rumford?

We are looking into the idea over the next couple years to see if there is interest in starting another His Place Teen Center in one of these areas. There seems to be interest and they've seen what we are doing here in Oxford. This is only in the exploratory stage only right now. We need a lot of lead time to do this. It took us over 8 months to put our ministry in place and believe the preparation time was what gave us the longevity we have enjoyed. This would be totally separately funded from the ministry here in Oxford. We would be looking for a group of people from their area churches to form a committee and see what the interest really is. It is a very big commitment but the rewards are great! We will keep you updated to the progress we make in this endeavor. In this two year period we will have finished the facility here in Oxford and will have many if not all the planned programs in place we ever dreamed of. In 2008 we will celebrate 10 full years since we purchased the property. We will have built a \$500,000.00 facility in less than 10 years, all paid for. Praise the Lord!!! In 2012 we will celebrate 20 full years of ministry and if plans work out we will be in the stage of planting other teen centers in small towns around the state. This is a big goal, but we serve a BIG GOD! Amen!

His Place Teen Center!

His Place Teen Center just passed 15 full years of ministry reaching out to youth in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area. Phase I that opened in March of 2001. A 26' x 52' unique two story gambrel style building, with our new Phase II 36' x 70' addition (less than \$30,000.00 to complete) located on a 2 1/4 acre lot on 254 Webber Brook Road in Oxford. We're open every Friday night from 6:00-9:00 PM.

We then have our Outpost starting at 9:15 PM and is open to anyone that wants to attend. The first Sat. night of every month 6:00-8:00 PM Outpost, no games). All are welcome to attend. For those that are new to us, His Place is a safe, yet well supervised place for youth ages 11-18 both boys and girls (NO ADMISSION FEES). We offer 2 pool tables, ping pong, foose ball, air hockey, Playstation I & II video games, various board games, and of course loud kicking music, with free refreshments. We also have a snack bar with very reasonable prices. We have a softball field, horseshoe area, a 30' x 60' paved basketball court and a 30' x 50' volleyball pit. We provide a safe place for the youth to meet new friends. We currently have about 40-50 youth in attendance and growing every Friday night. We have qualified, dedicated men and women staff that really enjoy being with youth. (WE ARE LOOKING FOR MINISTERIAL STAFF, MEN & WOMEN. CALL BERT & FRAN AT 743-9503 OR ARTIE HLADIK AT 336-2710.

OUR FATHER

Volunteers Needed:
 Immediate opening for 1 or 2 faithful prayer partners to pray for specific needs of the Teen Center.

Requirement:
 Faithful to pray! The Teen Center supplies you with periodic updates to our specific needs. i.e., kids to pray for, upcoming events, and other specific needs. Contact Bert 743-9503, cell 515-3000 or Artie 336-2710 or cell 890-4056.

Building Update!

HIS PLACE TEEN CENTER PHASE II UPDATE

KITCHEN:

\$500.00 (\$200.00 FOR TILE FLOOR IN FUTURE) TO COMPLETE ROOM, WALLS, TRIM & PAINT ECT.

SNACK BAR:

\$500.00 (BUILD 12' UNIT WITH 30" COUNTER).

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM:

\$1,000.00 PAINT FLOOR, TRIM OUT REMAINING DOORS, . EMERGENCY LIGHTS, DOOR CLOSERS ETC.

GAME ROOM:

\$ 300.00 PAINT GAME ROOM FLOOR.
\$ 500.00 PUT IN FIRE DOOR & HARDWARE.

WOMEN'S BATHROOM:

\$ 400.00 TRIM OUT DOOR, WINDOWS, 4FT. ELECTRIC
\$ 300.00 HEATER ON WALL. GOOD EXHAUST FAN.
\$ 300.00 BUILD WALL DIVIDER AND HANDICAP FIXTURES.

\$3,800.00 TO COMPLETE THESE ROOMS!



Phase I a 26' x 52" two story Gambrel building with Game Room. Opened on March 16, 2001. Phase II our new 36' x 70' addition began Nov. of 2002 (We need less than \$30,000.00 to finish the entire building). PTL!

years. This will most likely be done next year unless funds are provided earlier. We also will have a 16' x 20' room over the Multi-Purpose room and another 16' x 14' class room upstairs to build.

If we are able to complete all this by the end of August 2008 I believe this will be a great goal and we will be ready to minister to the youth and put all the programs in place we have dreamed and envisioned since beginning in August of 1992.

If you would like to contribute to our building fund please make out your check to His Place Teen Center and tag your check building fund and mail it to His Place Teen Center, 254 Webber Brook Road, Oxford, Me. 04270. Thank you!

His Place Teen Center Goals!

We are just \$30,000.00 from completing our Phase II addition. Once this is complete we will have built a (\$500,000.00 facility) replacement value, all paid for with no mortgage in just 10 years since we purchased our property in Sept. of 1998.

It is our goal to complete our commercial kitchen with a new expanded counter in our snack bar area, put down a good tile floor, trim, paint ect. We also plan to complete our Multi-Purpose Room with a good tile floor as well, trim, paint etc. This room is being used a lot now with the Outpost meetings, Thursday Night Mentoring Program and Friday night activities. We also want to complete our ladies bathroom and we just received \$2,500.00 from the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club needed to put in our men's bathroom this summer. I want to believe for our central heating system to be put in this year before cold weather, but we can get by another season without this if need be. We also have our food pantry off the kitchen to get in place and the hallway and entrance area where people enter the building. We have a little more work to do outside with some vinyl siding and closing in the eaves out back etc. If we complete this work it will leave our Fitness Room with showers, this is located just off the Multi-Purpose room and has been in the plans for

HIS PLACE TEEN CENTER REMITTANCE STATEMENT

Enclosed is a tax deductible gift of \$ _____

- Monthly Contribution
- Quarterly Contribution
- One Time Contribution

Please make checks payable to Youth Outreach Ministries.

**LOOKING FOR 200 PEOPLE
THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$10.00 OR MORE A MONTH FOR
OPERATIONAL COSTS AT HIS PLACE.**

WILL YOU BE ONE?

CONTACT BERT 743-9503 OR THE ADDRESS ON THIS NEWSLETTER.
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Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop!

“Where Junk becomes Treasure”! This our new motto! Alpha and Omega Thrift Shop bigger and better, (soon in a 24’ x 60’ mobile unit, (formerly used as portable classrooms around the state). This building came from Schiavi Leasing, just down the road from us. As the Executive Director, visionary, and fund raiser for this ministry, I went out and solicited the funds to purchase this unit. We are very grateful for the response to this request and believe this is going to be used to help with a more livable wage for Bert and Fran as Directors and also to help with the ever increasing cost of operating a ministry like ours. This mobile unit affords us with approximately 1440 square feet of floor space to merchandise the big variety of donated items, (consisting of everything from household items, general merchandise, furniture, baby items, clothes, books, etc.) This merchandise comes in from all over the Oxford Hills and surrounding area and is helping to meet a need in the community. We estimate we are taking 3-5 ton of merchandise that would have been disposed of out of the system each month. It is a win! win! for all of us! It has been proven in other parts of the state that recycling with thrift shops saves the towns money. We are seeing a great response to our efforts and thank everyone.

The Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop is located (inside the Norway/Paris Solid Waste facility) on 39 Brown Street in Norway, Maine. Take the road (across from Amato’s and on the corner of the Oxford Networks building and Cafe Corner). Drive through the NPSW facility and you will see us just down over the hill on the way out of the plant. This is just a little over 2 1/2 miles from the teen center that is located on 254 Webber Brook Road in Oxford. People from the Oxford Hills and surrounding area are welcome to come shop and to contribute items to us even if this is not your place to dispose of waste. Call Bert at 515-3000 if you need help.

This 24’ x 60’ mobile unit is located right along side the 16’ x 24’ building we have used since opening May 1st. It was obvious from the start that this small building was not going to be big enough for us and quickly outgrew it. The smaller building will be used as an annex for furniture and appliances and when needed storage.

The response and acceptance of the Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop was more than we anticipated and we couldn’t be more pleased with the results to date.

We have a good group of men and women volunteers from the local area and a lady from Gorham NH, Gemma, that comes down every Tuesday to work sorting and boxing up items for us and putting them in the storage trailer or in the thrift shop.

I invite you to come check out the Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop and visit with the folks that make it tick. If you need help contact Bert at 515-3000.

Our hours of operation are 10AM-4:00 PM. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. This makes us open every day the NPSW facility is open as they are closed on Mondays and Thursdays. We are closed on Sundays to honor the Lord.

We have a 48’ storage trailer the folks at NPSW have let us use to store merchandise in and another 48’ storage trailer, we got from the folks at Schiavi Leasing for a low price. This trailer is located at His Place Teen Center where we store the furniture and better items that are donated to keep them safe. We are now accepting good salable appliances, stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, furniture, especially dressers, bureaus, beds, twin beds are in big demand, tables, chairs etc., kitchen items, nick nacks, toys, good clean clothes etc. We say if it will sell we can sell it! The thrift shop and our big yard sales on Rte. 26 really help us.

Another great thing about this outreach it provides a place for the youth to volunteer some time, learn a good work ethic and help us reach their peers. If you would like to volunteer, donate or have any questions contact Bert at 743-9503 or Cell 515-3000.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE THRIFT SHOP CONTACT BERT. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US!

Last yard sale for the season Nov. 1-6th. We need lots of good merchandise for these. We are presently collecting yard sale and thrift shop items for these sales. If you would like to contribute good salable items or would like to volunteer to help us with the Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop or yard sales please contact me at the office 743-9503 or my cell phone (515-3000). See the center insert in this newsletter for more information. Let me thank you in advance for your support. Bert & Fran.



This is the 24’ x 60’ mobile unit we will be using for Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop. Bigger and better with 2 large 24’ x 30’ rooms to display more with a bigger variety to better serve the community.

After School Program!

As the Executive Director and administrator of His Place Teen Center I have been promoting the Cafe After-School Program to the high school age youth each week during our sharing time at His Place Teen Center. We are not quite ready for our planned After-School Program here, and because we work with many of the same youth that have found the Cafe a safe, fun place to go after school I have joined with this effort.

Heidi Ricci a friend that has a heart to reach the youth in Oxford Hills heads up this program, along with her faithful volunteers. The youth know she runs a tight ship as we do, but not so much they won't come and bring their friends. The Cafe as it is called takes place in a big room just down the hall from the office at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Monday-Thursday 2:00-4:30 PM. The attendance varies but you can usually see up to 40 or 50 youth on a given afternoon. If the youth misbehave they are told that they can go with Heidi to the office, that usually straightens them out. Heidi also gives out the bus passes to the youth that need them. This program has been taking place for at least the last 6 years and more and more youth have been attending on a regular basis.

The other great thing about this program is Heidi has full access to the kitchen in the Culinary Arts Room with all the equipment known to man. As one of my famous mottos goes "If you feed them they will come"! It is true at the Cafe!

The Outpost!

This is name of our Worship service formerly known as "Teen Church". "The Outpost" on Friday nights just passed 4 full years on Friday Sept. 14th. Jan. 1 of this coming year we will celebrate 3 full years of Sat. Night Outpost Meetings. Artie Hladik, our leader and pastor for "The Outpost" is teaching on the subject....Why do we do the things we do.... as Christians? He and another staff person, Brad Saunders taught on the entire book of Romans recently. He has also taught us that living the Christian life does have a cost, but the rewards are eternal! We will be in heaven with Jesus forever and forever!

We invite anyone in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area to join us. We welcome you (any age group) to join us at "The Outpost" If you are a young person already attending His Place Teen Center, or have come across our website feel free to invite your friends, your parents, their friends, or anyone that is not already in a good Bible believing church service on a regular basis to "The Outpost". If you are looking for a place to learn about God, the Bible, have good fellowship with others consider "The Outpost" every Friday night 9:15-11:30 PM. We always have a good fellowship meal together following the service that is included in the time listed above.

The Outpost SAT. Night!

The Outpost Saturday Night Service 6:00-9:00 PM takes place the first Saturday of the month to make room for the people that can't stay for the Friday night service.

We meet every Friday night except the first Friday of the month to make room for our service on the first Saturday night of the month.

"A VISION FROM GOD WILL TOUCH 2 AND 3 GENERATIONS"!

We have that in the making here at His Place Teen Center!

Christmas Trees!

The Christmas trees will be in on Rte. 26 where we do the yard sales the day after Thanksgiving. We will have Christmas trees from \$10.00 & up as we have had for a number of years now. Get your fresh Christmas trees from His Place Teen Center and help us reach the youth in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area. For more information please contact Bert at 743-9503 or Cell at 515-3000.



This is a recent Friday Night "Outpost Meeting" with mostly youth leading the worship. L-R. Aaron S., Thomas H., lead singer Donna M., Johnathan P. on Bass and Brad Saunders on drums. Artie is worshipping the Lord!



This is a picture of 3 of our youth from our Mentoring Group at Crocker Pond recently. L.-R. Tara B., Meagan D., and Anthony G.

Mentoring with a Flare!

All of life is a learning experience and so goes the mentoring program here at the Teen Center. For the past three years we have been in a “Book” learning mode for the mentoring program and the kids experienced new horizons for their lives; in fact Luke Woodman has embarked on his chosen profession in college, as a pastor, from his adventure through three fields of study.

This year, with high-energy kids as a raw material, we are going to investigate the virtues of discipline, respect and responsibility through the field of an “Outward Bound” type program as our model of influencing behavior and citizenship.

In many cases of teen misconduct, the teen is offered the opportunity of the international program of “Outward Bound” in place of incarceration. The purpose is to show the teen how society must interact with inequities and coexist in a beneficial manner to the point of “needing” and “helping” that person who is different than he or she.

At the Teen Center, we hope that we will be pre-emptive by influencing the youth to be a good citizen in all situations and to understand the value of “DIFFERENCE” and “DEPENDANCE”!

Ron Blake

We want to thank our faithful mentors that have been a part of this for over 3 years. A special thanks to mentors Ron Blake, Howard Munday, and Bert Rugg and in 2006/2007 new mentors and helpers Edith Dyer, Glen and Noni Farrington, and our newest member, Pam Rugg, for the many hours of dedication, sharing their talents and experiences with the youth that attend every Thursday night from 5:00-8:00.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OF HIS PLACE TEEN CENTER

Bert Rugg	Fran Rugg	Ann Harvey
Corinna Bartlett	Howard Munday	
Glenn Davis	Bruce LeBlanc	

(This is the present Executive Board that keeps us on mission & goal at His Place).

CONGRATULATIONS FOR ONE YEAR OF MARRIED BLISS TO BRENT AND CORINNA BARTLETT ON NOV. 11TH. WE WISH THEM MANY MORE!

Ham Radio Room!

The Ham Radio Room is framed up, insulated and has been sheetrocked with the help from the Oxford Advent Christian Church men’s group. The sheetrock was donated generously from Burlington Homes recently. Brad Saunders has seen good results from his teaching efforts from the spring class, because a number of people recently got their ham radio licenses. Staff member Ron Blake, KB1PHJ, youth that attend His Place Teen Center: Donna M., KB1PKY, Luke W., KB1PKZ, Cherith R., KB1PLA, This class was taught at no extra cost than the price of the book. If you are interested in getting your Ham Radio license contact Brad Saunders at 966-3653 or contact me at 743-9503 or Cell 515-3000, for the next class in the spring of 2008.

The Ham Radio Room is being done from private finances individual of the rest of our facility. We have discovered that we have to put on a wider ridge on the 70’ section of the phase II roof. The wind blows the snow right in 2 or 3 times a year. So we are temporarily held up on this room, but look forward to completing it soon. If you would like to donate to this room being completed please send donations to His Place and tag it Ham Radio Room. We will keep you informed as we progress more on this. F.M.I. about ham radio call Brad 966-3653 or 207-557-8460.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

at www.hisplaceteencenter.com You can now get a (printable) full color newsletter on line with pictures. If you receive our newsletter and would like to receive it by e-mail please let us know. This will save us money on postage. If you want to receive our newsletter or want to be removed (743-9503 or youthhptc@yahoo.com)



This is our 15 year celebration and our 7th annual "End of Summer Bash" that took place on Friday August 24th with over a 100 people.



This is our ever popular Pie Eating Contest during the "End of Summer Bash". The winner was William M. age 17, from Bethel, Maine, sitting at the end of the table on the right. Looks messy!

His Place Wish List!

- * Looking for a barn or garage to store Yard Sale items until we have the sale.
- * Looking for someone that has a burden for reaching the young kids ages 5-10 for a Kid's Club Program. If interested in this please call Bert. 743-9503 or 515-3000.
- * \$20.00 a month donations to purchase up to date Christian Music CD's.
- * Christian books needed for our library. Youth and family oriented in particular.

Upcoming Events!

Nov. 1-6 our last big yard sale down on Rte. 26 in Oxford before the Wal-Mart.

***Sat. Nov. 3** Newsboys Concert 25 of us will be "Where the Party is at! Augusta Civic Center.

***Nov. 6** The bigger and better Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop in our 24' x 60' mobile unit is planned to be open. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Tues., Wed., Fri. & Saturday.

***Friday Nov. 9.** 7:30-8:00 PM We are pleased to have ministering, one of Maine's premier and very popular children's favorites, the very professional and creative puppet team, with Jackie Dione and the EMC², Puppet Ministry, from Livermore. They have been with us before and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

***Nov. 9, 10 & 11** Grand Reopening Sale of The Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop on Sat. Nov. 10 with hamburgers, hot-dogs, chips, soda and desert served. Hot coffee, hot chocolate and donuts will also be served. 11:00-3:00 PM. See article F.M.I. on hours etc. This might have to be put off until the next weekend if not ready!



We want to thank Schiavi Leasing and Bob Warrington for helping us with getting another 48' storage trailer for yard sale and thrift shop items to be stored in, and our 24' x 60' mobile unit for Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop located at the NPSW facility. (See story page 4.)

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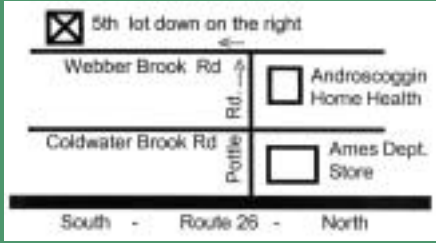
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Nativity Quilt Fund Raiser!



Bert's niece, Lecia Curtis, and Bert's sister Wahneta Ellsworth, just made a beautiful nativity quilt with their new quilting machine. This is a labor of love on their part as there is over \$100.00 worth of labor alone. This is a fund raiser for our ministry. We will have this beautiful quilt on display at our Nov. 1-6 Yard sale on Rte. 26. If you would like to purchase tickets for this, and the 2nd prize, a \$35.00 gift card from Wal-Mart, third prize of a \$25.00 gift card from Lowes, the tickets are (1 for a \$1.00), (a book of 6 for \$5.00). You do not have to be present to win. The drawing will be on December 10th in time for Christmas. F.M.I. call Bert at 515-3000.

*This is the nativity quilt donated by Sew...What's...Quilting?
as a fund raiser for the ministry. Pictured L.-R. Lecia and Bert.*