



# “REACHING OUT TO YOUTH”

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*Staff, Chaperones and youth ready to travel from His Place Teen Center to Lake George NY for our annual big bike trip July 20-28th where they traveled 250 miles back to His Place Teen Center. L-R Luke W., Devon G., Michelle C., William M., Chaperone, Ron Hopping, Treasurer and founding board member, Howard Munday, Cherith R., standing in front of Howie, our fearless leader of the trip, Artie Hladik, Johnathan P. standing in back, Aaron S., Staff person, and motorcycle companion, Ron Blake, Staff person and route planner, Brad Saunders, Donna M., Executive Directors Fran and Bert Rugg, two girls in front Kim D, and Jesse H. Our youngest rider Caleb S. and Alexandra S. missing in this picture but went on the trip.*



## ***His Place Teen Center Lake George, NY to Maine Bike Trip!***

This is what took place for a group of dedicated youth and staff from His Place Teen Center during the week of July 20-28. We transported 19 of us, 7 boys: Anthony G., age 16, Devon G., age 15, William M., age 17, Johnathan P., age 16, Aaron S., age 18, Caleb S., age 11, and Luke W., age 18, 6 girls: Michelle C., age 14, Kim D., age 16, Jesse, H., age 18, Donna M., age 17, Cherith R., age 16, and Alexandra S., age 15., 4 adult staff, our fearless leader: Artie Hladik, staff member and route planner, Brad Saunders, chaperone Ron Hopping, and last but not least our treasurer and founding board member, Howard Munday, with truck and van. We transported all the bikes, gear, etc. with our truck hauling a trailer with all the bikes, and our big van hauling the youth to Lake George NY. This trip was in the talking stages for a couple of years as we did a trip to Schroom Lake NY and joined up with Word of Life back in 1998. The big difference with this trip compared to all the trips we have done since 1995 was that we transported everything to our destination and biked back (approximately 250 miles), to His Place Teen Center. We ended the trip back at His Place Teen Center with a big Texas barbecue and welcome home party on Sat. July 28th prepared by our ever faithful cook and staff member Russell Pike and volunteers. This was open to all the staff, management team, youth, parents and friends at His Place Teen Center. We had over 50 people in attendance.

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*This is the bikers accompanied with Ron Blake and Bert Rugg on their Goldwing Motorcycles finishing their 250 mile trip from Lake George NY to His Place Teen Center. With horns blowing, people cheering, hands waving and pictures being taken as they entered the property for an old fashioned Texas Barbecue waiting to be eaten. We had a good turnout of people, parents, friends, staff, spouses and a group of our regular His Place Teen Center youth join us for the festivities.*

The other big difference was that one of our dedicated staff members, Ron Blake, and Executive Directors, Bert and Fran Rugg, traveled on their Goldwing motorcycles hauling trailers following the caravan to Lake George NY. Ron and Bert used their motorcycles as a way to help transport gear for the youth that didn't feel they could carry theirs on their bikes during the trip as we have done in past years. Ron and Bert went ahead of the bikers and did the grocery shopping and prepared the meals before they got to their destination each night along the route. This was a new dynamic but after having personally done over 2,500 miles on these bike trips through the years it was a way Bert, could still be with them and take part in the bike trip. Ron Blake took time off from his work to join us and did I mention he was a great cook in his own right. The other thing about this trip there were 3 good mountain ranges the bikers traveled over between Lake George NY and Oxford, Maine. They biked over mountains in NY, Killington in VT. and the very popular and scenic Kangamangus Highway from Lincoln NH to Conway NH.

The bike trip began on Monday July 23 from a church we stayed at while in Lake George, NY after we enjoyed a day of fun at the theme park and all the people that helped get us out there went back home. The trip consisted of stops at Rutland VT on Monday night, July 23, Quechee VT on Tuesday night, Rumney NH, on Wed. night, Lincoln NH on Thurs., and in Conway NH on Friday night.

Some of the highlights of the trip were on route about 3:00 PM and 100 miles from home, just 25 miles from Lebanon NH we lost the clutch in Bert's truck hauling the trailer with bikes. We left the truck at the Route 104 Auto Repair, Ron, Bert and Fran on their Goldwings went ahead to rent a small vehicle at the Lebanon Airport, just before they closed, to transport the people in the truck and gear. We switched the trailer over to the van which had a hitch and continued on to Lake George NY.

Fran drove back picked up the remaining staff and all the food and gear that was in the truck. The packing job was a task in itself with all the gear, food etc. packed in the rented vehicle so tight you couldn't get another thing in. We all got to Lake George NY later than planned but were glad to see the Bay Road Presbyterian Church where we stayed Friday and Saturday nights.

On the bike trip we stopped in Quechee VT where we stayed in the gymnasium at the Mid VT Christian School on Tuesday night. On Wednesday morning we visited the world famous Simon Pierce Glassblowing Factory and got to see them actually blowing glass and could ask them questions. We then visited the Quechee Gorge before continuing on to the Rumney Bible Conference Center in Rumney NH on Wednesday night. We stayed in the Conference Center where they had showers and bunkbeds for us. We also used the

Rumney Baptist Church for their new full commercial kitchen where we fixed our supper and breakfast meal. On Thursday morning we got up cleaned the bunkhouse before going down to the Rumney Baptist Church for a full breakfast meal. We then left to head to our next destination Lincoln NH about 40 miles away. We all knew the Kangamangus Highway was the next and final mountain range we had to travel over on our way to Conway NH. We got up early on Friday morning, to beat the heat, and got going about 9:00 AM after breakfast and a short devotion time. The bikers had crested the big hairpin turn before noon time and only had another 2 miles of uphill ahead before they would coast 6 miles downhill to where they would eat dinner. Bert and Ron on motorcycles traveled ahead and prepared the bikers dinner meal.

The spot we picked also had a favorite swimming hole which they enjoyed before continuing on to Conway NH. We stayed at the Conway Pentecostal Ministries Church as our final stay where they furnished us with mattresses to sleep on and a full commercial kitchen to fix our supper meal. On Saturday the final day of our trip the Men's Ministries group fixed us a full breakfast before we continued on to His Place Teen Center. On route to His Place Teen Center the bikers stopped and swam at Norway Lake before regrouping and traveling on to the teen center where parents, friends and a welcoming committee were waiting to see them ride in. All the youth, 4 adult staff and chaperones accompanied with Bert and Ron on their Goldwings rode in with the horns blowing and everyone clapping and taking pictures. This completed about 250 miles of biking, no small accomplishment for the bikers and life long memories and friendships built during the trip.

The Texas barbecue featured barbecue ribs, chicken, hot chili, salads, beverage and more. This trip was not for the faint hearted but was open to all the youth that wanted to go for just \$80.00 a person including tickets to the big Six Flags theme park in Lake George NY we visited on Sat. July 21st, food and transportation. Before this trip took place the youth and staff prepared for the trip with 20-25 mile treks on Sundays after church. The other big difference on this trip compared to others was that we sent 5 youth the staff chose to Word of Life Bible Camp in Schroon Lake NY a week earlier July 14-21. Some of these youth biked back with the group but this was not mandatory to join the trip. Thanks to all that made this trip happen.

We have our annual 65 mile His Place Teen Center to Mt. Washington Bike Trip planned for Friday September 21 and Saturday September 22. Many of the bikers that did the New York Bike Trip are looking forward to this trip.

The talk right now for next year is for a big canoe trip in Canada in place of our popular bike trip. We will keep you posted on this.



*Chuckles, alias Chester, and Smiley the Clown, alias Bert, ready to make people smile during the 3rd annual "Noah's Ark Kidz Cruise" aboard the River Queen II, Sunday June 24th. We also had special guests EMC<sup>2</sup> Puppet ministry and Dana & Friends.*

## ***Noah's Ark Kidz Cruise!***

On Sunday June 24th from 4:00-5:30 PM we set sail aboard the River Queen II in Naples, Maine for our 3rd annual "Noah's Ark Kidz Cruise". This event is presented by The Resistance Ministries, The Blacksmiths Music Ministries, Front-Line-Promotions and His Place Teen Center. It is designed and directed toward the 5-10 age group, but all ages are welcome and enjoy this event. We had with us two of Maine's popular and professional favorites when it comes to reaching kids for Jesus, "Dana and Friends" from Saco, and EMC<sup>2</sup> Puppet Ministry from Livermore, along with special guests, "Smiley The Clown", and his friend, "Chuckles The Clown". We had over 100 people present and they all helped get the animals aboard the Ark for the cruise. It was a great time had by all. F.M.I. go to our website [www.hisplaceteencenter.com](http://www.hisplaceteencenter.com).



## ***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.

## ***Support for Bert & Fran!***

Bert has been full time at His Place Teen Center since March of 2005. We still need more support at this time to help keep the bills paid. Bert receives a small salary and counts on the private support to make ends meet. If you are a church or ministry that would like Bert to come share with you what the Lord has been doing here in Oxford, or if you are an individual that would like to sponsor him personally \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 a month (no amount is too small to help) please contact Bert at 743-9503, Cell 515-3000, or [youthhptc@yahoo.com](mailto:youthhptc@yahoo.com). If you can help please make checks out to His Place Teen Center and tag it Support for Bert.

### **CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE**

at [www.hisplaceteencenter.com](http://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](mailto:youthhptc@yahoo.com))

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# ***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.**

\$1,000.00

\$3,800.00 TO COMPLETE THESE ROOMS!

\$ 2,500.00 **Men's bathroom.** {Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club  
Donation}!

**A special thanks to Kiwanian members: Janice, Phil  
and Joe!**



*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 just \$30,000.00 to finish the entire building).*

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  
years. This will most likely be done next year unless funds



*This is a picture of our grand opening day for Alpha &  
Omega Thrift Shop June 16th. Glen Farrington and Edie  
Dyer are manning the grills serving a big crowd free  
hamburgers, hot-dogs and soda. Stop by and see us at the  
new Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop.*

## **Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop!**

We opened this new outreach on Tuesday May 1st. 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.

We have been open just 2 months now and have been getting a great response from the public in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area. We are very pleased with this outreach into the community and have been getting some very nice items to help fund our ministry here at His Place Teen Center. We celebrated our grand opening on Sat. June 16th with FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and chips all day to all the people that came. We had a steady flow of traffic visiting us and people said over and over how pleased they were we were there to receive and recycle good salable items at a good price. Our motto has been "If our price is too low we will raise them for you"! To get started we opened Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10AM-4:00 PM. We have now included Wednesdays as well 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 are discovering what sells best at the thrift shop and have been busy remodeling and stocking the shelves to make it an organized, clean and convenient place to shop for good salable items donated to us to help fund our ministry. We also have a 48' storage trailer the folks at NPSW have let us use to store merchandise in. 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 knacks, 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, Sam Marucca at 583-2999 or Cell 890-2056.

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

## **Yard Sales on Rte. 26 Planned!**

*(next to the fish market in Oxford)*

- **August 9-14,**
- **Big Labor Day Yard Sale August 30-Sept. 4th.,**
- **Columbus Day Sale, Oct. 4-9**
- **Nov. 1-6th. (Last one for the season)**

### WE NEED LOTS OF GOOD MERCHANDISE.

We are presently collecting yard sale and thrift shop items for these sales. If you would like to contribute good saleable 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). Thank you in advance for your support. Bert & Fran.



*This is the new Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop to help support His Place Teen Center. The building is small, only 16' x 24' but we may put a canopy along the front to give us more room. We will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays from 10 AM - 4 PM.*



*This is an inside view of the new Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop Bert, Sam and Corinna remodeled the inside with peg board and shelving to hold more items on Tues. May 8th. I week after opening day. Stop by and see us at the new Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop.*

## ***His Place Teen Center!***

His Place Teen Center celebrating 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 Teen Church 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 Teen Church, 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)

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***If you receive our newsletter and would like to receive it by e-mail please let us know.***

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## ***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!

Sam Marucca and I are involved with this program as members of the new corporate name Mainely Teens Inc. The Cafe, the Box Program and 5 or 6 other programs operate under this name. Sam and I help out at the Cafe when we can.

This has been a good partnership of working together as we help reach the youth in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area. If you have youth that attend the O.H.C.H.S. or know of youth that attend be sure to tell them about the Cafe. They very well may find Sam and myself along with other volunteers serving them at times.

If you want to volunteer at the Cafe please contact Heidi Ricci. You can contact her through me and I will refer you or stop by the Cafe. If you want to bless her with a donation to help run this program that is always welcome and very carefully spent. You will find Heidi out in the area raising funds for this program and her long time association with the 4-H organization she has been a part of for years. If you see her please help as you are able. See you at the Cafe. God bless you. Bert.

## *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!

## *Alpha Course!*

This is an 8 week course and an introduction to Christianity and living the Christian life. This is done with a nice meal, followed by a 20 minute DVD presentation, and then a discussion in small groups of what we just watched. It is done in an environment where everyone can be comfortable and ask any questions they have. This course is being successfully used all around the world.



We finished the Alpha Course in April, where Glen and Noni Farrington accepted the Lord and were baptized at the Oxford Advent Christian Church. P.T.L!! We want to give a special thanks to, Glenn Davis that lead this first class and taught this course for us.

Thank you Glenn. We have talked about doing this for over 5 years and the first one produced fruit. P.T.L!!!! We will plan on doing another Alpha Course in the fall on Tuesdays most likely and will keep you updated. This will be led by our faithful helper, Sam Marucca. If you know anyone that is interested in learning more about the Christian life, & the Bible this course is designed for them.

## *The Outpost!*

This is the new name of our Worship service formerly known as "Teen Church". "The Outpost" was unanimously agreed upon by our staff during our His Place Teen Center Staff Meeting on March 18 and confirmed with the worship service members present on Friday March 30th after a praise & worship set and a short Bible study. Artie Hladik our leader for "The Outpost" shared what the dictionary meaning of outpost was and we were even more convinced this was the right name.

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.



*New Life Drama Company visited His Place Teen Center again this year on Friday July 13th. We had many youth accept Christ during this night. Pictured L-R. Chelsey, Taylor, Ben, team leader, Dallas, Johnathan, Brittany, Lisa in front of their van they travel all over the east coast in for 10 weeks during the summer ministering to youth.*

## ***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 been teaching the people interested in getting their Ham Radio license at the teen center on Sunday afternoons after church to an eager class of youth and some adults including one of our staff people Ron Blake. 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. This Ham Radio Room is being done from private finances individual of the rest of our facility. 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.

On the weekend of June 23 and 24 we had a first here at His Place Teen Center. We saw the field on our property become a communication center for the Oxford County ARES / CERT, The ( Amateur Radio Emergency Service / Community Emergency Response Team ), in the " Ham Radio " Field Day 2007, from Saturday June 23rd at 2 pm till Sunday June 24th at 2 PM. This 24 hr. event was held at the His Place Teen Center. Amateur Radio Field Day is designed to encourage Amateur Radio operators ( mostly North American ) to set up their equipment in a temporary location to develop their Emergency Communication skills. This free event was open to the public. Both the curiosity seekers and those ready to start their adventure into the wonderful world of Amateur Radio, were welcome. Some of our youth took part in this talking with people from around the world. They could be up and coming ham radio operators in the future. F.M.I. about ham radio call Brad 207-557-8460.

Note update: Ron Blake got his ham radio license on Saturday July 14.

This is in preparation for him and his wife Maury going back on the mission field at the Lord's appointed time. In the meantime we enjoy having Ron as one of our 12 faithful staff people helping us reach the youth in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area. Ron is now a licensed ham radio operator, KB1PHJ. It came in handy during our recent New York bike trip.

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

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



***Ron Blake, red shirt, and Brad Saunders inside the new communication trailer set up at His Place Teen Center during the Amateur Radio Field Day June 23 & 24.***



## ***Thursday Night Mentoring Program!***

This is a program where we see a lot of promise with positive results. We have seen the youth participating in this program on a regular basis improve each week, with better attitudes and just how they carry themselves. We have also seen them become more open and others come out of their shells. It has been interesting to see how they have grown through coming every week for the Mentoring Program. We typically have 4-6 or more of us as mentors working with 8-10 youth boys and girls alike. Many Thursday nights some of the youth arrive an hour early. If we need help straightening out the room before we start they help with that. We give the youth taking part in this program a little more privileges than we can on Friday nights.

We want to thank our faithful mentors that have been a part of this for the over 3 years. A special thanks to mentors Ron Blake, Howard Munday, Gerry Nardi, 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 PM.

We are pleased that one of our faithful attendees, Jacob Goddard, has been hired and working at Wal-Mart in the Lawn & Garden Dept. Jacob has a very good work ethic and will do well for the company and community. Go Jacob!



*We honored 7 of our youth that graduated from High School on Friday, May 25th. Pictured L-R. are Thomas H., Luke W., Meagan D., Lee K., Micky C., Tim P. absent in back room Jesse H. homeschooled. Her father Artie is doing the presentation. Go Grats!*



*Jesse H. setting before her is the cake we gave to all the grads during our Congrats Party for the youth from His Place Teen Center. Jesse is off to college in August in preparation for ministry in China in the future. Jesse jokes about starting a teen center in China. She could!*

## *His Place Teen Center Graduation!*

On Friday May 25th we had a graduation party for 7 of our youth, Thomas H., Luke W., Meagan D., Lee K., Micky C., Tim P., and last but not least, Jesse H., at His Place Teen Center this year. Artie gave them their commencement address in full robe, (blue bathrobe), sandals, horn rimmed glasses, and other regalia, (all his pins pinned to his chest), with words of wisdom for life as only he could give. As part of this ceremony his daughter Jesse was given at least 7 awards for being the best in her class of one (1)! Jesse has been home-schooled by her mother, Kathy Hladik. Jesse is now heading off to college soon studying to be an RN, in preparation for ministry in China when the time is right. We will miss Jesse as Fran and I have personally watched this girl grow up while working with her mom and dad at His Place Teen Center. We wish all these graduates great success in life. "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they get old they will not depart from it"! Proverbs 22:6.

### *Upcoming Events!*

- \***Aug. 9-14** Yard Sale (Rt 26)
- \***Aug 30th - Sept 4th.** Big Labor day Yard Sale (Rt 26) Like all our yard sales if you have salable items to donate please contact Bert at 743-9503 or Cell 515-3000. No item too large or too small. We have a good variety.
- \***Friday August 24th:** Our 7th annual "End Of Summer Bash" at His Place Teen Center. This is our 15th full year of operation. Outdoor barbecue, fun, games etc. and special guests to be announced.
- \***Friday & Sat. Sept 14 & 15** THE ALL NIGHT ADVENTURE PARTY IN BETHEL ME. \$25.00 @ FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT BERT AT 515-3000.

#### **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).

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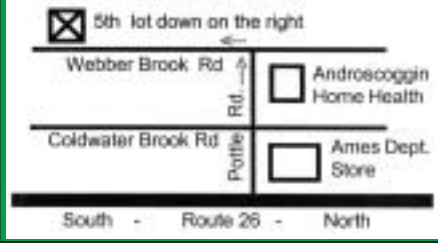
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## OUR FATHER



### 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.

