



“REACHING OUT TO YOUTH”

HIS PLACE Teen Center

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The biggest group of 24 bikers in our history lined up in front of Papoose Pond Resort and Campground pushing off to Gorham NH.



(9) candidates, 8 youth and 1 adult ready to be baptized at the Papoose Pond swimming pool. Sat. Sept. 20th.

A special thank you to Herb and Lois Strauss, Rocky, and the fine folks at Papoose Pond Resort and Campground for helping us make this another great success. A special thanks to the Waterford Fair Association for letting us use their gas grill to fix the big breakfast after the baptism. We also thank Brigette and the fine folks at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Gorham NH for making us feel right at home. A big thanks to all the staff and helpers that helped also.

Bike Trip & Baptism!

September 19-21 we did another one of our infamous teen center bike trips from His Place Teen Center to Mt. Washington NH. The first leg of the 65 mile journey started on Friday night with a 12 mile jaunt over to Papoose Pond Resort and Campground, in Waterford. The largest group of bikers ever with 24, youth and staff arrived for a nice hot meal prepared by staff members, Russell Pike and Ron Blake. They ate their meal circled around a roaring camp fire. The bikers stayed in 5 cabins generously provided by Rocky at Papoose Pond Resort and Campground. We used to stay in tents, but now have the luxury of staying in cabins; much better for all concerned. PTL!

Saturday, Sept. 20, was a special day for 8 of our youth and my sister, Wahneta Ellsworth. All participants appreciated the heat of the pool in the early morning. With friends and family members present we all praised and worshipped the Lord. Each of the 9 had opportunity to share a brief testimony of how Jesus had changed their lives. It was an exciting way to start the day and was a highlight of the trip. Following the baptism, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by our crack staff. Much appreciation to the Waterford Fair Association, to make it easier to feed the 50 plus people in attendance.

The next leg of the trip took us to Bethel where the cyclists had snacks, continuing to Gorham NH where we stayed at Holy Family Catholic Church for the night. Bert, Fran and friends, Leslie and Pat Thurston, traveled up by motorcycle to participate in the trip. After watching a movie we turned in for the night to be adequately rested for Sunday's 16 mile trip. Sunday morning got up refreshed and sat down to breakfast. Once we cleaned the church, we all went to the local park in Gorham NH for an open air church service. We finished the trip and Alan Van-Tol and Doug and Bertha Grover were right there to pick us up with vans and trailers to transport all the bikes and people back home. We got home about 8:30 PM with the feeling we had completed another great trip with God's leading and guidance, and staff and youth alike changed by the experience. Praise the Lord! *Story by Bert Rugg.*

Algonquin, Canada Canoe Trip!

Summer normally means that it is time for our annual week long bike trip, but not this year. The staff and youth decided that they would like to embark on a wilderness canoe trip this year. 'Rapid' Ron Blake did most of the planning for the trip and Kathy Bonney bought the food and supplies. Other staff included Brad Saunders, Art Hladik and Howie Munday. The young people that were able to go were Blake, Randy, Aaron, Seth, Laura, Donna and Alex. More kids had hoped to go, but a lack of money or the need to work reduced our numbers. A few nights before we left everyone met at His Place to help pack the meals into 12 five gallon pails and to pack all their gear. We tried to get the gear of two people into one backpack since the trip would involve several portages. Although we did limit our gear it turned out that we took too much food. I think Artie bought all the dried pineapple and guava that he could find. (I don't think I will ever eat that again).

We left the teen center at 7:00 PM on Friday night, July 18th, and headed out to Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. It was a twelve hour drive and we planned to start canoeing once we arrived at the park. Montreal was scenic and traffic was fairly heavy at one in the morning. We were glad that it wasn't rush hour. At seven in the morning we arrived at the outfitters just outside the park. Canoes had been pre-ordered and would be delivered by them to our point of departure in the park. We all selected life vests and our own paddles. A few of us purchased fishing licenses.

The park headquarters was located on the edge of Lake Opeongo and it would be two short days of paddling before we reached our first portage and got off this huge lake. Once we left this readily accessible lake, we entered the wilderness of Ontario. Campsites had been reserved along our route. We weren't guaranteed a specific site, but they booked a limited amount of groups so we would all have a campsite in the general area. They have a limit of nine people per site so we had to use two sites every night. Usually we could find two sites that were fairly close together. We arrived at our first overnight site early in the afternoon. After gathering firewood, everyone went fishing or exploring. Howie caught the first fish and Randy caught the most fish - it wasn't even close.

Our first portage was just over a mile. We all had to take two trips to carry the food, canoes and gear. We then traversed Happy Isle Lake, had a short portage and crossed Merchant Lake. Another mile long portage and we then canoed a stream before entering Big Trout Lake. On the stream we approached a new beaver dam that was about two feet high. We had to unload everyone and then ease the canoes over the dam. The trout on the lake weren't hungry that day! At the end of the large lake we had to portage around a manmade dam. We then canoed Longer Lake,



which actually seemed like a long wide river. Here we met our first set of rapids. The aptly nicknamed 'Rapid' Ron Blake was the first adventurous one to run the rapids. Blake thought that it would be more fun floating the rapids! Just beyond them we saw a monster bull moose feeding on water lillies close to shore. We were quiet and we were able to get within fifty feet of him before he meandered onto the shore. We could notice numerous sores on the backs of his hind legs which we think were due to leeches.

Just before entering Burntroot Lake we had two more rapids. We were getting brave and several canoes ran these. We had our first canoe capsized on one of these. Perly Lake seemed like another river and it led us to Petawawa River which had Cedar Raps, Snowshoe Raps and Catfish Raps. More 'rap' running and more capsizes. We camped below the last set of rapids and several people now had no dry clothes. Some of us had become smarter and we left our gear above the rapids before running them. We would then hike back upstream and carry our dry gear downstream.

We would usually only see one or two other groups each day, but the scenery was beautiful and the wildlife was abundant. Meals cooked over open fires sure tasted great after a long day paddling and portaging. Kathy and Ron prepared outstanding meals despite the primitive campsites. Speaking of primitive you should have seen the privies. We got a not so candid picture of Brad sitting on the box!

Upon finishing our trip down the Petawawa River we crossed Sunfish Lake, portaged to tiny Newt Lake, portaged to Manta Lake (it wasn't much bigger!). A portage of over a mile then brought us to Hogan Lake. After crossing the lake we were faced with the mother of all portages. It was over two miles long and since we all had to make two trips we all walked 6+ miles (four of which we were carrying heavy loads). We didn't care if we never portaged again! Big and Little Crow Lakes were next. Then we entered a small stream that meandered for miles through a large wetland. We saw moose, deer, beaver, hawks and a giant snapping turtle. After crossing Proulx Lake we had a small portage and we arrived back on Lake Opeongo after a week in the wilderness. Although Donna, Alex and Laura didn't carry canoes on the portages

we made sure we got pictures of them ‘carrying’ canoes so they would have bragging rights. They all carried their share of gear on the portages. Randy, Seth and Aaron helped the men portage the canoes. By the end of the trip one of Randy’s sneakers had disintegrated and his foot looked gross with several blisters, scrsatches and bruises. It never dampened his spirit. God sure protected us all and gave us a wonderful experience. Under the conditions we had to put our trust in him!

The last day of canoeing on Lake Opeongo was the most difficult. It was a long trip and it seemed liked the wind was always in our face. The wind kicked up some good sized waves and our canoes tended to ride low in the water due all the weight of personnel, food and gear. We had three people in two of our five canoes. On the way back Aaron, Seth and Donna got some unexpected swimming time when they capsized. Fortunately we were close to an island at the time so it was much easier to get them going again. We tried to stay close to shore whenever possible due to the canoeing conditions. We arrived at the park headquarters tired but feeling good knowing all we had accomplished and the fun we had. Fortunately for us (and the others around us) there were free showers for all. At the park store we all purchased momentos of the trip.

We had reservations at a campground for the night, but the weather wasn’t supposed to be great and we had had our full of tenting, so we looked for a motel. We drove three hours and settled into real beds outside Ottawa around midnight. In the morning we drove the remaining nine hours back to Oxford. The blue blob made the trip home without incident. Ask someone about that!

God had blessed us with good weather, good health and a safe trip. Most of us were outside our comfort zone and were amazed at what we accomplished. We even had a lot of fun doing it. *Story by Howie Mundy.*



One of our youth, Eric F., working on a model during the Connecting Rodz Car Club. Plum says he has done the most with 5 to date.

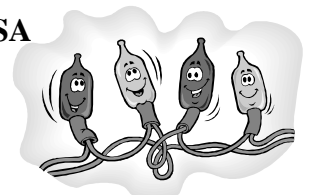
The Connecting Rodz Car Club!

Hot Rodding and Farming?

Plum, that heads up the Connecting Rodz car club at His Place Teen Center, says I think we are hot rodding and farming at the same time, because while we are working and talking about cars, we are also planting seeds. Teens will sit and work on their cars and you get to hear about what is going on in their lives. Even some kids that don’t want to work on a car sit and chit-chat at the car table on a Friday night. Plum says, “Certainly I am here for the all but I am here for the one. Some nights we have 6 and some nights we have 1. Also, I am amazed at how creative some of these kids are. Recently, Eric F. Is on I think his 5th model car.” See the picture. Here Eric is working on his past rides. A custom 55 Chevy Nomad. Eric recently completed a ’37 Ford Pie wagon. That thing had a vortex corvette motor. I have to admit I don’t know anything about these new motors, but Eric was eager to conquer the massive power plant. It is funny how God puts things together. Often, the kid who wins the prize-the car club gives away a weekly prize-is won by either a kid that hasn’t been there awhile or a kid that is new to the teen center. I am blessed to see how many kids will come up and help another teen. One kid might like to paint, but doesn’t like to follow the directions, due to the complexity. So another kid will read the instructions to help out. Well that is about it special thanks to the people who sponsor our club by buying model cars and hot balls and Mary L. For keeping her eyes open for paint and Carl B. For helping me with the table and tearing down the “garage” after teen center. Until next time....vroom vroom.

ATTENTION: If you would like to contribute to the purchase of model cars or know where there are some please let me know as they are getting very hard to find and this has really taken off with great interest with both the boys and the girls. We are in need of Model Paint. If you know where we can get some please let me know (hard to come by now) Thank you for your interest.

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Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop!



Our new 24' x 60' Double Wide. Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop at NPSW location on Brown St. Norway.

"Where Junk becomes Treasure"! The Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop has been a great success with having opened May 1, 2007, (with sales of \$2.22), for the first day. We opened with great anticipation and after at least a 5 year search in earnest to find a location for this. Within a month we had outgrown the little 16' x 24' building on the property and filled a 48' storage trailer in another 3 weeks. In August we started looking into purchasing a 24' x 60' double wide mobile unit from Schiavi Leasing, (formerly used as portable classrooms around the state). We got it approved by the NPSW and the towns and it was moved onto the lot right after Thanksgiving, and just

before the first snow storm we got it put together and got it ready for use. We opened officially in the bigger sales space Jan. 17 after we got the electricity and heat and lights hooked up. We held our own through out the winter months and believe this helped spread the word we are here. We now have approximately 1440 square feet of floor space to shop in and have had a great response from the Oxford Hills and surrounding area to both donate and to shop and save, at the Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop. In this tough economy we believe the need will increase even more. We get some real nice items that people can get many more years of use from that would have been discarded into the trash. We estimate we are taking over 5-7 tons out of the system a month that would have been in land fills. The thrift shop goes hand in hand with our infamous big week long yard sales on Rte. 26 beginning in April and ending in November every year.

The Alpha and Omega Thrift Shop has been instrumental in helping people save money, thus providing needed funds to help with the increasing operational costs at His Place Teen Center and reaching our youth. It also has helped provide a more livable wage for Bert and Fran as Directors, (Bert has been full time for over 4 years now), and help with the cost of running a ministry like ours. We get a 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. It has been proven in other parts of the state that recycling with thrift shops saves the towns and tax payers money. We are seeing a great response to our efforts and thank everyone that has given items to us and that shop and save with us. Tell all your friends to come visit us at the Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop.

NOTE: We will make the final payment on the mobile unit at the end of the year and we did this in just a years time. Thank you for all the people that helped with this effort and with the generous donations that were given to our cause.

Directions to Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop

We are located (inside the Norway/Paris Solid Waste facility) on 39 Brown Street in Norway. Take the road (across from Amato's and on the corner of the Oxford Networks building and Cafe Corner). Go down Brown Street about 1/4 mile, drive through the NPSW facility and you will see us just down over the hill on the right on your way out of the plant. This is just a little over 2 1/2 miles from the teen center located on 254 Webber Brook Road in Oxford. If you need help call 515-3000.

Save \$\$\$\$ at 
Alpha & Omega!

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 say, "If it will sell we can sell it. We also have items we give away, if we are not able to sell them to help recycle. The Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop is managed by Bert Rugg, along with Sue Bowen and is run by a volunteer staff of faithful people from the surrounding communities. We are always looking for more volunteers, even a 3 hour shift helps. We are pleased to be helping recycle good salable merchandise that would otherwise be thrown out. Thrift shops are very popular and cropping up all across the state. 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 2 big storage trailers right on the lot to put merchandise in.

PLEASE HELP US BY NOT LEAVING ITEMS OFF AT HIS PLACE TEEN CENTER ANY MORE. PLEASE CALL BERT AT 515-3000 TO ARRANGE PICK UP OR TO ARRANGE TAKING THEM TO THE ALPHA & OMEGA THRIFT SHOP LOCATION.

We are now accepting good salable appliances, stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, furniture, especially dressers, bureaus, beds, Queen and 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.

If you want to contribute to helping us pay off this mobile unit early, please contact Bert Rugg at 743-9503 or 515-3000, or send a check to His Place Teen Center, 254 Webber Brook Road, Oxford, ME 04270.

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

The Outpost!

This is the name of our Worship service formerly known as “Teen Church”. “The Outpost” on Friday nights just passed 5 full years in Sept. This has been a great success with many youth finding the Lord and entering into area churches and becoming a part of the Christian family. Artie Hladik, our leader and pastor for “The Outpost” has been teaching us on how to love the unlovable. To build a relationship with the youth that come to His Place and make them feel welcome to the family. We invite anyone in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area to join us. 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



This is a picture of the crowd at this year's End Of Summer Bash. on August 22nd. worshipping the Lord during Out Post Meeting.

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” Saturday Night

The Outpost Saturday Night Service 6:00-9:00 PM takes place the first Saturday of the month to give an opportunity for the people that can't stay for the Friday night service. These Outpost meetings are growing, and staff and youth alike look forward to the time we spend learning about God and worshipping him in all we do.

We are in the process of raising \$700.00 to purchase a video projector for our Outpost Meetings and for the ministry. We have borrowed one for years from the O.H.C.H.S. District Office but now would like to have our own. This will be used to project the worship songs on the wall for all to participate in the worship during Outpost Meetings. If you want to donate to this cause please make out a check to His Place Teen Center and tag it projector. Thank you in advance for your help.

Alpha Course!

We will begin the fall Alpha Course in November, with an (8 week course), an introduction to Christianity. This will take place on Thursdays starting at 6:30 with a nice meal in an informal setting in our Multi-Purpose Room, followed by (2) 20 minute DVD presentations and then a discussion time to answer questions. This is FREE to anyone that wants to attend. This will be facilitated by Bert Rugg. F.M.I. call Bert, 515-3000.

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) We are now producing and printing our newsletters quarterly to offset the cost of doing them every two months. This saved us over \$1,300.00 last year and seemed acceptable to everyone. If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to express them to us.

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

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

Motorcycle Ride and Fundraiser!

On Saturday August 16, (13) of us, on 8 motorcycles rode out from the teen center on a overcast day to the Balsams in NH. This was our first annual Motorcycle Ride and Fundraiser to benefit His Place Teen Center and raised \$300.00 for the ministry. Saturday August 15, 2009 will be the date for next years ride.



A few of the motorcycles lined up out front of teen center day of the ride to the Balsams in NH.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OF HIS PLACE TEEN CENTER

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Corinna Bartlett

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



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!

About His Place Teen Center!

His Place Teen Center now in our 17th year 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.



Meet Autumn in Youth Corner!

Hey: My name is Autumn Potter and I have been going to the teen center for about 2 years. The teen center is such an amazing place. When my dad first told me about it, he said it was a fun place to play games. Well, to make a long story short, its way more then that. It is a safe place to hear the great news about Eternal Life. When I went there I thought they were all freaks (especially my weird mailman). Well, today I am one of those freaks and it turns out I have met several of the best friends I've ever had and probably ever will have. I think that anyone that hasn't gone to the teen center should most definitely take a Friday night to check it out. It has changed my life a lot!!!! OH YEAH! ONE MORE THING I can't forget about Outpost. Outpost is a great fellowship time for all ages. Come check it out!



This is Autumn P. after playing the part of Sandy in Grease recently.



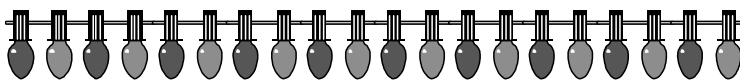
Missions Trip To Mexico!

Bert and Fran Rugg, the Executive Directors at His Place Teen Center are heading up another trip to San Felipe Mexico to work on the Sonshine Hacienda Orphanage, pictured above.

The date of the trip is April 15-28, 2009. We have met twice so far and have a core group of (8) adults interested so far and would like to have 2 more adults and then take some youth with us for a total of 15 people. We have invited some youth that are seriously considering this trip. We will help the youth raise the funds to go on this first ever missions trip, once they agree to raise the plane ticket estimated to be \$300-\$400.00 a person first. The total of the trip is estimated to be around \$1000.00. If you would like to help a young person go on this trip please make out your check to His Place Teen Center and tag it Mexico missions trip.

Upcoming Events Calendar!

- *Oct. 29-Nov. 5th. Yard Sale on Rte. 26. If you have good items to donate to this or other yard sales please contact Bert at 743-9503 or Cell 890-8032. Thank you for your help. If you would like to help us sell please contact Bert.
- *Sat. Nov. 15th 6:00-9:30 PM, our annual His Place Teen Center Ministry Team Celebration taking place at the new Cross Stone Restaurant and Conference Center next to the Mollycokett Motel and Swim Spa in West Paris.
- *April 15-28, 2009 Missions trip to San Felipe, Mexico



HIS PLACE TEEN CENTER REMITTANCE STATEMENT

Enclosed is a tax deductible gift of \$ _____

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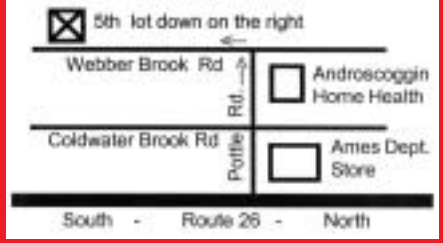
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