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It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Happy New Year Paul,

Did you have a Merry Christmas? How about your New Year? Can you believe that Y2K was 10 years ago? So what are you calling this new year we're in? I've heard the official "two thousand and ten," the slightly shorter "two thousand ten," the hip and catchy version "twenty ten," the roman numeral version "MMX," and I just heard "Reach year." Okay, I made that last one up. I think I'm going with "twenty ten."

I guess it doesn't matter what you call it as we're already 5 days into it. That means there are only 151 more days until the first Reach Workcamp in Greeley, Colorado. Boy, do we have a lot to get done! Enjoy the newsletter.

Happy Twenty Ten,
The Reach Workcamps Staff
(Mike, Paul, Heather, Annie, Neil, and Joel)

Walt Disney Give-A-Day, Get-A-Day Promotion...

Reach Workcamps is proud to announce its participation in the Disney "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" promotion. Reach Workcamps, in collaboration with Disney and the HandsOn Network, is excited to offer a free ticket good for one day admission to any Walt Disney World® or Disneyland® theme park to any campers or volunteers who participate in a Reach Workcamp this summer.



For more information, [click here](#). To search for Reach volunteer opportunities on the Disney website, use the city name of each workcamp. Signup will not begin until 60 days prior to each workcamp.

Youth Leader Spotlight... with Lou Nyiri

RW: How many Reach Workcamps have you attended?
LN: 14. (Sixteen if you count the

2010 Schedule...

two years I attended more than 1, which I guess counts so let's go with 16...doesn't that make me sound cooler?)



RW: What is your favorite component of the programs?

LN: I like how each night builds upon the previous night's drama. I also like how each character represented gives the youth and adults someone with which to identify. I have yet to leave a workcamp and not hear at least half the group say, "that one character describes exactly where I'm at in my faith right now."

RW: Share a bit about some of the neighbors you have served over the years.

LN: I won't forget our neighbor from this past summer whose grandchildren helped us out every day with the work. I also can't forget how she sent me a Christmas card this year with a small wooden frog to remind me of the porcelain lawn ornament frog I smashed by accident.

RW: What changes have you seen in your youth group after attending camp?

LN: The youth come back wanting to make change in their home town. They comment on the way home, "That house could use a workcamp." Then they quickly counter with, "Hey, we could do that back home."

RW: Is there anything else you would like to share?

LN: "Jesus is a friend of mine!" :)

JUNE 6 - 12
GREELEY, CO *

JUNE 13 - 19
SOUTH WEBSTER, OH

JUNE 20 - 26
GALVESTON, TX *

JUNE 27 - JULY 3
LOCKPORT, NY

JULY 4 - 10
WARRENTON, VA *

JULY 11 - 17
WINDSOR, ME

JULY 18 - 24
HURRICANE, WV *

JULY 25 - 31
HURRICANE, WV
MICHIGAN CITY, IN *

**Combination Jr. and St. High
Camp is FULL*

- June 6-12 [Greeley, CO](#)* (60)
- June 13-19 [South Webster, OH](#) (FULL)
- June 20-26 [Galveston, TX](#)* (110)
- June 27-July 3 [Lockport, NY](#) (386)
- July 4-10 [Warrenton, VA](#)* (214)
- July 11-17 [Windsor, ME](#) (FULL)
- July 18-24 [Hurricane, WV](#)* (505)
- July 25-31 [Hurricane, WV](#) (221)
- July 25-31 [Michigan City, IN](#)* (108)

**Indicates combination Jr. & Sr. High Workcamps
(the # in parenthesis is how many are currently registered)*

December's Trivia Answer...

The December trivia question was...
How many youth leaders stopped by the Reach Workcamps booth at either Youth Specialties convention and printed free labels?

The correct answer was 769 youth leaders and Matt Humble of North Branch, Minnesota, had the closest response of 173. I guess it pays to take a guess even if you have no idea as he will get a free Reach T-shirt!

[Click here](#) to read Lou's entire interview.

Hurricane, West Virginia...

If you want to attend the July 18th - 24th workcamp in [Hurricane, West Virginia](#), you better hurry up and register. We are going to close this workcamp at 525 participants and we currently have 505 registered, so don't delay!

January's Trivia Question...

How many items of clothing (hats, t-shirts, shorts, etc.) did Reach buy to stock the Reach Outlet Store last summer?

Whoever e-mails us first at workcamps@reachwc.org with the closest answer will win a free Reach T-shirt. We will take answers until January 20th. Good luck!

Reach Devotion...

One of the things I love about celebrating the New Year is that, well, it's new! One chapter of our lives has ended, and a new chapter is beginning. 2009 held different things for different people across the world, but no matter what happened, good or bad, we can all look to 2010 with hope in a new beginning.

A new beginning can have many different meanings. For most of us, this new beginning means making some kind of change in our habits. It can mean a stronger resolve to do something that you should have done in 2009, or maybe to stop doing something that you shouldn't have been doing in 2009. When we accept Christ into our lives, we're given a new beginning, but God's idea of a new beginning is a little different than the one we experience on New Year's Day.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17

When we became believers, God gave us a new beginning, but not the kind of new beginning that involves picking certain parts of ourselves to improve. Our new beginning in Christ is a completely new beginning; an entirely new creation! Regardless of our past sins and shortcomings, God took us and made us new in His eyes. I encourage you to take some time this month and think about what it means to be a new creation. How does being a new creation affect the way you live on a daily basis?

In Him,
Joel Minter

[Email Joel](#) with thoughts of this devotion.



Fundraiser of the Month...

Team Up!

Sometimes the easiest way to raise money is to team up with another organization doing fundraisers. Check with local organizations, like animal shelters, the YMCA, schools, or even the police or fire department. By joining forces, you can increase the volunteers willing to help out which leads to a bigger event! You also greatly expand the skills and talents that can be applied to your event! All you need to do is agree to split the donations that come in. You'd be surprised how many organizations would be willing to team up!

For example, in Brookfield, IL, the police and fire departments played the high school softball team. Proceeds went to benefit the high school's softball program and to a shelter for victims of domestic violence. By teaming up, they did something that they could not have done on their own. They generated interest and were able to help two causes at once!

Do you have an idea for us to share with your fellow readers? Email Joel (jminter@reachwc.org) and you might be featured in a future newsletter.

We look forward to serving with all of you this summer at a Reach Workcamp! Please call us at 1-888-REACH-WC (1-888-732-2492) for more information about Reach Workcamps or check us out on the web at <http://www.reachwc.org>.

Blessings,
The Reach Staff

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