



Israel Alert! It's a Mission Field!

By Dave and Sherry Armstrong

"Israel? Sure, I'd love to go to Israel! But it costs so much; and isn't it kinda dangerous over there? Are you talking about a tour of the Holy Land? They don't need missionaries do they? I mean, aren't the Jews ok with God just the way they are—being Jews? Are they 'saved'?"



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We've just returned from a month in Israel. We discovered that it's a mission field that the American missions outreach is not really focusing on. We went to Israel to identify missions opportunities for those who'd like to see Israel—and yet, want to do much more than simply "tour". Our idea of a vacation is a missions trip with a few sights thrown in. We think many Hard Hats are like we are—more concerned for sharing the Gospel than for entertainment. We hope you are one of those people also!

Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father but by Me." (Jn. 14:6) The apostle Paul said, "There is only one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim 2:5) And, it is certainly true that

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Summer Summary and On the Horizon

By Phil & Lucy Hayes

If you are wondering where the summer went, so are we! Fall is on the way and we have been enjoying the beautiful sunny weather. We have so much to be thankful for. God is always good. Recently, Building In Youth was featured in Warm Beach Christian Camps & Conference Center magazine! We took a couple of groups this past June to bless the camp and work with youth. Apparently we have a standing invitation to return! See the article→

"Volunteer group is also building young lives" Thursday, 20 September 2012 14:03



Warm Beach Camp has been blessed this

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most people in Israel do not believe that the Jew, Jesus Christ, came to die in payment for their sins. Our conclusion: The fact that Israel is *NOT* a third world country doesn't mean it's *not* a mission field.

How much does it cost? We were surprised—about half what those typical Bible tours cost. Through our contacts we can make arrangements that will keep the cost low.

How dangerous is it? Obviously we can't say exactly – it keeps changing. We did not feel like we were in danger while we were there.

Come with us to Israel, with a purpose! Yes, come to learn more about the Bible and the Holy Land, but come also to serve the Lord there, to point Jews toward their true Messiah. Prepare in prayer. If you commit your way to Him, God will provide finances and help you with your fears and with safety. He has a plan for your life! Seek to walk in it! Go to bless and to be blessed:

"I will bless them that bless you and I will curse them that curse you." Gen 12:1-3

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summer by many hard working volunteer groups who have not only left their mark all over Warm Beach Camp, but also touched the lives of the Camp staff. This summer, **Building In Youth**—an organization affiliated with **Hard Hats for Christ**—was one of those groups. Their goal is to apply 1 Corinthians 3:9-11 to build spiritual values and character into the lives of young people by teaching them construction skills, and the value of integrity and a strong work ethic.

For two weeks this past June, 29 youth and adults from Building In Youth came to Warm Beach Camp to help with several work projects. They painstakingly pried up every nail that held down approximately 100 feet of decking off of Cedar Lodge Dining Hall so it could be replaced with new deck material. They also put together 10 new picnic tables, replaced boards on 24 old picnic tables, painted three cabins, trimmed shrubs, and scrubbed street signs and fire hydrants.

The 15 boys and girls who came learned new construction skills and important life lessons. Their perseverance in these projects spoke to the hearts of all who saw their hard work, and it built in them an appreciation for what they could accomplish through hard work and a teachable spirit.

The parent organization, **Hard Hats for Christ**, is a group of Christian construction craftsmen who help

spread the gospel of Christ by providing skilled volunteer labor to assist Christian ministries with construction projects. They also strive to share Christ with their fellow construction workers and prepare young people for life by equipping them with basic construction and maintenance skills.

Phil and Lucy Hayes, the founders and coordinators of **Building In Youth**, enjoyed their volunteer experience at the Camp and said, "Truly the Lord's anointing is on Warm Beach Camp. There is such a spirit of love, generosity and encouragement among the staff and volunteers that impacts all those who attend. The testimony is far-reaching. We are so thankful to Warm Beach for the opportunity to partner with them."

MORE BIY NEWS

Building In Youth was invited to join the local construction career fair at the Cowlitz Expo Center in Longview, WA on, September 28th. There were nearly 1,000 high school juniors and seniors who came with curiosity about their career options in the construction industry. It **was** a little intimidating at first to see hundreds of teens pouring out of the school busses, but it proved to be a lot of fun! We had a large booth set up with areas for trying out tools, a game of skill with (little) prizes and information for them to take home. What a great opportunity to connect with public school students for Hard Hats for Christ!

This unique event is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to see first-hand what the different construction trades are about! There were thirty-five construction industry businesses invited to have a booth. Students were able to try out different tools under supervision, ask questions from professionals and have some fun at the same time.

October 12 - 13, Phil and I will be heading up north to attend MissionsFest Seattle at Westminster Chapel in Bellevue. (www.MissionsFestSeattle.org) We hope to have a booth there **next** year. It is sponsored by seventy local churches and over 80 different exhibitors: mission agencies, Christian schools and colleges, Christian publishers and Christian camps. We are really looking forward to being there with so many brothers and sisters in Christ! They will be offering many different seminars as well and it is free admission!

In January, there is another opportunity for us to attend "Mission ConneXion Northwest" at Crossroads Community Church: www.missionconnexion.com. Dr. Ravi Zacharias will be one of the speakers!

We certainly appreciate your prayers as we follow the Lord's leading.

God is doing mighty things to impact lives through the Gospel!

HARD HATS FOR CHRIST

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On Going Projects

- Canby Grove Christian Center Canby, OR
- Pend Oreille Bible Camp Newport, WA
- Warm Beach Christian Camp Stanwood, WA
- Teen Harvest, Ava, MO
- Camp JIM, Pillager, MN



Trout Creek Bible Camp Corbett, OR. Not five cabins, but ten cabins will be ready for finish work at this camp nestled in the trees above the Columbia River Gorge. Hard Hat missionaries Jake and Shannan Thiel will head up the team of volunteers beginning in October. Come join them for one of the last projects of this year.

Cascade Christian Ranch Grants Pass, OR. This ministry reaches out to the homeless in their community as well as provides a beautiful facility for weddings, family reunions and retreats. In a generous act portraying God's great bounty for His children, they made their facility available to Hard Hats for Christ for this year's Staff Rendezvous in August-at no Cost! They have a list of miscellaneous repairs that need to be done as well as dry walling the ceiling in the gym. If you have some time available to help them out please call our office so we can help arrange the scheduling.

Mountain Ministries Rainier, OR As the leaders of this ministry help provide a Christ-centered way out of addiction for men and women they have also struggled to provide a place for people to live while they learn of God's love. God has just recently provided the occupancy permit for them to start using the building that was donated to them. Lou and Kathy Aschenbrenner are the Hard Hat missionaries working with them. They share that there is still a lot of work to do and would love to have your help.

Salt Ministries Tendoy, ID In the wilds of northern Idaho near the Salmon River where hunting and fishing are abundantly available the need is great. This ministry is trying to complete a facility to house a retreat for Christian workers in need of some time alone with God. Accommodations would be rough. Getting this project up and running is for those who enjoy roughing it. **For the brave of heart only!**

Jennings Community Church in Lake City, MI A Village Missions Church in the lower peninsula of Michigan is building a new church building. The congregation has been hard at work and have their building closed in. They will be ready to do the drywall and finish work in the near future. We are hoping to be able to send Hard Hat missionary Duane Atkinson to lead the drywall team sometime this fall or next spring. He could sure use some willing hands. And if you know of anybody else who would be able to lead the drywall portion of this project in that part of the country please call the office.

CAMP BERACHAH AUBURN, WA This Christian camp is located just minutes south of Seattle on the edge of Auburn. The Rainier Christian High School is also located on this site. They would really appreciate extra hands to help out with a list of small projects that their limited staff has trouble getting to. Places to park RV's are available and there is also a limited amount of housing if you don't have an RV. If you only have a week-end, this is a great place to serve the Lord.

Duane A.: "Another One-Way Ticket?!?"

A standing joke around the mission relates to the early days, when funds were so tight we often sent missionaries (Duane Atkinson in particular) overseas on one way tickets. "We'll figure out how to get you home, later!", Jim used to say. In 2013 we plan to send missionaries to Israel, Mexico, and possibly to Nepal. If you'd like to help provide round-trip tickets, please send a generous gift designated for "Account 302 " with a note: *for overseas travel. Or you could send half as much for a one-way ticket!*

America's Best Kept Ministry Secret

Help Bring It to An End!

Wherever they serve, our missionaries are agents for God's kingdom among His people. What a thrill it was for us to hear from members of the Redwood Valley Community Church, who traveled to our Staff Rendezvous in southern Oregon at the end of August. With glowing hearts and even tears, they told how God used Hard Hats for Christ missionaries to spark revival among the men of the church!

CWCf is very unique among American missions. We are not church planters, yet we have a heart for winning and making disciples—especially among those in the construction industry. Hard Hats for Christ is an RV'er ministry (in part), yet we stress a high level of craftsmanship and we focus more on seeing a project completed than on travelling and seeing the local sights.

Building In Youth seeks to mentor young people in construction skills. At the same time, it is Bible-based and intent on inculcating Christian character qualities in youth through Godly examples and relationships with mature believers who pass on life-skills. We are not just a career training program. We emphasize practical wisdom, in both the physical and spiritual realms.

At our recent Rendezvous and Board Retreat, our Board joined me in asking God for 1,000 men (ladies also welcome!) to come forward in the next five years as mentors, volunteers, and construction missionaries. How are we going to locate and recruit them?

YOU can help! Our missionary staff is eager for opportunities to present the vision and work of CWCf to your friends and associates. God calls *all* believers to have a part in fulfilling the Great Commission. Some of those are called to partnership with us, through project participation, intercessory prayer, or financial support. God knows who they are, but how will *they* know, unless someone tells them about us?

Please e-mail or call our office to arrange a time for a Hard Hats for Christ or Building in Youth missionary to visit with you about hosting a small group in your home to help us get out the good word about this unique and vital ministry. *This is not a fund-raising gimmick!* People just need to know about us—so we don't *stay* America's *best kept ministry secret!*

- Dave Williamson, President/CEO

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BUILDING IN YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

ROAD TRIP!

Washington Family Ranch will be hosting us as we work with youth to accomplish work projects now that summer is over. We will be going October 26 – 27 with some of our office staff.

www.WashingtonFamilyRanch.YoungLife.org

We are invited to share this ministry at the Pierce County Career Day November 15. This yearly event hosts over 1,500 students from all areas of Pierce County. "Preparing the youth of today for the careers of the future is what Pierce County Career Day is all about! Too many students leave high school without an idea of what kind of jobs or careers are available in today's job market." Phil and I will definitely enjoy being part of this event. The Lord has truly been opening doors for Building In Youth to make connections. Prayerfully, eternal connections for His kingdom.