



Alumni Newsletter

One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the Lord your God is He who fights for you, as He promised. Joshua 23:10 (NKJV)

One and a Thousand Men

Greetings and blessings to all of you Hard Hats for Christ Alumni! Things are returning to “normal” (whatever *that* is) around the office here, as we recover from a wonderful (but exhausting) Staff Rendezvous. In this issue we’re sharing some things from the Rendezvous, with the hope that it will inspire you to **pray much** for this ministry and your construction missionaries.

That is one of the main reasons we produce the Alumni Newsletter, and include copies of the *ActionGram* and so on. We don’t want to make you sad by advertising all the wonderful events and projects that you’re missing out on—not at all! Rather, we hope that these stories and photos are an encouragement to you. The good work that you had a part in years ago is still going on! God is still blessing missions and churches and camps—and blessing those who give their time and talents—through the ministry of Hard Hats for Christ. And in fact, the work is expanding!

A while back, the gentleman who manages our church retirement home brought an annual report to the congregation. Something in it really struck me. “I’ve been at this now 20 years or so,” he said, “and I’ve learned at least one thing: that if you live long enough, either your mind, or your body, or both will betray you.”

I’m just a year and a few months away from 60—still a youngster! But already I’m starting to feel the truth in that statement. My “forgetter” works a lot better than my “rememberer”, and I’ve got aches and pains in places where before I didn’t

even have places! I’m sure many of you are also feeling “betrayed”. Your mind or body, or your spouse’s, or both of you, struggle through daily tasks that just *shouldn’t be* that difficult. Yet they are. Or perhaps your spouse has already gone Home and you face hard days alone. Trapped inside a frail and failing shell of fallen flesh is someone who desires to continue to serve God, who wishes they could still do what they used to be able to do. It gets discouraging!



But, while we draw breath, God is not finished with us! There is always work to do, and an integral, vital, and necessary part of the work is prayer. Indeed, all our efforts may be in vain, and thwarted by the enemy, without adequate prayer cover over those in the field.

At the Hard Hats for Christ Board Retreat following the Rendezvous, our Board covenanted with me to seek God for a thousand men over the next five years to step up as volunteers, mentors, and construction missionaries. How can we identify and recruit them, unless we have men and women “praying them in”?

In the iconic 1987 movie, *Princess Bride*, the hero, Westley, declares, “We are men of action, lies do not become us.” Hard Hats have always been men of action, so I will cut to the chase. There are a thousand reasons why any prospective Hard Hat cannot find the time or money or incentive to get involved. But God’s call is on them! In prayer, **YOU** can chase those enemies of God and clear the way for a thousand men to fulfill God’s calling and purpose for their lives. Your hands may not be as strong as they once were—but your heart can remain strong for this good work. **Pray!** — **D a v e Williamson, President/CEO**



Above—Most of the attendees at the Staff Rendezvous 2012

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Home Office Staff worked very hard making the Rendezvous a great success! Above, they present a skit. At right, Sherry Newton prepares materials for staff training.



"We" did our own cooking—and all of it was excellent!



Robert & Verna Atkinson catch 40 winks toward the end of the event.



Duane Atkinson deftly handles his cup of coffee *and* the "man hug pat" as he and Rolf Lyssand exchange a brotherly goodbye.



Relaxing between sessions: Rolan McKay, Phil Hayes, Jim Miles, Lucy Hayes, Darlene Korneychuk, and Jim Hodges



Rolf & Pam Lyssand, new applicants from Redwood Valley, California, shared how God used Hard Hats for Christ missionaries, and a group of volunteers from another Hard Hats Associate's church "over the mountains", to spark revival among the men of their church. God uses this ministry to do more than "just" build buildings!

Potos by Kathy A.



Joe Newton brings a "Tailgate Safety Devotional". We not only plan to use these on Hard Hats jobsites, but hope to develop these for distribution to the construction industry.



Jacob, Shannan, Madison, and Lydia Thiel are developing their support partnership team. They need opportunities to share the call!



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