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A Letter to the Faithful

Summer– Fall 2006

'Spending time with the only one who can change your life, Jesus Christ'

FROM THE BEGINNING

Well here is our next newsletter all ready. Boy does the time fly bye. This summer was a challenging one. So what did we do all summer?

Well, we facilitated the Low ropes course for those who want to see their groups work together. The Bible says "*The body is a unit, through it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.*" 1 Cor 12:12 This scripture allows for many



Swing across sin

to see a biblical example of why we need each other, and need to work together to accomplish things. Many if not all of the activities we do at Rugged Faith are designed to follow the examples God laid out for us in His word.

And we facilitated the High ropes course which allows for many to connect the concept of faith with how we live our lives each day. "*Now Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*" Heb 11:1 This description of faith would ask many of us to step out and trust God in ways we don't always feel comfortable doing. Up on the High ropes course we share what God's word says about fear (2 Tim 1:7) and about putting our faith into action (James 2:18) in our lives. Again there is no other place in camp that speaks to kids about how they should live their lives and then gives them the opportunity to go practice it. The activities up on the ropes courses prove again each summer how God can use anything to reach these campers for Himself.

HE IS SO FAITHFUL

Well He has done it. We now have an outhouse in place and operational thanks to Delane Cates' and Floyd Christman's hard work one summer afternoon. A few years ago a couple from the Sullivan Lake area donated two out houses that were replaced by the forest service with new concrete ones. These surplus outhouses were given to Rugged Faith's ministry at camp to be used to bless God's children. Well we decided the first of the two should be used to service the folks who venture across the road to the Ropes courses and Paintball course. It has been over ten years of running back down to camp for the use of any facilities. This we hope will lessen the travel back and fourth across the busy Highway also. We are intending for the other outhouse to be placed in our future base camp that is planned to be placed on the upper portion of the campus in the near future.

WHERE IS YOUR MISSION FIELD?

The McAnerin Family

We thank you for your countless prayers. As the school season has started back up for us we are busy getting back on a regular schedule. The kids enjoyed Awanas so much last year we decided to make that part of our mission field up here in Metaline Falls again this year. Mackenzie is now in T&T and Peter and Brooklyn are Sparkies this year. On our first weeks drive to Awanas we had eight kids ride with us. That fills up our suburban to the brim. We are excited at Awanas approach to teach scripture memorization to the kids.

Well Mackenzie is in third grade, Peter is repeating first grade, and Brooklyn is in Kindergarten this year. Sherice is not working in the elementary school this year but instead helping in the kids classrooms and babysitting a little neighbor girl a few days a week.

The cold weather is already upon us up here. There have been reports of snow in the higher elevations, and the animal populations are looking to get fattened up and head off to their caves for winter already. We had lots of fun this summer with camping, hiking, Sherice's play "Nonsense". The plays two sets of performances were the last weekend in July and on Labor day weekend. She was amazing, She sang, acted, and even tapped danced (I had no idea my wife could tap dance).

We thank you all again for your prayers and ask that you would continue to pray that God would use us up here.

How do you want to live your life for Him?

CLIMB ON !

In training

This summer we had a few opportunities to spend an early morning out training on the Shield behind camp or up on Washington Rock in Metaline Falls. Wow, what a time. Our adventures up there were a great time for the summer staff to be challenged and to see things at camp from a different perspective.

The rappel off the Shield is about 160 ft high. With a slow start and a little overhang as you approach the bottom of the face. This rappel is a great one, and has a really nice start. We have some groups scheduled to spend a night up on Mica Point and take a day or two to learn some intro to rappelling.

Washington Rock has rappelling routes from 65 ft to 200 ft depending on your ability and confidence levels. All these routes have lots of overhang. Every one of the starts are ready for beginners. Washington Rock has lots of options.



Washington Rock—Above Metaline Falls

This year six of the Riverview summer staff were trained to help facilitate the High Ropes course. Two of the staff, JJ Steckman and Jessica Fuqua continued their equipping by learning how to facilitate the Low ropes course also. It is awesome to see God use the summer staff to help campers to encounter the truth of God's word in their life. God is always faithful to meet us right where we are. "Its just so cool to be the tool in God's hand at that moment." Staff member

I know each of these staff members got to see that God use them in even more ways than they might had planned this summer. Again, that's what we are doing this for. Right? To be used by Him to help others have an encounter with God's word, and with Jesus that will make a lasting difference in their life. **I can't think of a more fun time than that!**



On top the Shield above Camp—Colville National Forest

Here are our course offerings at this time...

- **Up There- Hiking, Snowshoeing**
- **The Anchor- Indoor Climbing wall**
- **Mountain High- Backpacking**
- **Rock Solid- Rock Climbing/ Rappelling**
- **Still Waters- Kayaking/ Canoeing**
- **Pure White- Snowboard/ Skiing**
- **High and Low Ropes Challenge Courses**

FAQ

Does Rugged Faith do anything after the summer is over?

We sure do! Dad's play ground is always open. There are so many things we can learn from what His Word says. Every season of the year has activities available. We have guides who volunteer year round and are always looking to serve their King in His creation.

We love hanging out with Dad! No matter what time of year or what kind of weather!

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