

# A Letter to the Faithful

Winter– Spring 2006

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

## Upcoming Events

- **May 20-21 Servant training** Riverview Bible Camp
- **Jun 5-9 UGM Mountain Goats** Mon-Fri Meat on the Mountain Mt. Rainer
- **Jun 10 Modern Day Knight** 12pm -6pm Sat Low Ropes Riverview Bible Camp
- **Jun 17 P.O. County Wellness Camp** 12pm -6pm Sat High Ropes Riverview Bible Camp
- **Jun 22 Life Center Kids** 12 pm-6 pm Thur Low Ropes Riverview Bible Camp
- **Jun 24-25 WFA- Aerie med** First aid class 8 am– 6pm Sat and Sun Riverview Bible Camp

See our website for more events on the calendar

## FROM THE BEGINNING

Here is the first official newsletter of Rugged Faith (<http://www.ruggedfaith.org/>) . We are the outdoor ministry of Riverview Bible Camp (<http://www.riverviewbiblecamp.com/>). We wanted to share our mission and vision with you today along with what God has been doing so far.

Rugged Faith in the outdoor ministry of Riverview Bible Camp where we desire to take people into God's creation to allow them the opportunity to hear the 'Good News of Jesus Christ' and grow in a relationship with Him, through a deepening understanding of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit as taught to us through the Bible.

Rugged Faith offers a variety of outdoor wilderness and adventure activities from Rappelling to Ropes courses, as a ministry (not a "guide service"), it is our highest purpose on each and every outing to share the message of eternal life –*life to the full* through Jesus Christ. (John 10:10) All of RF's courses can be tailored to meet the specific physical and spiritual needs and goals of each group and their ability levels.

RF is a servant run ministry supported by many volunteers hard work and the funds raised through fees charged and donations given by many of you. We have several different kinds of courses available throughout the year. Look on further in this letter to read more about the activities we offer.

## HE IS SO FAITHFUL

### The Stretching just continues

Well as He has been faithful to call me so I must be faithful to answer that same call. Ten years ago , I saw the thing I was gifted to do, when I was first introduced to ministry in the outdoors through Climbers With Christ. I then began to realize some of the ways in which I was wired from day one with a love for learning about God, teaching others, and the outdoors. The more time I spend following this path that the Lord has set before me the more it suits me. Not that I want to become comfortable

on this path (that breeds complacency), but instead I want Him to build a sure foundation in me, knowing what I was created for ( a solid purpose). Though I do not always know where He is taking me, of this I can be sure 'He knows me and is leading me if I will only follow " (*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. In 10:27*). After serving for ten years with Climbers With Christ, the Lord has chosen such a time as this to move me and my family into a position at Fourth Memorial Church as the Director of Rugged Faith (the outdoor ministry of Riverview Bible Camp). Our family is so excited at what this new opportunity will bring. After spending the last year and a half serving fulltime with CWC in Metaline Falls, we have seen so many blessings in our own lives and in those of our new friends we have begun to know up here. Stay tuned to hear more on where He is leading us next.

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*"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.***

Jn 10:27

# ONWARD AND UPWARD

## New Heights at Camp

The New Climbing Wall in the Gym has been completed. Have we been busy or what. In the first couple of months there have been some new additions to the opportunities that are available to groups at camp. With the addition of the "Grip-it Adventures" (<http://www.giadventures.com/>) climbing wall we will have an indoor training tool and another option for building Rugged Faith here at camp. Campers will obviously enjoy another option that takes them to the edge of their norm. We are hoping to develop the wall into another opportunity for ministry that continues to refine the gift of faith God has given to so many. The indoor controlled environment will also allow for many to begin to taste what so many others have already enjoyed out there on the ropes course for years.



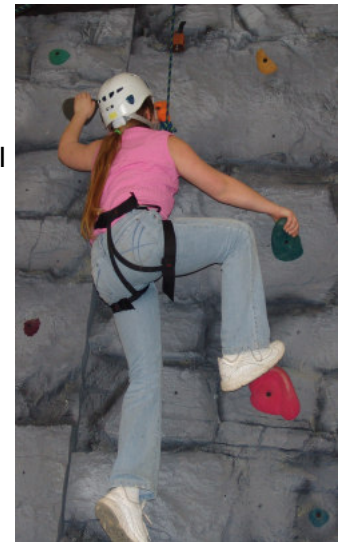
We have begun with two routes inside the gymnasium. Our heart is to add to these two routes in the future, with more routes and a wider variety of difficulties so that those who come each year can find new and exciting challenges.

These routes will take campers off the floor of the gym and allow them to see things from a 16 ft. perspective. This will also provide an indoor training area for RF staff in the winter months and open many more opportunities to serve throughout the year. If you would like RF to facilitate your group in this activity please call ahead so we can have adequate staff on hand. We would love to serve the King by helping your campers become Anchored in Him!

To see more pictures or learn more about this climbing wall check out the Riverview website, and feel free to give us your feedback on what you think of the wall after you have been up and hung out on it for a while.

### Getting a leg up!

We are praying for the opportunity and funds to build an outdoor climbing wall on our campus. We are currently looking into the feasibility of using the frame work that holds the giant slide up to support a 50ft. Climbing wall with three anchors on it. This would be ideal due to its location to the indoor wall and its useful shape in its existing condition. Having the outdoor wall in such close proximity to the indoor climbing wall, makes for an easy transition from indoor climbing to the outdoors. We believe the backside of the giant slide is big enough for three individual climbers to be on the wall at any given time. The slides framework is pre existing and needs minimal additional work to accomplish this goal. With the frame work already there we have an excellent opportunity to make an existing feature even more useful. So please be praying for our direction with this and the provision of funds to complete this as one of next years additions to interest campers to come and learn more what it is to have a "Solid Anchor! in Christ Jesus".



### The bell is insight!



### These two want a bigger challenge!

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Check out our Website [www.ruggedfaith.org](http://www.ruggedfaith.org)

If you have any questions feel free to call or write us at 509-993-0954 or [ruggedfaith@hotmail.com](mailto:ruggedfaith@hotmail.com)

## CLIMB ON !

### Off to a running Start

Well here we are already into the Spring and I am only now getting the first edition of our newsletter out. I had hoped to do this sooner. We hit the ground running this winter with the launch of Rugged Faith. With the first big project (Indoor climbing wall) already ordered and slated to be installed before we got started this year.

We have already had groups utilize the Climbing wall, the Low ropes Course, and the High ropes Course this spring, already. We have had two training days and a servant overnigher also. All of this is just a warm up for what's next. THE SUMMER! Yes the summer months schedule has someone booked at Riverview Bible Camp almost everyday from the middle of June to Labor Day weekend.

Our heart here is to serve them all and share the Joy that knowing Jesus sparks in each one of us. Even as we desire to serve at each and everyone of these camps, some have said no to our activities. Some people still think the Good News is only communicated from behind a pulpit. They need to come spend some more time outside in His awesome creation. It speaks for itself!

Well we have many more things on our plate for this spring as the summer is fast approaching. We have invited Aerie Backcountry Medicine of Missoula, MT (<http://www.aerie.med.com/>) to come put on a Wilderness First Aid course. We have been taking wilderness first responder courses with Aerie for the last 6 years or so. This will be the first time we have invited them to come over here to teach the course. We are excited to have them in our backyard and to be able to bring this level of first aid care to our staff and any others.

We have so much more to do as summer approaches. Please continue to support us with prayer as we move forward into all that God is faithfully doing through our obedience.

### Here are our course offerings at this time...

- **Up There- Hiking**
- **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**

## ABOVE IT ALL

### On the Shield

One new twist on an old activity will be the new rappel routes on the Rock above camp. At this years RF clean up/ preparation day some of us cleared the trail leading to the "Shield" up in the Colville National Forest bordering the camp property. Upon completion of cleaning the trail up we topped out overlooking the valley all the way up the river to Usk. "Man what a sight!" We had heard of a set of rappel anchors being up there on the rock. After looking around for a minute we found them right in the very spot we would have put them ourselves. After inspecting the anchors and adding a third bolt and hanger, we tested the route. It is "Great!!!" The view is spectacular to say the least and the ride down was perfect for anyone to hang on. We are planning to add at least one more route and spend some more time up there this summer. Our hope is to set enough routes to challenge and grow anyone's faith that wants to learn more about rappelling in the alpine. Dad has a beautiful play ground just waiting to be explored. And He made it all for us! This route was put in years ago, and has fallen to the wayside as many things at camp do if there is no one to take care of it. We at Rugged Faith are excited to be here at camp. We are also excited for the many new things God is doing at camp with the establishing of Rugged Faith this year. We are looking forward to the many things that God has for the future. We are continuing to pray for opportunities to share Jesus with campers in Gods awesome creation! Will you please pray with us and also pray about serving along with us here at Rugged Faith.

## Coming in 2007...

We are in the planning stages for the expansion of the indoor climbing wall.

We are in the Planning/ Engineering review phase of the Outdoor 50ft Climbing wall.

We are in the planning stages for adding the Yurts and outhouses to the upper campus.

Please continue to pray with us for Gods will in all these projects.

# WHERE IS YOUR MISSION FIELD?

## The McAnerin Family

We wanted to say thank you to all of you who pray for us and helped us to step out and move forward with Rugged Faith. We are glad that God saw fit to provide a way for us to continue to serve Him in the outdoors with the training and tools He has been developing in us for so long now. We as a family are committed to serving our God and Father with all the abilities and skills He has entrusted to us. We all wish to be used by God to reach out and touch peoples lives by simply sharing what Jesus has done for us and what His word says He will do for them. We have seen so much fruit since we first moved to Metaline Falls two years ago. We are excited to see the continued growth in our own personal walks and in the lives of others around us. Gods plan for each of our lives is just so amazing. We can't even begin to see it all. Only He knows what the big picture is going to look like. What a fun ride it is to see it all unfold around us. If you don't have an excitement to see all that He is doing in your life, or the ways in which He is using you, begin to pray and ask Him to give you a calling and trust what He is saying. Is it challenging to follow after Him? "Yes!". Does it give you a joy and zest for living this life? "Like no other!" **This is life, Life to the Full!** John 10:10 **How do you want to live your life for Him?**

## FAQ

### Can I donate to Rugged Faith?

**Yes you can!** We have had several people ask about donating and supporting Rugged Faith. Here is some information we hope is helpful to answer your questions. If you have any questions feel free to call.

Rugged Faith is an extension of Riverview Bible Camp. Riverview Bible Camp is a 501c3 non-profit religious organization. All donations are tax deductible. We are supported through donation and the fees charged associated with the outings. Please pray and ask Dad to instruct you on giving to this ministry.

He has a direction for each of us. We have a desire to see this happen. We pray that your gifts will accomplish meeting His direction over all things here at Rugged Faith.

We are always looking to offer folks the ability to spend time with Dad, in His creation, without any burdens or concerns of having the specific tools or funds to do this with.

We are **praying** for:

- Snowshoes (various sizes)
- Snowboarding boots (various sizes)
- Trekking poles (various sizes)
- 3 and 4 Season tents
- Sleeping bags
- Walkie Talkies/ GPS systems
- Internal Frame Backpacks
- Climbing Harness
- Scholarships for Students to attend outings

If you have a question about anything you would like to donate please feel free to call? Talk to Dad first and foremost and check with Him.

### Where is Riverview Bible Camp?

From Spokane:

Travel north on US Hwy 2 approx 28 miles, turn left on Hwy 211, travel approx 14 miles to State Route 20, Turn left on SR 20, Travel 12 miles. Riverview is on the right just past mile marker #409

**DROP US A LINE!!** *If you would like to receive this newsletter please let us know. You can call, write, or email and ask to be on the mailing list. Our heart is to reach people in the outdoors with the only one who can make a difference in their life, Jesus Christ! If you know someone who would benefit from this ministry and or would like to help with Rugged Faith, pass this information along to them.*

