

Happy New Year

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday season. Ed and I spent about ten days in Oklahoma with my family. We had a wonderful time with my siblings, parents and especially with my nieces and nephews. It is always fun to spoil someone else's kids!

January is a busy month for our Retreat Center with many groups coming for various retreats. Over Martin Luther King weekend, the Cru high school ministry brought around 180 students for a retreat.

When I spoke with one of the staff who brought students from Indianapolis after the retreat, she told me that God moved in some amazing ways in the lives of many of the students. She said that many students made renewed commitments to stand strong in their faith. A few students also placed their faith in Jesus for the first time.



Another group we hosted this month was a high school basketball team

from First Baptist Academy in Naples, FL. The coach, Scott, is an AIA Basketball Alum and had a vision of bringing his team for a basketball mission trip.

While they were here, they practiced basketball, played in a tournament, did some service projects and listened to several speakers from AIA, who led them in the AIA Principles talks. By the end of the week, the coach repeatedly told us



how pleased he was with the way his boys were being challenged to grow in their faith and to share their faith with others.

Another highlight of their retreat for many of the boys from Florida was the opportunity to play in the snow. We happened to have several inches of snow on the ground when they arrived. Some of them had never experienced snow. So, they had a great time sledding and having snowball fights.

Over the next two weeks, we will host several more retreats at our facilities. Please pray that God will move in the heart of each person who comes to draw them into a deeper or new relationship with Himself.



Praises

- ❖ Fruitful ministry is happening with groups who have used our Retreat Center
- ❖ Quality time with family and friends over the holidays & safe travel...thank the Lord!

Prayer Requests

- ❖ For the Holy Spirit to move in the lives of many individuals who will be attending retreats at our facilities over the next few weeks
- ❖ Safe travel for Ed and Debbie as we drive to and from New Orleans to help with the Super Bowl Breakfast (Jan 29-Feb 5)
- ❖ More ticket/table sales for The Super Bowl Breakfast; we are trusting God for a sell-out crowd of 1500 people
- ❖ More NFL athletes to commit to being part of the program at the Super Bowl Breakfast; we especially desire some Saints players
- ❖ All logistical aspects of the Super Bowl Breakfast to go smoothly
- ❖ God to speak through each person who talks at the Super Bowl Breakfast. Pray that God will use this event to draw people into a new or deeper relationship with Himself.



2013 SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST
FEATURING THE BART STARR AWARD
SANCTIONED EVENT

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 1, 2013

FEATURING
BART STARR NFL Hall of Fame - MVP Super Bowl I & II
DANNY WUERFFEL, NFL 1997-2002
BRENT JONES 3-time Superbowl Champion, San Francisco 49ers
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Next week, Ed and I will drive to New Orleans to assist with the Super Bowl Breakfast. We will be driving a van full of supplies needed for the Breakfast. While in New Orleans, we will both be helping with various needs for this event take place.

My main role is to be the volunteer coordinator, which means that I will give direction to and oversee all the volunteers who help with the Breakfast. Ed will be building relationships with potential ministry donors who are coming for a donor event being hosted by AIA in conjunction with the Super Bowl Breakfast.

From The Heart (by Debbie)

For all of the assignments for my seminary classes that I took in December, I spent a lot of time studying Joshua chapter 2. I came to realize that a key theme in that chapter is fear. In spite of seeing God's power in many ways, the Israelites lived for a full generation in fear of their enemies in the promised land. In Joshua 2, their fear of man is set in contrast to Rahab's fear of God in spite of the fact that she was a pagan who had only experienced God through hear-say.

The theological big idea that I came up with was that God honors the faith of those who step out to obey Him in spite of their fears and delivers those who fear him above all else.

Over the past few weeks, I have been reflecting over the lessons I learned from Joshua 2 and asking myself if there are ways that my fears are hindering me from being obedient to God or reaching my full potential. I am surrendering my fears to God and trusting Him to give me confidence to move forward in faith.

Ed and I thank the Lord for calling you to be part of our team of prayer and financial partners. Thank you for your obedience to His call in choosing you to be part of our team! Together, God is using us to work towards our vision of seeing a Christ-follower on every team, in every sport, in every nation!

2013 AIA Special Events

Super Bowl Breakfast
Friday, February 1, 2013, 8 a.m.
Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA

Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast
Saturday, April 6, 2013
Atlanta, GA

Night of Champions
Thursday, May 9 2013
Schindler Banquet Center, Xenia, OH

We would love for you to attend any of these events. If you are interested in attending, please let us know.