



NEWSLETTER 2009

"Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17

Greetings my friends! I want to thank you for being a prayer partner and financially supporting Christian Sports International (CSI) faithfully. It has been a year to remember as God has shown me many things dealing with the financial struggle, prayer life and total dependence upon Our Creator. I look back and realize it has all happened for a purpose but one thing it did not diminish was telling the greatest story ever told the good news of Jesus Christ at all our programs.



How precious it is to see a child ask Jesus into their heart as all things pale in comparison. Hearing children give testimony how important God is in their lives as many told this at the closing program in Tennessee. The picture to the left was taken this summer of children praying to ask Jesus into their hearts. You can rejoice with us as over 50 children this summer accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The biggest percent of them have never been inside a church and did not know or never heard about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

I know of a woman bathing her children in a public restroom in a local community after an event because there was no water at home, children that have worn out shoes or flip flops and even barefoot, children with ragged clothing and dirty, children who parents do not care about them and going hungry. My heart sinks knowing about these children and what they face daily as these stories are taking place everywhere we have been as children cry out... help me!

The children face more today than ever as I watch people stand by and watch children go down a path that leads to destruction. What more can we do to help these children? CSI is not willing to stand by and watch children go down the path that leads to destruction. We want to become more active in other communities but we need the local church, individuals, and businesses to stand beside us in prayer, volunteers, and financial help to destroy the path that leads to destruction of young lives.

I look for 2010 to be a year in ministry with opportunity like we have never seen for programs across America and Overseas. CSI begins its 20th year in ministry, as I look back over the years I have been around the ministry and see the vision God gave Dave Rettig, God has used this ministry to change thousands of lives for Jesus Christ. The program is now designed to be implemented as a year round program reaching youth in the suburban, urban and rural communities. What waits ahead for CSI in 2010 only God knows, I have learned through the years to trust Him and seek Him through prayer and scripture. I keep prayer and scripture at the forefront of my life and ministry so I know what God is saying. God has shown me much even when the times are difficult as He asks for total dependence on Him for what lies ahead for CSI.

Serving Together for Christ,
N. Scott Grinder



SID BREAM CSI NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON

Sid is the "National Spokesperson" for CSI speaking at churches, community organizations, wild game dinners, and men's conferences.

Sid will also hold the "Safe at Home" Winter Baseball Classic. CSI looks forward to having Sid spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all the participants at these programs. Please call 724-453-1400 to schedule Sid Bream for your next special event.

"CSI certainly wants to see kids improve their athletic abilities, but most importantly, they want their students to know Jesus Christ – knowing that there is no greater decision to make on earth that will affect them for eternity."



NEW WEBSITE

www.teamcsi.org

You will want to check this new website!

WEBSITE FEATURES

- Donate online through PayPal
- Vacations Into Donations
- Kidsblend Purchase Coffee & Tea

TENNESSE

The summer program ran five days a week for seven weeks and finished July 31, 2009 in Sneedville, TN. The Appalachian Mountain community located in northeast Tennessee suffered severe job loss over this past year as unemployment is at 20% in Hancock County.

It happened again on opening day one child arrived with improper shoes only having a pair of worn out flip flops to wear. Thank God for the left over shoes from the summer before, I went to the box and on top was a pair of shoes that fit her feet. The daily average of children in the program dropped by over 30 children, due to parents being unemployed and children staying at home this summer. We averaged 25-29 children daily as a computer class was added to the program. AT&T donated 16 new Dell computers through Connected Tennessee, to the program. The Sunrise Foundation gave us a grant to cover the entire curriculum needed for the character class. I appreciate the efforts of the staff under the direction of Josh Fleenor for making this a successful Christ centered program for the children.



Special thanks!

Greg Marion and the Hancock County Commissioners donated funds to help cover other costs associated with the program. Clinch Powell staffed us with ten workers and paid for their salaries. Jubilee Project-Randy Hildebrant for his behind the scene work before, during and after the summer program. The use of the building and a bus to transport children to lunch everyday was given to us by Mike Antrican and the Hancock County School District. Vacation Bible School was once again provided by Centreville United Methodist Church under the leadership of Gail Pipen and Barb Shaiko. Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church Cheerleader Program for girls under the direction of Jody Eldridge. Many thanks go out to each one of these people and organizations.



NEW YORK CITY

CSI traveled to New York City to hold a baseball clinic with Kids Against Drugs Baseball in Brooklyn in early April. We worked with 25 youth mostly teen-agers all afternoon teaching skills. When we gave our testimonies a young man named Boobe who was in the original program started in NYC in the mid 90's wanted to speak. Boobe said I used to think like a lot of you what are these guys, doing trying to tell me about Jesus. I challenge you do not wait like I did I was 14 years old when they first started coming to NYC and it took me until I

was 19 years old before I got it. God has a plan for NYC and Tony Major who has been used by God to change many young men's lives has been in discussion with CSI and the future in NYC.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Donations have fallen off and mostly due to financial cut backs in families, churches and businesses. CSI is facing many decisions financially and needs your help! I believe God is hearing my prayers and He keeps taking care of needs. I will be honest with you, the ministry donations has fallen off by 25% in 2009. Please pray how you might be able to HELP. Pray for the breakthrough to happen at CSI.



WE NEED YOU NOW MORE THAN EVER!

Monthly or One Time giving is now available through our website at www.teamcsi.org. Click on the Donate Tab to see how you may Invest In The Future of Christian Sports International.

ONE TEAM-ONE COACH-ONE GOAL



CELEBRATION & BENEFIT DINNER

Thursday, November 19, 2009

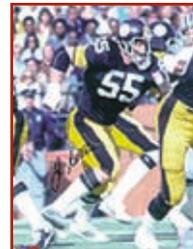
5:30 pm Reception

6:30 pm Dinner

Grace Church of Harmony

Keynote Speaker: Jon Kolb

A former Pittsburgh Steelers offensive tackle and Super Bowl IX, X, XIII, XIV Champion. Jon is one of nine Steelers to play on all the four Super Bowls won in the 70's. Jon was named to the All Time Greatest



Steelers Team in 2007. In 1992 after playing and coaching with the Steelers since 1969 Jon decided not to pursue another coaching position that would pull him away from his wife and three sons. A decision says Jon, everyone faces them and when you make a Christ centered decision you must go all out for God.



Special Music by October Innocence

Since birth, Sarah Grinder vocals/keyboards, and Gianne Hillier vocals/guitar have been inseparable best friends. They have combined their talents and passion for music together to form October Innocence. October Innocence was started back in December of 2007, and in 2008, Gianne's brother Carlin Hillier became the drummer. The name came out of both girls being born in October. Since it's conception the group has had an amazing ride. Praise goes to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ because without Him where would they be, nowhere. He has blessed them with musical abilities so they will be using it all for His glory!

Silent & Live Auction

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