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*"I left up my eyes to the hills-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."*  
Psalm 121:1-2

Greetings! I pray this finds you doing well, that your relationship with God is growing daily sharing His truth with family and friends. I thank you so much for being a faithful partner in ministry.

How many of you have asked God to move the mountain with things you face? I know I have many times until I was shown why He does not want the mountain moved. Instead of asking God to move the mountain I have learned to ask Him to give me the strength to climb the mountain. It's easy to ask for the mountain to be moved but you miss all that He has for you on the way to the top, experiences like you have never dreamed that shape you and mold you into the person or ministry He wants you to be. When faced with decisions ask Him to give you the strength to climb the mountain and watch the experience you will have on the way to the top. *Isaiah 52:7 says, How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"* I pray that God Reigns in the lives of your family and you bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to others.



**TEAM CSI - TRAIN EQUIP ACHIEVE MINISTER**

Why is it that in a time when the world is more connected than ever before; our children seem to be actually less connected with the things that matter most? From small town America; to our urban settings upscale neighborhoods, to impoverished city blocks, the moral compass of our society has taken a toll on our children.

*The children today seem to be losing their way from all areas of life, the environment our children live, study and play in reflects a very confused culture lacking right from wrong, moral absolutes and beliefs based on desires instead of the truth.*

**CHRISTIAN SPORTS INTERNATIONAL (CSI)** has been surrounded with prayer from many and seeking God daily over these past 23 years. We have learned and continue to learn how to make a difference to turn the lives of children that are headed in the wrong direction into lives headed into a positive future and connect these kids with ministries in their community. The road is not easy but it begins by showing kids you care about them, respect them, and love them.

*CSI has been seeking God in prayer for new territory and He is revealing the new places of opportunity for 2014.*

**THE NEED IS GREAT. THE CAUSE IS PRICELESS.** is the name of our new campaign in 2014 to raise needed funds for ministry. We need you like no other time. Please see the back right column of newsletter if you desire to join **TEAM CSI** and become a Partner in Ministry to be a monthly, quarterly or yearly partner to help change lives with the good news of Jesus Christ. I ask you to prayerfully consider this request to become a Partner in Ministry. Thank you for your consideration to help change lives for Jesus Christ!!

**CHRISTIAN SPORTS INTERNATIONAL** appreciates your faithfulness in helping reach the lost for Jesus Christ. In this season lift your eyes to the hills seeking and knowing that our strength comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Thanks for being a faithful partner in ministry have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year filled with God's blessings.

All In Serving Jesus Together,

N. Scott Grinder  
President

*Jesus Christ  
the same yesterday,  
and to day,  
and for ever.*  
Hebrews 13:8

*"From the original eight in 1990 to seeing over 620,000 kids come through our programs, the lives that have been changed with the Good News of Jesus Christ are countless."*



*71% of the children who attend our programs and ask Jesus into their heart do not attend church it may be the only place they ever hear the Gospel.*



**2014**

*The kids programs are growing and look to expand upon our partnership with Urban Impact and other ministries. It will be our biggest year in men's ministry programs with many scheduled, many pending and many new requests happening. Praise God!*



**THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PHEASANT HUNT** was held on November 9, 2013 at Four Seasons Game Bird Farm in Valencia, PA. It was the largest hunt in many years with 41 hunters eager to enjoy a guided pheasant hunt with champion bird dogs and participate in the auction of hunting items. NHRA Funny CAR Driver and National Champion Bobby Martin shared God's Word at the noon time devotional. A special thanks goes to Herb Brittner's Smokehouse, Chuck Pollum and Mike Hutchison for supplying the feast at noon time. CSI thanks our sponsors Insight Pipe Contracting, IPC Energy, Jeff Barkley and Robinson Fans.

# ALL IN MEN

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**ALL IN MEN'S NIGHT** was held on November 14, 2013 at Chippewa UMC Community Life Center with 338 in attendance to hear featured speaker and **Pittsburgh Pirates Manager Clint Hurdle**. We witnessed five first time commitments and 19 rededications to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was our largest men's night ever held. The night was summarized in the following article written by Bill Utterback of The Beaver County Times who gave CSI permission to use the article. Thank you Bill!

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP** – Clint Hurdle accelerated and accentuated, moving across the small stage at the Chippewa United Methodist Church's Community Life Center on like newly-crowned National League MVP Andrew McCutchen moving from first to third. No hesitation. No doubts. Full sprint and a wildly engaging smile. Completely at home. Safe at home. Recommit, he told the crowd of more than 300 Christian men and boys who gathered Thursday evening to hear him speak at the Christian Sports International event. Redefine. Be bigger. Be stronger.

Hurdle committed his life to Jesus Christ at 17 and then, after divorce and alcohol problems, recommitted at 40. The second commitment has persisted for 16 years, he said, making him a more influential father, husband, friend and manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates. And the 2013 National League manager of the year, as well. "I found my sweet spot when I recommitted to Christ," he said.

Hurdle, who led the Pirates to the playoffs this past season after a 20-year absence, said he and McCutchen have shared devotional time. "Maybe we're on to something." Hurdle said that after he won the manager of the year award earlier this week, he received a telephone call from former Kansas City Royals teammate George Brett, a Hall of Fame player. "One man encouraging another," Hurdle said. Which was the theme of Hurdle's talk. Lift each other, Inspire each other and Encourage.

"I felt there were so many areas in my life I was coming up short," Hurdle said of his turning point at age 40. "I needed to make Jesus the focus of my life again." Hurdle said he felt God guiding him toward Pittsburgh.

"I knew this was the place God wanted me to be and to lead," he said. "My path became clearer." And the path becomes clearer each day.. "I learn every day," he said. "I'm all for consequences. I'm all for accountability and responsibility." Hurdle said there "are two kinds of people in life. "Those who are humble and those who need humbled. I've been both and believe me, the first one is better...it is better to serve than to expect to be served." Hurdle said he has been humbled since coming to Pittsburgh.



"People come up to me in the street and say Thank you, and it buckles my knees. It makes we want to cry. They say it and they mean it. I say, we're just beginning here. We're still learning." CSI thanks Clint for sharing his heart that's full of God's love, **HE'S ALL IN!** Thanks to the sponsors Chippewa UMC Lead Pastor Rod Smith, Chippewa UMC Men, Shooters Place, Pittsburgh Greater Collision Works, A-1 Automotive, Herdt Security Services, WPA United Methodist Men and all that attended for an evening to remember.

## OTHER MEN'S EVENTS

**ALL IN MEN'S CONFERENCE** was held on September 21, 2013 at Holiday Park UMC with speakers Dennis Bowman, Tom McGough, Robin Cole, Jeff Hartings and Jon Kolb with Shawn Amy leading worship. 72 men attended two first time commitments and many rededications committing to serve Jesus Christ. Thank you Holiday Park UMC Men for hosting a great event and making everyone feel welcome!

**ALL IN MEN'S NIGHT** was held on October 24, 2013 at Grace UMC in Coal Center with speakers Bobby Martin and Jon Kolb with Greg Capozzi leading worship. 92 men attended with a first time commitment and many rededications committing to serve Jesus Christ. Thank you Grace UMC Men for hosting the evening with a great pasta dinner and assorted deserts and making all feel welcome!

**THE NEED IS GREAT. THE CAUSE PRICELESS!**

Christian Sports International is seeking New Partners In Ministry to become **new** regular (monthly or quarterly) donors. This is an important and exciting opportunity to become a New Partner in Ministry and make a difference for the kids. We are looking for individuals, families, churches and businesses to become regular donors. If you have a friend that you want me to talk to you about the ministry please contact me at 724-453-1400.

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## FEATURED SPEAKER



### LEO WISNIEWSKI

The Men's Ministry Director at White Fields Foundation in Pittsburgh, PA. A former Penn State University DT and Baltimore & Indianapolis Colts DT. Leo's says you cannot impart to others what you have not first received. Men need to learn how to "Lock Arms" with one another. It is both on-ramp to the Christian life and the fast lane to our continued growth in the image of Christ.

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- All In Men's Ministry
- New areas of ministry for kids
- January 4, 2014 Winter Baseball Classic-Greenville
- Travel
- CSI West-Mark Salazar & Family
- The Grinder Family

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is the reason  
for the season