



MICHEALS' MEMOIRS

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JUNGLE JUMP OFF KICKED OFF THIS PAST SUMMER

Part of our responsibility for the mobilization work of Wycliffe in our region involves oversight of the **Jungle Jump Off (JJO)** program. **JJO** is a regional Wycliffe program designed to serve a church's youth group by giving the youth group an opportunity to have a cross-cultural experience without traveling overseas. It is also designed to inform, inspire and challenge teens to consider becoming involved in missions and in particular Bible translation work.

Studies have shown that the average missionary made a decision to get involved in missions when they were 13 years old. The JJO program is designed for church youth groups with young people between the ages of 12 and 18. JJO can handle groups with up to 30 people.



This past summer, JJO had nine churches and 165 young people go through the course. Over 60 teens have made a commitment to take a next step toward involvement in missions. Our JJO staff will be following up with these teens this winter to help them find their "next step".

Chuck's job with JJO is to help with the planning and organizing plus help them with finding needed staff and finances.

A current project at JJO which needs construction help is the building of an all purpose room designed for JJO staff childcare and after hours activities. If you would like to come this fall and/or winter and work on this construction project or if you know others (perhaps a church work group) who are willing to help, please call Chuck toll-free at 1-888-876-1056. Accommodations can be arranged and there are facilities for 5th wheel vehicles.



Teens From Faith Community Church (Reformed Church)
At Jungle Jump Off This Summer



Book Your Church's Youth Group For Jungle Jump Off in 2004!

To book your church's youth group please either call Tina Dunckel at (815) 210-2115 or email her at: junglejumpoff_ncro@wycliffe.org. Jungle Jump Off operates from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Check JJO Out Online At:
www.wycliffe.org/events/JJO/home.htm

RECENT MINISTRY WORK

This past summer we traveled around the United States visiting various Wycliffe offices with Gware and Arina Nanong. They are Papua New Guineans who are good friends of ours and work for SIL in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

One of the highlights of our trip was a stop in Washington DC to visit the PNG ambassador. Mr. Graham Michael hosted us for lunch and a three hour meeting, which was supposed to last only a half hour. Mr. Michael was very happy to meet the Nanongs. He told us that SIL is one organization in PNG that is doing good things for his people and that he was very happy to have SIL work in his country. We praise the Lord for such good friends in these important places.



OUR RECENT SCHEDULE

Sept

- 3 - Church Mobilization meeting (W. Chicago)
- 4 - JJO staff meeting (W. Chicago)
- 5 - Meet high school volunteer (W. Chicago)
- 8 - Database training (W. Chicago)
- 10 - 13 - Attend opening of MN Area Coordinator office (Minneapolis, MN)
- 15 - 19 - Attend annual Mobilization National Meetings - Orlando, FL (WBT Headquarters)
- 21 - Speak at supporting church (Kalamazoo, MI)
- 23 - Visit with 3 recruits (W. Chicago)
- 24 - Visit with pastor (W. Chicago)
- 25 - Attend video taping of new Wycliffe dramas (Wheaton, IL)
- 29 - Host visit by president of the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (IL, IN)
- 30 - Visit students at Moody Bible Institute (Chicago)

October

- 4 - Attend "Reformation Faire" mission conference (Fox Valley, IL)
- 6 - 10 - Host mobilization training for new Area Coordinators in IN, MI and MN (W. Chicago)
- 13 - Church Mobilization meeting (W. Chicago)

- 14 - 17 - Moody Mission Conference (Chicago)
- 20 - Meet new recruits who have become members (W. Chicago)
- 22 - Database steering committee meeting (teleconference - W. Chicago)
- 23 - Meet new recruits who are applying to WBT, Prayer meeting, college mission conference planning meeting (W. Chicago)
- 24 - Prayer letter writing day (W. Chicago)
- 31 - Leave for Dordt College Hug-A-Linguist Days (Sioux Center, IA) and Northwestern College meetings (Orange City, IA)

In-between the dates above we spent time writing emails and calling recruits, sending out literature, signing up participants for our courses and planning future work.

This fall we have also already been involved in mission conferences at Moody Bible Institute (IL) and Grace Bible College & Seminary (IN). Several more mission conferences are planned for later this fall and early next year at Dordt College (IA), Taylor University - Ft. Wayne and Upland (IN), Bethel College (IN), Huntington College (IN) and Wheaton College (IL). We will be participating in some of these conferences and will be planning for Wycliffe furlough members to attend others.

PRAISES

- For five new people from our region applying to Wycliffe in October alone!
- Safety in travel around the U.S.A..
- Our laptop that we were told was no longer any good was repaired for less than \$ 100!

PRAYER

- For future decisions about overseas work.
- Chuck's health; he has been having facial pain and medical bills have been mounting as a cause is sought.
- For Jenny as she makes plans for a semester of study in South Africa starting in January.

Thank you to all who are standing with us in this work by your prayers, letters and financial support.

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