



**Assisting Youth
Leaders in
Developing Life-
Changing Youth
Ministries**

Preparing Students
for a life of Service

**RURAL MISSION TRPS
for 2017**

JUNE:

17-24 Fergus Falls, MN >>
E. MT, Bible Camp Sidney, MT
Wenatche, WA >>

Warm Springs, OR

24-30 Dallas, OR >>

Rockaway Beach, OR

Two teams from Zaporozhye Bible College

>> Central Rural Ukraine

Philomath, OR >> Mansfield, WA

Repeat Mission Teams

JULY:

9-15 Plummer, ID >> Troy, MT

White Salmon, WA >> Glenwood, WA

15-22 Federal Way, WA >> N. Bend, OR

Plummer, ID >> Libby, MT

Dalles, OR >> Detroit Lakes, OR

20-23 Graham, WA >> Issaquah, WA

Plummer, ID >> Hot Springs, MT

Burien, WA >> Oakridge, OR

22-29 Enumclaw, WA >> Noxon, MT

Federal Way, WA >> Thompson Falls, MT

Plummer, ID >> Condon, MT

Repeat Mission Teams

AUGUST:

Repeat Mission Teams

SEPTEMBER:

16-30 Greg Carlson Family, Federal Way, WA

>> Multiple sites in Poland

(locations & exact dates still pending)

THE HORTON'S 2017 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Dear Ministry Friends:

At the 20 year celebration last fall we gave out the II Tim. 2:2 Baton. This is a symbol of the ministry strategy of RCYM. **Our goal is to share proven ministry principles plus give some practical ministry methods** to other Christian leaders to help them succeed in preparing students for a life of service. We serve others in order for them to succeed in developing mature disciples that will stay engaged in God's work as the Lord leads them. For example, please read the note below.



From the Mackey's, "Dear Tom, What a fantastic two-and-a-half weeks these have been. Thank you for recommending **Dan and Gretchen**, and thank you for securing the resources so that they could be with us for the ministries of the past weeks with our students. They are very outgoing - never met any strangers in Ukraine! They related well with our students, and were positive examples in outreach. We would welcome them back next year. Now that our "official" spring evangelistic outreach has concluded, **summer outreaches are being planned**. As a result of the course, students are more experienced and better equipped to share Christ as they minister throughout life." **Praise God!!!**



Pictured are Dan & Gretchen Jester with Mark and Joanne Mackey in the Ukraine. The Jesters taught the students at the Bible School in evangelism, sharing testimonies and giving the gospel through storytelling. Then they led them on a 10 day mission trip to two locations in central Ukraine. Many heard the gospel and **at least 19 prayed to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, Praise God!!!**

Below is Dan teaching Storytelling & Gretchen leading an Ukrainian teenager to Christ



with a bible college student on their rural mission's trip.

Dan and Gretchen will also be teaching summer staffers at Lakeside Bible Camp on Whidbey Island this summer in evangelism, testimonies, and storytelling.

Another example of the II Tim. 2:2 ministry multiplication model is with Wayne Eve of Plummer, Idaho, (pictured with me) a pastor of a rural church.



Wayne, a former youth leader who has had me come and do some training with his leaders in the past as well as lead several rural mission trips, **is taking rural missions to another whole level** this summer. In July he will take his student leaders on a 4 consecutive weeks of mission trips to 4 different rural towns (Troy, Libby, Hot Springs, and Condon) all in Montana.

Wayne as a missionary with the Rocky Mountain Bible Mission (RMBM) will take his students to other RMBM ministries churches as **noted in the summer mission schedule** listed on the side of this newsletter. It will be interesting to see if any other ministries will try to attempt an extended rural mission experience like this.



The Soma Church of Federal Way hosted a story-telling workshop recently. Not only were the folks from Soma excited about the possible soon implementation of this unique teaching tool but Greg Carlson, his daughter Kelsey and Gabi (visiting from Poland picture with me) are planning and preparing to train Polish Christian leaders this fall. The plan is that youth leaders and pastors will use storytelling in their fall ministries.



RURAL MISSION TRIPS 2017 - WHAT TO PRAY FOR:

1. Safety, health, and spiritual vitality for each team.
2. Wisdom and good decision making for each leader.
3. The salvation of community youth and the spiritual boldness of each Christian teen.
4. That the sending youth group will have unity, God's love and favor with the youth of the hosting community.
5. The rural churches ability to follow up the community youth reached with the gospel.

It is an exciting reality for me to have the opportunity to speak into the lives of many Christian leaders today, many of them had been youth leaders in the past.

Please pray for the repeat ministries that are also taking place each week throughout the summer by groups that are going to the same ministry sites as before.

Please pray for successful summer scouting trips and for new contacts to be made for rural mission trips in 2018.

REMEMBER: Praying for Rural Mission Trips is as important as going on one.

“And Jesus said to them, Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”
 Matt. 4:19



It's these relationships and the ability to support them with resources and ministry tools and strategies that keeps me serving in as many practical ways as possible, like meeting with Scott Erdahl at his Beach house with Gene Poppino, a trainer with Cadence International. (pictured to the left).

Jim & Marge Centifanto - now with the Rocky Mountain Bible Mission overseeing Youth Ministry.

Dan Jester will serve again this summer under the leadership of Daniel Jensen camp director.



Mark Hinkleman, worship leader in Bellingham and I often meet, as I do with a number of key leaders (like those shown above). All these men have served in some capacity with me over the years and I value them as ministry partners who are seeking like me to serve the Lord with what He has given; skills and experiences which can contribute in some significant ways in serving others for the purpose of reaching and building people for God's Kingdom. **Passing the baton of biblical principles and strategies has become a hallmark of RCYM and I am so grateful!**

***Thank you** for your partnership in this ministry!!!*

Your fellow workers for Christ,

Tom & Judy