

# District Update

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

### It's Christmas Again



The program director stepped to the front of the platform and announced...

*"Well Folks - - Get your cameras ready! In just a few minutes you could be \$10,000 richer. I don't know what's going to happen!"*

Rachel and I were attending the annual children's Christmas program in one of our South Dakota churches, and the program was delightful!

There was very little those kids could have done that would have ruined the event. Yes there were mistakes, hesitations, forgotten lines and missed cues. However, that wasn't what the evening was about.

The evening was about celebration and, of course, making memories. Memories that will last in the hearts of young and old. they are deeply embedded memories of the true meaning of Christmas.

Every Christmas, we get together to celebrate the birthday of the King of kings. We usually celebrate with parties and gifts . . . with programs and

cards. We put up lots of decorations and plan special ways to communicate to others that this day is important and worth celebrating.

Jesus came to earth some 2000 years ago to give the greatest love gift this world has ever seen. He lived and died for you and me. What an incredible love! Definitely worth celebrating!!

It's hard to believe that we're already at the Christmas season again and I'm sure that you will be having some special memory-making events.

So get your cameras ready to capture all those memories. Turn on the Christmas lights – light the candles – get out the Bible and read the story again. It's time to celebrate!! We'll all be richer for it!

May God's presence be yours this Christmas season.

*Stephen and Rachel Schaible*



Steve & Rachel Schaible

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Royal Rangers - Pow Wow 2004



Great faces at "The Buzz" in October.



Senior Adults Retreat at Camp Judson



Amplified Youth Convention

## LFTL Partners With Book of Hope USA

Flip the Script 04 and Book of Hope USA

"Flip the Script" is a national Scripture distribution for public schools that takes place the third Wednesday in April. It parallels the "National Day of Prayer" and "See You At the Pole," which takes place every year on the third Wednesday in September.

Working with the Youth Alive missionaries in Oregon, Northern California-Nevada, Kentucky and New Jersey, Book of Hope USA targeted schools in these districts for the Book of Hope distribution for the "Flip the Script" campaign.

Over 45,000 copies of the LFTL funded Book of Hope were distributed in 230 different schools. Youth Alive clubs, along with other Christian clubs, organized the local distributions. One group provided a soft drink in addition to the Book of Hope. In one community, the mayor and chief of police used their influence to open the door for distribution in the schools.

A local pastor stated, "We saw students reading the Book of Hope right after they received it! Some were reading it in their cars on the parking lot of the school."

Light for the Lost funds provided the Book of Hope for the distribution for the "Flip the Script 04" campaign. It appears this was the largest single day Scripture distribution at public schools since the Gideon ministry had to stop distributing Bibles on campus.

"I passed out over 100 Books of Hope. It has increased my faith and walk with God. I am increasingly bold in my faith. My goal for the last three weeks of school is to pass out as many books as I can. Some of my friends have rededicated their lives to God; they've started going back to their church. Thank you all, for encouraging us with boldness to reach out in our schools. 'Flip The Script' was an awesome way to storm our schools with the message of Christ!"

-Samantha, Harrison Co. High

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## MISSIONS

### 2003 Giving and Missions Summary

The following are some statistics out of the 2003 World Missions report.

Total giving to Assemblies of God World missions in 2003 - \$181,484,261. Of this, \$2,783,539 was for BGMC; \$7,170,485 was for Light for the Lost; \$4,307,340 was for STL; and \$234,583 for Women's Ministries.

Serving the Lord in World Missions are 1,928 active, long term missionaries; 594 missionary associates (6 months to 2 years); 462 MAPS builders (1 to 2 week construction teams); 192 MAPS (lay people serving short term with missionaries); and 406 short-term ministers abroad.

The Assemblies of God presence is now in 200 countries with 234,716 national ministers; 248,991 churches and preaching points; 41,863,616 members and adherents; 842 Bible schools; 42,097 Bible school students; 127 Extension schools; and 45,509 Extension school students (these numbers do not include the USA church).

4.3% of the Assemblies of God churches in the USA gave ½ of all the World Missions giving, and 19% of USA A/G churches gave nothing to missions. Nearly 100% of SD churches (42 out of 43) gave a total of \$779,054 for an average of \$19,000.

Thank you for all you do for the cause of World Missions. Time is short – whatever we are going to do we must do quickly. Let's do more now than ever.

Ron Traub  
District Missions Director



### Boys & Girls Missionary Crusade

Dear Boys and Girls:

Through *your* faithfulness, we have been able to help thousands of little ones receive much needed help.

In fact, because of the faithfulness of friends like you, over the last 12 years we were able to provide over 7 million Bible lessons to children. I hope I never forget the smiles of a child that sees his/her very first puppet. I have seen children sit motionless while the Bible came to life through a flannelgraph story.

Bev and I would like to say thank you for your faithfulness to BGMC, in expressing God's love to these hurting little ones.

*Bob and Bev Roberts  
Asia's Little Ones*

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### Speed The Light

Seriously.

Mark & Victoria Turney have requested funds for a risograph for their students at the West African Advanced School of Theology. Their 300 students come from 19 different countries and are being trained to go back to their home countries with the message of the Gospel.

Your STL funds are helping to train pastors and church leaders in countries we will never set foot.

*The bad news;* The Turney's have waited since 2002 to receive this risograph.

*The good news;* They won't have to wait any longer.

**Thank you for taking missions seriously.**



### Amplified Youth Convention



We had an incredible time at youth convention! Over 550 people were in attendance which marks a record year of attendance. Our change to scholarshiping first-time attendees meant we had over 220 people who had never attended our youth convention before. Friday night, Wayne preached an outstanding message and about 2/3 of the students responded to receive Christ as their personal Savior. That's what it's all about!

The weekend included four general services, six ministry classes, one STL offering (over \$21,000.00), and a brand new PK Escape for South Dakota pastor's kids.



Take time to thank your local youth leader for their role in ministering to today's teens.



### Quiz & Ski Retreat

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Bernie Elliot - National Bible Quiz Coordinator

**DATES:** January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**LOCATION:** Rapid City, SD

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** Quizzing, Challenging Message, Bible Quiz Open Forum, Building Relationships, and Snow.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Talk to your local youth leader, and/or check out [www.atripleshot.com](http://www.atripleshot.com).

**NOTE:** This event is also open to non-registered TBQ youth and churches who are interested in beginning the TBQ discipleship ministry.



## Make a Difference?

HonorBound is going through changes nationally with our National Director, Chuck Brewster, stepping down after several productive years of service.

Here in South Dakota we are moving forward and building a network of men committed to male maturity.

There are those in the world system that would want to restore male dominance, but that was never God's plan, and it actually created the "dead beat" dad and absentee father problem in the first place.

It is time to "re-father" America and bring men into a maturity of their fathering and leadership in the family today. A new spirit of respect for a man of God is needed in the American family, and HonorBound is determined to lead the way, along with other national men's ministries like Promise Keepers.



If any of our churches here in South Dakota need help in your men's ministry, be sure to contact me. We have men who will come to help you for training and encouragement.

Be sure to set these important dates in your calendar for our upcoming March retreats.

- Friday and Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> [Huron]
- Friday and Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> [Kamp Kinship in the Black Hills]

We will be getting posters and information to you right after the first of the year. Talk to your guys now and plan on a big turnout from your area.

*Jeff Mantz*  
*HonorBound Director*

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## ROYAL RANGERS

### South Dakota District Pow Wow 2004

#### Summary

It was a great time. The weather was beautiful and God's presence was there. Our national commander, Richard Marriott, spoke and hit the hearts of men and boys alike. Of the thirteen churches that have an active Royal Rangers program, ten were in attendance. We also had one boy achieve his goals for the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship. Altogether, we had 114 men and boys at the Pow Wow, all of which had a great time.

#### Pow Wow Awards

- ◆ Adam McKnight won the top award for the Pine Wood Derby races.
- ◆ Watertown Foursquare was the top church with the most points.
- ◆ The Sportsmanship trophy went to Oglala Assembly of God.

#### New Churches in Attendance

Several new churches were in attendance this year. We welcome Watertown, Watertown Foursquare, Sioux Falls, and Oglala.

#### Special Thanks

I would like to thank my wonderful wife, the Royal Ranger District staff, and the many men that helped make this Pow Wow a success.

*Mike Glanzer*  
*District Commander*



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES UNLIMITED=

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Did you know you can lead someone to the Lord by painting their house?!

This and other practical, exciting ideas were offered as a means to reach out to our communities at the South Dakota Women's Fall Retreat held in Pierre, October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. The retreat was tremendously fun with new ideas, sweet worship, and many new friends.

Our speaker, Pam Morton, brought us encouraging and inspiring messages. The women enjoyed Pam's warm and personable approach of practical and fun advice. In each message, Pam used scripture to point out spiritual truths in building our relationship with the Lord. She also used humor to explain our differences (remember the different purses gals?), and stories to show that we each have unique and useful giftings that can be put to use for the Lord. Pam encouraged us to see how we can take our interests and turn them into avenues to reach out to other women in friendship and helpfulness.

I was thrilled with the attendance, around 100 women were there! Fall Retreat is for EVERYONE and we were happy to have many new guests this year from across our state, along with a large number of ministry women. Thank you everyone for the positive feedback you gave on the evaluations.

Retreat workshop topics included *Emotional Well-Being, Financial Management, Scrapbooking, and Painting Techniques for the Home*. Each were well received and informational. Women left excited to make positive changes in their lives and homes.

Many thanks to Pam Morton of **Creative Friendzy** [Springfield, MO]. I also want to thank our workshop leaders: Pat Sorum and Kathy Gradinaru [Black Hills section]; Christie Brantner [East Central section]; Julie Huber [Southeast Central section]; and our worship leader Deb Kalsbeck [East Central section]. A very special thank you to Sandy Bowers, Lois Hostettler, Juli Hedrick, and the women from New Life Assembly of God in Pierre for hosting us for the weekend. The facilities and the amenities were beautiful, and they kept everything running smoothly. Thank you all!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Luncheon held Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, during District Council in Rapid City. Our Spring Project will be announced in the upcoming issue of the Unlimited!

*Dorothy Tufte Ludens*  
Women's Ministries Unlimited Director



[www.creativefriendzy.com](http://www.creativefriendzy.com)

## MISSIONETTES

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### Proud To Be Fifty - Join the Celebration

I just wanted to let you know a little bit of history about the Missionettes program. Missionettes was formally approved and created in 1955. However, the first Missionettes club was not chartered until 1956. We celebrate this discipleship and mentoring program!

### Luncheon at General Council 2005

The luncheon in Denver is for those girls and women who have been, or are currently, involved in the Missionettes program. The event will include a drama focused on honoring the past. Tickets will be available through the General Council registration form.

### 2005 District Missionettes Calendar

June 4 - Day Camp (*Kamp Kinship*)  
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August 19 - Missionettes Celebration (*Kamp Kinship*)  
August 19-21 - Missionettes Camp (*Kamp Kinship*)  
Sept. 11-17 - National Missionettes Week  
Sept. 23-24 - Nationwide Missionettes Sleepover



### National Missionettes Ministries Conference

August 8-10, 2006

The celebration will culminate with a national conference, featuring a multitude of workshops and a focus on the future. This intense training conference will also be a time of celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. District leadership, local coordinators, sponsors, helpers (all involved in ministering through the Missionettes program) are invited to participate. We all have a hand in the future, let's be a part of it.

## Senior Adult Fall Retreat Report

We had another wonderful Fall Retreat at Camp Judson September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, with approximately 75 attendees. The retreat was encouraging and inspiring with Evangelist Bob Watters sharing in testimony, music, and teaching. Everyone was blessed as Bob shared from his heart what the Lord has done through his life. Worship times with Nels and Angie Easterby were uplifting, as was Thursday morning chapel with Fonda Kavanaugh.

Senior Adult Fall Retreat is a special time each year to see long-time friends and make new ones. This year was no exception to that. Nature walks and devotions each morning, opportunities for crafts or a bus tour, and following each evening service, a time of fellowship and refreshments made for a great time of friend-building and relaxation.

We look forward to seeing each of you next year at the Senior Adult Fall Retreat. The dates are September 7-9, 2005!



## MINISTRY IN FOCUS

### Crosswalk Community Church

We are currently meeting in the Student Ministry Center of First Assembly of God. Pastor Ron Traub and his congregation have been so gracious and accommodating to the needs of this new church plant. Our goal is to be in a new leased space a few blocks from the new Heart Hospital in southern Sioux Falls by this coming Spring 2005.

At Crosswalk Community Church, we understand that people often get off track in their walk in life. We also realize that people WANT to be "heading in the right direction," but uncertain about which way to turn next. Jeremiah 6: 16 tells us, "stand at the crossroads and look; ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." Our desire at Crosswalk is to help people find the right road and walk in it, and this is through a personal relationship with Jesus. The result – rest for their souls!

Our invitation to the community of Sioux Falls is to "walk the walk" with them and find answers to life's questions. Our desire is to be a group of believers who are open, real, passionate, creative and people who are living according to scriptural ways. We understand the kingdom of God is built one relationship at a time. So our intent is to have a church where people can be themselves when they come and then feel and experience the unconditional love of God.



## MARRIAGE MINISTRIES



**Marriage Encounter** is a weekend away from home, family, and responsibilities. Here, in a comfortable, secluded environment, a couple is guided in the discovery of a new way of communication that will help them know each other better.

It is not a retreat, but a program designed to give couples the opportunity to examine their lives together, their strengths and weaknesses, and their attitudes toward each other and their families.

Assemblies of God Marriage Encounter is based on the belief that the marriage relationship is the most significant, most intimate relationship on earth.

**Marriage Restored** is a program for couples who have experienced adultery, addiction, pornography, separation or other marriage-threatening circumstances.

For more information on these ministries, call the Assemblies of God headquarters at (417) 862-2781 or log on at [www.ag.org](http://www.ag.org).

## QUICK CALENDAR

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### December:

- 4: JBO District League Meet
- 25: Christmas Day
- 31: New Year's Eve
- 31: Credential Renewal Deadline
- 31: STL and BGMC Offerings Due

### January:

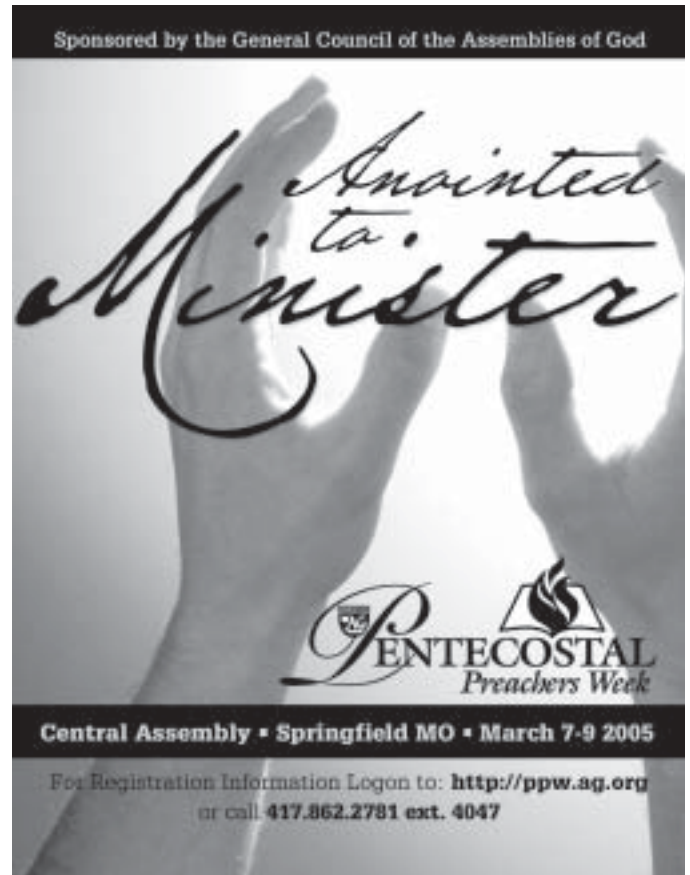
- 1: New Years Day 2005
- 2-9: A/G Week of Prayer
- 7-8: TBO Quiz Retreat [*Rapid City*]
- 13: Youth Rep. Meeting [*Chamberlain*]
- 13-15: Momentum Youth Leader Retreat [*Chamberlain*]
- 21: Children's Pastor & Leader Planning Meeting [*Sioux Falls*]

### February:

- 5: JBO District League Meet
- 18: AIM Paperwork/Application Deadline
- 19: TBO District League Meet [*Huron*]

### March:

- 5: JBO District League Meet
- 5-6: HonorBound Men's Retreat [*Huron*]
- 7-9: Pentecostal Preacher's Week [*Springfield, MO*]
- 11-12: HonorBound Men's Retreat [*Kamp Kinship*]
- 12: TBO District League Meet [*Brandon*]
- 13: BGMC Sunday
- 28: STL Grand Club Banquet [*Rapid City - By Invitation*]
- 29: BGMC Grand Club Brunch [*Rapid City - By Invitation*]
- 29-30: District Council [*Rapid City, First Assembly of God*]
- 30: Women's Ministries Spring Luncheon [*Rapid City*]
- 31: J. Ashcroft Scholarship Deadline



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