

Support Your Local Skilton House Ministries

Hold it! There only *is* one Skilton House Ministries. That is true. So now that I have your attention, let me talk turkey with you. No, I am not going to discuss Operation Brotherhood 2007. You can read Ann Egner's informative report on the other side of this newsletter. I want to talk turkey with you about financially supporting the work of Skilton House Ministries. Like pretty much everything else in this life (death and taxes, for instance) it is *certain* that it costs money to conduct the ministries we do here at Skilton House.

In light of this certainty I ask you, the reader, to consider whether our work is worth supporting. Is it? Is it worth sup-

porting Operation Brotherhood? Is it worth supporting churches as they bring the gospel to needy families by means of a Thanksgiving dinner? Is it worth bringing churches together so that Christians are reminded that they are a part of the body of Christ? Is it worth proclaiming the gospel in hardened neighborhoods in the city of brotherly love?

In light of this certainty, I ask you, the reader, is it worth supporting the teaching of the Bible to children who would not otherwise darken the doors of our local churches? Is it worth getting churches to reach out to their neighborhood schools in obedience to our Lord's Great Commission (Matt. 28)? Is

it worth it to see sinners come to faith in Christ? Is it worth helping students to achieve their God-given potential? Is it worth helping to develop Godly citizens?

So is it worth it? Is this kind of outreach worth supporting? Ask yourself that question and then when you come to the realization that this *is* the kind of outreach you ought to support, why not just drop a check in the mail to the address you see on the newsletter? Why not also ask your church to support Skilton House Ministries as part of its home missions budget? I have asked you an awful lot of questions. Only you can provide the answers.

Thank you.

How Does Skilton House Ministries Implement Christian Released Time?

- Establish interest in CRT in a local church
- Contact Skilton House Ministries
- Form a committee of interested church volunteers
- Select CRT curriculum
- Approach local school/district
- Establish the time and place for CRT
- Distribute permission slips
- Begin classes
- Keep attendance records and report these to school
- Hold special classes for holidays
- Hold a graduation ceremony at end of year
- Conduct annual evaluation of CRT
- Participate in teacher/volunteer training

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Operation Brotherhood 2007

You are invited to attend the planning meeting for Operation Brotherhood 2007 on Thursday, September 20, 2007, 7:30 P.M. at the Korean United Church of Philadelphia, located at 12th Street and Cheltenham Avenues, Philadelphia, PA. All churches wishing to participate this year in any way, whether collecting food, funds, helping to pack and/ or receiving baskets and turkeys, please send your representatives to this important meeting! Your input is essential for us to accomplish this task and to glorify God. At this meeting we will also be asking you to share how Operation Brotherhood has impacted your church and its members.

Please mark your calendar on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at 3:30 P.M. and plan to come and bring your choirs, youth, members, and friends to the Operation



Brotherhood 2007 Rally. This year Genesis Christian Fellowship, located at 910 Church Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19138 (Church Lane and Wister Street) will be our host Church. This is a new church and you will have an opportunity to assist her by reaching out to the community with the singing of hymns, praise songs and the preaching of the Word. Ample parking is available within the gated church grounds.

We will be registering each representative from your church and we do ask you to

bring a list of families with names and addresses to whom you will be ministering in the coming year, also the member of your church who will be shepherding the family. With this information, we can pray for them by name. Each sheet must have the name of your church at the top with the name of the church representative and telephone number where we can reach that person.

Please find enclosed, flyers for both the Rally and Packing Night with the calendar of Operation Brotherhood 2007 on the back. We encourage you to duplicate these flyers and invite everyone to join us and support this great Christian effort to bring Glory to God and pray for a mighty revival in our Philadelphia area. May God bless you as you share his Word and feed the needy.

Any questions, please call Ann Egner, 215-646-1774 or e-mail annegner@aol.com.

Executive Director's Corner

It hardly seems possible that the hot and humid days of summer are almost behind us. But the unmistakable sounds of school buses, crossing guards, and lively students fill the air. Before too long, cooler temperatures and variegated colors will trail in their wake. I must confess that the fall is my favorite season of the year. I used to love rolling around in piles of fallen leaves and smelling the scents of Autumn. Perhaps this is my favorite time of year because the fall is crowned with the Thanksgiving holiday and my birthday and it welcomes in the Christmas season? Maybe. For whatever reason, I always look forward to the beginning of a new school year. And with a new school year comes the possibility of new adventures in Christian released time education.

I have been talking with several churches about the possibility of beginning this new

adventure. The good folks at Genesis Christian Fellowship, who have been conducting the CRT at the Hartranft School for the past few years, have a new church building and are looking to add another CRT or two!

It just goes to show the truth of the old adage, "If you want to get something done, ask a busy person to do it." Pastor Johnny Reynolds and Teacher Pat Wright provide an example to us all. They believe in the CRT program and are redoubling their efforts. Would that we had more Johnny Reynolds and Pat Wrights!

Let me ask you readers a question. Do you have elderly members in your church



who just may feel side-lined? Do you have *seasoned saints* who need to be doing something but have nothing into which they can "sink their teeth"? One solution to the pew warming blues is to involve your seasoned saints in a CRT! There is nothing like involving one generation in the lives of another. We were not created to live cut off from one another. Young people in our schools could benefit from interaction with older Christians. Just think of the love and wisdom seasoned saints could offer. A listening ear. A warm hug. A word of encouragement. A chewy chocolate chip cookie. Think about it...

So when you see the school buses back on the road, when you hear the noise of children going to and from school, when you see the colored leaves and the frost on the ground, remember that Skilton House Ministries would love to have you join us, like our friends at Genesis Christian Fellowship have, and help us bring the gospel, in Word and in deed, to the children of our local public schools.