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JUNE 2011 PRAYER UPDATE by Kevin Van Wyk



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CONNECTING THE NEXT GENERATION

We have had a very blessed spring as you shall soon see...



Love Cedar Valley: This one-day event unites churches in Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and surrounding communities to gather for worship and then to go out and serve the community. (www.lovecedarvalley.com) Over 50 churches participated this year. For us it has been a challenge to get more than 10 to 15 people to participate from BOH. This year we had 72 attendees serve for the event! Some played in the praise band, some went to a nursing home to hand out cookies, and others gave away popcorn and bottled water on the street corner.

Easter in the UltraScreen: On April 24, we broke our all time high attendance once again. In 2009 we hit 144. This Easter we hit 154! Now, honestly, we did no advertising. We told people to give out our invite/business cards and that was it.

- We were blessed to have a variety of talent participating...
- Alvin Helper painted the empty tomb.
- Ellaysa Newton danced worshipfully with our praise team.
- Armond was surrounded by a host of talented musicians; 3 Brazilians certainly added some flare. We also had Danny on trumpet, Ray on guitar, and too many others to mention.

Connecting Others with God: That is our purpose and we've been blessed to see several people make decisions to follow Jesus as their Leader and Forgiver.



Allison: Stephanie has been coming to BOH for years. Often she requested prayer and help for her older sister Allison. Stephanie quite often brings Allison's 7 year old son Alex to church and on Easter Allison came with them purely out of guilt. She figured she had better at least come on Easter. The message was centered around key questions... (From where did you come? Is the Bible a reliable source? Did Jesus really rise from the dead? If God created me, the Bible is reliable, and Jesus rose from the grave, how should I respond?) Stephanie brought Allison to us at the end (both crying).

Allison said it all finally made sense and that she had accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior! We baptized her a couple weeks later at the Candlewood Suites.

Alex: On the same day, we baptized Allison's son who has been a believer longer than she has. He's quite the young man. Firm in what he believes and with mom getting baptized, it was a great day for him to profess his faith in Jesus too.



Sam & Josh: These two young men have had some very rough times. Barely in their 20's, yet they enough stories to destroy an entire life. These two good friends got messed up together, but have now begun a journey with God together.



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