



Online Discussion Forum

If you would like to be part of a growing online AC3 community, join us at www.disciple.school.org.

Your opinions on a variety of subjects such as personal discipleship, ministry activities and other topics can be posted and discussed here.



Project VA'

When I first became a Christian, about five years ago, the furthest thing from my mind was mission trips. In fact, I used to be afraid that one day God would speak to me and ask me to go someplace else. Never mind that I also knew God would give me what I needed to go (including the desire). For some reason I was afraid that there would be that delay between the command GO and my WANTING to go where panic would set in.

Imagine my surprise, when during the August pause two years ago, I was sitting in another church listening to a missionary talk about his experiences going to some small Pacific Ocean islands and I realized I was hanging on his every word. My heart was beating so fast you'd have thought I'd run all the way to those islands! He was talking about other missionaries, who'd actually been killed bringing the gospel to the indigenous peoples, and I wasn't scared, I was actually excited by the idea of it all. I kept asking God what He was doing (duh) and He was quiet. Also imagine my surprise when my husband, John, said not only okay, but here's mine too, when I told him I wanted to contribute to this fellow's mission fund. You see, John and I both had the same views of missions: great for you, not for us. And God changed both of us in the same instance when He called.

Now imagine my further surprise, when a few weeks later, Dan Hazen announced his intentions to form a mission trip from a group of AC3'ers. I think Dan was more surprised by the call from God than John and I was! Right away I knew we were going.

In the long run, what this mission will mean for everyone is unknown. For God to change my heart so completely and quickly means He can show me anything, and I don't have to be all studied up and ready, because He can give me what I need in the moment. I have no idea what His plans for us or for the people of Brazil are, but I do know this: the Kingdom's future will benefit, and that means we will all benefit: those of us who are there, those of us who go, and those of us who stay behind.

~Submitted by Judy Emge



AC3

August 14th
11:00am til 5:00pm
Jennings Park

Softball Swings
Climb on Dinosaurs Tug of War
Water Balloons Pie eating contest
Nature Trails

PROVIDED BY US:

- **Hot dogs & Hamburgers with all the fixins
- **A cook to prepare our meal!
- **Bottled water
- **Plates, napkins, utensils & cups
- **Ice
- **Games & Sports equipment
- **Prizes

YOU BRING:

- **Food by last name
 - A-H - Fruit or Salad
 - I-S - Chips
 - T-Z - Desserts
- **2 liter bottle of pop per group
- **Something to sit on
- **Friends & Family



Sabbath Keeping Myths

The Pause is a great opportunity to research what the Bible says about Sabbath keeping and to discover what other Christians practice and why. Do you know what celebrating the Sabbath is really all about? Read the following statements and then post your thoughts and opinions at www.discipleschool.org.

True or False?

- 1) "In order to keep the Sabbath, you must observe the Sabbath on Sunday and for a full 24 hours."
- 2) "I couldn't possibly give up a whole day of production each week to do nothing."
- 3) "You must stop all kinds of work and engage in "spiritual" activities only in order to keep and benefit from observing the Sabbath."
- 4) "Older Christians can relate best to the Sabbath. My generation and younger have no interest in keeping something so old fashioned."
- 5) "The most important and best way to avoid burnout in a volunteer intensive organization (such as a church), is to thank them passionately for what they have done."

Want to dig deeper? Consider joining several of us as we journey through the book called, "Sabbath Keeping - Finding Freedom in the Rhythm of Rest." We will post discussion questions after each chapter (every couple of weeks) in this forum. You can read more about this book and it's author at <http://ivpress.gospelcom.net/cgi-ivpress/book.pl/code=3258> Preview and download the first chapter of eight online FREE at the above link!

ATTENTION JUNIOR HIGH!



Friday, August 19th
we are taking a trip to a
ropes course. Space is limited
so sign up here!

Cost is \$35.00 for all day lunch is included!

Questions contact Jen Bartlett

425-754-4281 or jmbartlett01@hotmail.com.

4th Annual Youth Lock-in:

Friday August 19th 7:00pm until Saturday August 20th 7:00am. Dinner will be provided, please bring your favorite snack and pop. There will be a Halo Tournament, Anti-Talent Show, Floor Hockey, Movies, Prizes, and lots of games! Contact Tod Corser 425-334-8064 or tlcorser@yahoo.com.



Kreek Kids Shifted Gears @ Year End Celebration!

Each year, Kreek Kids families and ministry volunteers gather to reflect on ministry highlights, children's accomplishments and to say thank you to dedicated children's and youth staff. This year's celebration included a short presentation, food making activities, a bouncy house, hands on racing crafts and the opportunity to meet a real race car driver while sitting in his race car! Check out http://www.ac3.org/KKY_News/k_current.htm for more pictures and other fun details!

Influencing Generations

It's true! As a parent, you leave indelible fingerprints all over your child. Just as you're shaping and framing your children's development today, so did your parents...and their parents...and so on. Most of today's parents say they feel good about the way they were raised. Consider how parents rated the factors that most influence their parenting style today.

- 80% The way I was brought up
- 73% My children's age/personality
- 62% My life situation
- 61% My religious beliefs
- 60% My temperament
- 53% My parent's advice
- Other family member's advice

Source: Parenting Magazine

Upgrading Your Computer?

Biblemax is looking for 2-3 updated computers so they can start using new Bible learning software created especially for 1st-5th graders! Computer Minimums needed: 400mhz, 96mb Ram and 8-16mb video card. (Monitors not necessarily needed.) Contact Twila @ twila.allencreek@verizon.net to participate in this ministry upgrade.



DID YOU KNOW?

A large team and our mission is extremely important. Each team member is on a mission to make an eternal difference in the life of a child and their family. What does an eternal difference mean? It means that, at whatever age a child is, we want to introduce them to Christ in a way they can understand. So that in God's timing, they will begin a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. What an awesome experience when a child understands and makes that decision.

How does a volunteer participate? We use a gift-based and team-driven approach to ministry. This means no one carries the whole program by themselves and individuals are encouraged to fully engage in their specialized passion and giftedness. What a vivid example to our children of how the body of Christ works!

Would you like to know more about joining our ministry team in 2005/06? Ask a Kreek Kids Check-In person for a volunteer packet. (are located on the Information Wall, next to the stair well.) Find out more online @ http://www.ac3.org/kk_inside_track/allstars.htm. You can also contact Twila directly @ 425-334-8043 or twila.allencreek@verizon.net.



August 7	8:45am Project VA' mission team send off**
August 14	Picnic at Jennings Park (see page 2).
August 19	Junior High Ropes Course & Youth Lock-In (see page 2).
August 21	8:45am Worship & Prayer service**
August 26 - 28	VisionCast Retreat (more details available on the web at http://www.ac3.org/visioncast.htm)
September 4	Community 8:45am "Go God!" series begins**
September 10	Connexus 6:00pm "The Paranormal Big Game"
September 11	Connection 10:30am "The Paranormal Big Game"
** No Childcare available from August through Labor Day	

If you would like more information on the Pause,
 please check out Rick's note on the AC3.org website at
<http://www.ac3.org/note.htm>