

THE ROAD REPORT

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*A monthly newsletter sharing the news and prayer needs of
On The Road Youth Ministry*

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GROUP REPORTS

KING'S KIDS

We are delighted to announce Erica Johnston as the latest member of The Shepherd's Staff. Erica will be working with Bryan Johnston (no relation). We will once again break into smaller groups with the return to regular topics in January. Please pray for this new team as they meet the needs of the participants.

KING'S TEENS

The Jesus Video series went very well. The attention was so good that we finished it ahead of schedule. It is such a blessing to have this level of cooperation and learning. Please continue to pray for the many hurts in our teen's lives. Some of these hurts would overcome us as adults.

MEAT MEETS

Wednesday Meat Meets will continue in January. These are no frills nights with only in-depth study.

JANUARY TOPICS

- 3 In the News - A Biblical Look at What's Happening.
- 10 Beginning Your Relationship with Jesus.
- 17 Drawing Closer to Jesus.
- 24 A Look at Missions.
- 31 Winning the Dating Game.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please continue to pray for the men of the board. We are still looking to God for two more board members. Dave Engel is moving on after many years of service, including treasurer and chairman. Tim Woolston begins as treasurer January 1.

RADIO DISPATCHER

My Mother served for many years as our radio dispatcher. She took calls and relayed them to us via two-way radio or pager. We praise God for Bessie's faithful years of service. We are now looking to God for a home bound person that can help with communications. They will be supplied with a radio that operates on a business repeater. Please contact Jim Sutton for more details.

MINISTRY FINANCES

Churches and individuals give on a regular basis to support the outreach financially. Please join us in praising God for all who give so we can reach children and teens for Jesus.

Finances for this outreach come from churches and individuals as well as two major fund raisers during the year. In future issue of The Road Report we will be sharing more about these.

We are now looking to God to raise up more churches and individuals to support us so we can maintain the quality of ministry and grow even further in the year 2000. For more information on the finances of On The Road Youth Ministry please contact us and we'd be delighted to share more with you.

MEMORIAL BIBLES

We extend a big thank you to Hemlock Baptist Church for their gift in my Mom's memory. This money has been applied to the purchase of three Children's Ministry Resource Bibles produced by Child Evangelism Fellowship. These are being given to each staff member.

Special thanks to Suzi Dankosh of Livingston-Ontario-Yates Child Evangelism Fellowship for locating three copies of this excellent teaching tool.

HOME FOR SALE

Please join in prayer that God would bring a buyer for my Mother's home next door to mine. It is a 14 X 70 three bedroom mobile home with a level ramp. The location is shaded and has only one neighbor. It can be sold furnished or unfurnished.

FAMILY UPDATE

The support we received after Bessie's homegoing on December 4 has been astounding! From phone calls and cards to one to one time and many gifts, God has provided so many vessels to carry us through this time.

The turnout at my Mom's memorial service on December 7 was nothing short of amazing. Those in attendance ranged from relatives from Ohio to friends from church, former neighbors and many others who knew Bessie as "Jim's Mom" coming from as far away as Lancaster, PA. Our pastor Bruce Roberts

was with us every step of the way, including leading the service.

The outpouring of love has continued with a work crew helping pack Bessie's belongings and cleaning her home, as well as meals and support from Victory Baptist Church South.

Praise God that I was able to put out an electrical fire that started while I was unplugging some equipment.

Now I face the many legal procedures that follow. Please pray for God's guidance. Jessica, Erica and I still need your prayers as we so deeply miss our Grandma and Mom. Bessie was my Mom, best friend and sister in Jesus.

HEBREWS 11

During this time God has repeatedly demonstrated His great love for us. Just after Bessie died the automatic shutoff malfunctioned on a gasoline pump spraying gasoline all over my winter coat. That evening when I washed the coat it disintegrated. I nearly cried. The next morning in the mail was a brand new coat from a brother that felt led to provide it. That coat has been my Hebrews Eleven coat reminding me that God is faithful.

MAILING LIST

Another goal for 2000 is to increase the number of prayer warriors. Please let us know of any with a burden for reaching children and teens. Also, any receiving this newsletter that wish to be removed from the mailing list need only send an e-mail indicating this.

PRAYER SUMMARY

1. Erica Johnston as she begins her new role serving King's Kids.
2. For January meetings.
3. For the major hurts in some of our teens.
4. Wednesday Meat Meets.
5. New board members.
6. New financial support.
7. The Sutton family during this time after Bessie's homegoing.
8. Unsaved people that heard the Gospel at Bessie's memorial service.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are trusting God for much fruit in 2000. May we all shine for Jesus to the watching, hurting and searching world.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING

Once again God's strength has carried me through a difficult time. This came because you prayed. Thank you so much.

Til we meet again,

Jim