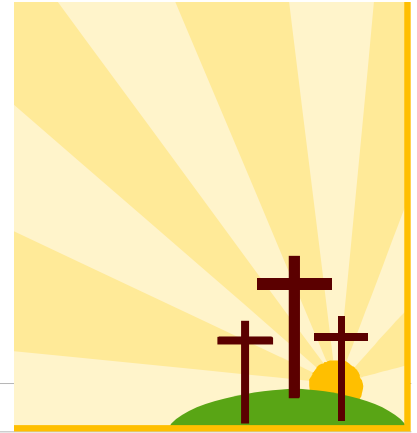


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Special points of interest:

- ✓ Family Camp to be held July 14-21 in Ontario, Canada.
- ✓ A new Health class is added to OR's curriculum.
- ✓ Volunteers teach the guys how to make pottery and stained glass sun-catchers.
- ✓ Winter Retreats are a great success.

*Operation Rebirth Family Camp
July 14-21, 2007
Blind River, Ontario, Canada*

Join us for a fun-filled week at MountainView Camp on beautiful Lake DuBorne in Ontario, Canada. Enjoy hiking, fishing, boating, swimming or just relaxing with your family. Each morning Dr. Dan Grabill will challenge us from the Word of God. There will be lots of good food and great fellowship. We will have bonfires in the evenings with singing, s'mores, pudgy pies and more. For more information please call Jim or Susan at 937-663-5765 or 937-773-6503.

From the Director's Desk: Jim Brian

The Bible says that a day is coming when men "will not endure sound doctrine...they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). Recently, I heard Dr. Erwin Lutzer preach a message on this very subject. He shared his concern about the growing popularity of talk-show hostess Ophra Winfrey, even among evangelical Christians. She claims to be a Christian, but she says there are many ways to God. Her question, "Does God care more about your heart or whether you call His Son Jesus?" inspired Dr. Lutzer to respond that we cannot come to God on our own terms. We

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must come to Him in the way that He has provided. We must not interpret His Word based on how we feel. We must embrace it as the Truth concerning life, death and things to come.

As we have ministered to families and struggling young men over the last 30 years, we have seen God's Word treated less and less as the absolute Truth and the blueprint for living. We may say that we believe it, but the choices that we make and the values that guide our lives do not align with what is written in the Word of God.

When testings come, we don't struggle to make

choices and decisions based on what God says in His Word—sometimes failing, sometimes victorious. More and more we make decisions based on what we "feel" is right or what popular people like Ophra say is "right." I believe God's Word teaches that this is the struggle we all face. Are we going to trust our own thinking (follow our will) or are we going to trust God's Word and yield to His

will?

Growing in respect, responsibility, and relationships according to God's Word is not an option for the Christian, but a command to be followed. To do that, we must first realize that we have a strong desire to serve and glorify ourselves. We must then yield to the Christ who died in our place and gave us new life in Him.



The guys learned a lot about respect & responsibility at beautiful Hocking Hills State Park

From Our Teacher: Roger Phipps

We are very thankful that God provides volunteers who use their time and resources to minister to the students at Operation Rebirth. These individuals give the boys a broad range of opportunities to learn and practice new skills. We have been blessed to expand our Fine Arts Classes this year. Deb Meek again worked on a musical presentation that the students gave at our annual Sharing Banquet in the fall. The fellows have

been working on wood carving this winter. This has been one of our regular classes for many years and the guys enjoy it. Bill Weldy and Chuck Kimmel have provided the additions to the arts classes. Bill is teaching pottery and Chuck is teaching stained glass. The boys enjoy both these classes very much and

always look forward to the next. We are thankful for their ministries.

Susan Brian is teaching Health. The students are learning much in her class. With the aid of Jack Link and Bruce Bodecker the guys butchered two hogs and a beef this winter. Not only did they learn about butchering, but the job fit well with their study of the body in Health Class. They were able



Great looking stained-glass sailboat, Greg.

to view in hand the organs they had studied.

As we approach Easter, I think of a conversation with one of the students, Michael. As he observed the beef carcass hanging the day after he watched "The Bible" video in the dorm, Michael said, "It reminds me of Abraham and God

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cutting the covenant." We walked arm in arm between the halves of beef saying, "Thus be it to me if I break this covenant." He remembered that when it came time to pass through the covenant with God, that God put Abraham to sleep and passed through the covenant alone.

It is a vivid picture of what Christ has done for us on the cross and at His resurrection. "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass." I Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NASB)

From Our House Parents: Larry & Rose Schultz

As spring approaches, the view from Operation Rebirth is Hebrews 1:1 in pictures. Since faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, then our outlook is very important in several spheres.



Keenan enjoys the Upper Falls at Old Man's Cave.

Our dining room overlooks the vegetable garden. Presently, covered with a deep coat of snow sprinkled with piles of manure, the scene is bleak, at best. But by faith, I can see two rows of radishes and lettuce, four rows of green beans, a row of onions, six rows of corn, and

various displays of peppers, tomatoes, melons, and kohlrabi. After ten years at Operation Rebirth, I look with faith beyond what is, to see what is to come.

Our dorm overlooks eight growing young men. At present they show short tempers, disrespect for authority, bouts of laziness, and faces blotched with acne, but by faith, I see healthy, six-foot tall, strong-backed men who are polite, hard-working, and ready to take their proper places in society. The difference is I look beyond the inconsistencies of



Greg and Jeremiah show off their strength.

youth to see the nearly-finished product God has in His plan book.

If you look through your living room window at your son or grandson's school life or at your own life, you may have discouraging moments, but give God time and He will turn the most discouraging scene into a thing of beauty. Enjoy your spring!

From Our Students

My name is Chris B. and I have been at OR two years. I like taking care of the animals. On our retreat to the Wilderness Cabin I learned that I should stay away from bad friends. It is better to spend time with good friends.

My name is Michael. I am 15 years old. My favorite activity at OR is archery. I liked sledding at the Wilderness Cabin.



Michael takes his turn on the "Trust Fall" at the Wilderness Cabin.

My name is Greg and I just turned 17. I have been at OR about 18 months. I like the glass class and the chip-carving class. I enjoyed camping at the Miltons', the Hocking Retreat and some of the youth activities at church.

My name is Denny. I am 13 years old and I have been at OR for 18 months. I had a lot of fun bird watching at the Wilderness Cabin. I learned that bad company hurts good values.

My name is Keenan and I am 15 years old. I have been at OR for 2 months. I became a true Christian after I came here. I am closer to God now than I have ever been. I pray to Him more and I feel better knowing I am going in the right direction. I appreciate everyone at OR. They have showed me the way and walked me onto the right path.



Broom Hockey was a big hit at the Wilderness Cabin.

My name is Jeremiah and I am 16 years old. I have been at OR for 2.5 years. I liked playing hockey at the Wilderness Cabin and what Jack told us about staying away from bad influences.

My name is Chris W. and I will be 16 on March 20. I like glass class and Bible class. I have had a good time at OR.

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Needs List:

Garden hoes and rakes	Battery charger	Air compressor
Brita water-filtering pitcher	Good pick-up truck	Good used vehicles to sell
Horse equipment	Straw	Good love seat for dormitory
Paper shredder	Coffee maker	Round hay bale feeder ring
6' light-weight, folding tables	Wheelbarrows	Good 12-15 passenger van
Small, ceramic kiln	Push lawnmowers	Good couch for dormitory



Sledding at the Wilderness Cabin was a favorite activity.

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