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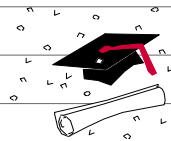


Congratulations,

26TH

Summer 2007

New Graduates!



ANNUAL SHARING BANQUET

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We want to congratulate Joseph Burt who attended Operation Rebirth from 1987 to 1989. He just graduated from Word of Life Bible Institute. He and his new wife will be moving to Troy where he will be doing a summer internship at First Baptist Church.

We also want to congratulate Robert DeVold who was a student at OR from 2000 to 2002. He has just earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Clark State Community College.

Ryan Smallwood who attended Operation Rebirth from 2002-2004 graduated from Dayton Christian High School this spring. While at DCS, Ryan played football and participated in wrestling.

The board, staff and students of Operation Rebirth cordially invite you to attend our 26th Annual Sharing Banquet on Monday, October 15, 2007 at Troy Christian High School. We are excited to have vocalists Steve and Marie Gardner as our special guests. As always there will be a wonderful buffet meal followed by an update on the ministry of Operation Rebirth. You will also have an opportunity to hear exciting testimonies from some of our students and parents. Please plan to join us for this lovely evening and invite a friend who might be interested in the ministry of Operation Rebirth.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Congratulations to our graduates!
- ✓ Annual Sharing Banquet will be Monday, October 15, 2007.
- ✓ MMAPers remodel the school building.
- ✓ Board member Kent Eddy and car dealer Tom Ahl of Lima, Ohio help OR purchase a new van.



From the Director's Desk: Jim Brian

Summer is always a busy time here at Operation Rebirth. This year is no exception. We have had two groups from Mobile Missionary Assistance Program remodeling our school building. The first group consisted of four couples and the second group included three. These wonderful Christian men and women donate their time and skills to assist Christian organizations all across the country with building and remodeling projects. They have helped us out many times over the last twenty years.

We are thrilled with the project they are doing for us this year. They have removed the wall between our classroom and our recreational room, giving us much more space for our students and their computers. They have also created storage spaces for us in the form of closets, bookcases, etc We have re-

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ceived several donations to help us with this project. Arnell Fast of F & S Floor Covering in Van Wert donated all the carpet needed for our new expanded schoolroom. We have received \$2,000 toward purchasing new computers, so we can update our computer-based curriculum. The remodeling, computers and updated curriculum will run about \$14,000, so any gifts toward this project would be greatly appreciated.

As many of you know, we have needed to replace the van we use to transport the boys to church and other places. Board member Kent Eddy and I approached car dealer Tom Ahl of Lima, Ohio and he donated almost one half of the \$20,000 needed to purchase a van with

only 20,000 miles on it. Kent took it upon himself to raise the remaining \$10,000. We now have a nearly new, 12-passenger van to use for our transportation needs here at Operation Rebirth. Praise God for His wonderful provision through the gifts of His people.

We still need to find a mini-van with a good hitch for me, to use as a back up vehicle and to haul trailers carrying wood and other supplies needed for the ministry.



Kent Eddy, Jim and Tom Ahl pose in front of our new 12-passenger van.

As I look back over the last 31 years I am awed and humbled at how God has met all of our needs in such a generous and timely way. He is truly trustworthy!

Please pray for our students and their families that they will learn to rely on our faithful God to supply all that they need in this life and the next. Pray that we will continually direct them and our own hearts to the One who gave everything that we might have eternal life.

From Our Teacher: Roger Phipps

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The boys' gardens are doing well. All the guys are responsible for their sections. They control the weeds and then will harvest and help prepare their produce for the table. Chris B. and Denny, who have radishes and lettuce, have been harvesting. Chris B. has shown a remarkable interest this year as his potato patch shows.

Grounds keeping and animal husbandry are important practical classes at this time of year. There is plenty of mowing and trimming to do. Erik enjoys the mowing particularly. Early in May we sold the fat hogs and replaced them with small pigs. Michael does a good job caring for them. At the same time that we purchased the feeder pigs, we

bought a small steer to put on the pasture. He's the most sociable of the cattle and some of the guys enjoy making a pet of him.

The boys have been working with the horses frequently. Several of the guys enjoy the horses. Denny and Jeremiah, who do not, are getting far more comfortable with them and are doing very well. Chris W. likes working with the horses and enjoys the times he gets to ride in the pasture.

Archery class has resumed and is still one of the favorite classes. Michael is the first person this spring to get a certificate. He will begin his next class shooting from 25 meters. The other students will soon be earning their certificates and moving to more difficult ranges.

The ministers from the Mobile

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Missionary Assistance Program are working in our academic building to make our space more efficient and give us the ability to serve more students. They have blessed us with their work and with their input into our students' and our lives. The building looks very good.



Mobile Missionary Assistance Program volunteers remodel our school.



Chris B. takes careful aim in archery.

From Our House Parents: Larry & Rose Schultz

Summer—just the word calls forth many memories and brings with it not only a change in the weather, but many new opportunities and responsibilities.

As a boy in school, I can recall the LAST DAY of the school year, the ONE that I marked on my calendar as Summer Vacation. Yearly

report cards were carefully checked before taking them home, just to make sure that the sentence on the back read, “promoted to the next grade.”

At Operation Rebirth our school continues with little

change in the summer, but still summer is special. Our friends, the MMAPers arrived on campus to renovate the school

house, the garden is producing for our table, Kiser Lake offers cool swims in the evening and we are making plans for our yearly trip to beautiful Ontario, Canada

for Family Camp.

Summer is also a time of change as some of our boys leave to resume their lives at home and our doors and hearts open to new boys. It’s hard to believe that nearly seventy boys



Keenan & MMAPer Nancy McCombs—too much horseradish.



Rose visits with MMAPers Dennis & Jean Kilishek at the Brians'.

have enriched our lives in the ten years that Rose and I have been dorm parents at Operation Rebirth. We look forward to touching the lives of more boys in the future if the Lord tarries.

Please continue to pray for all of us and have a great summer!

From Our Students

Hi, my name is Keenan. I am 15 years old and I have been at OR for 5 months. Being at OR has been an amazing experience I will always remember. The greatest thing that has happened to me here is that I became a Christian. That alone has changed my life completely. I think, talk and do everything differently. I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Schultz,

Roger, Jim and Susan for showing me how to do that. They have been here for me the whole time. I won't forget all the boys I've met here who have become my Christian friends. Thanks, guys. I will pray for everyone everyday. *(Keenan has gone to live with an uncle. Please pray for him as he adjusts to his new home and grows in his new relationship with Christ.)*



Denny and Chris B. enjoy the paddle boat while camping at the Miltons'.



Keenan and Chris W. enjoy fellowshiping with MMAPers at the Brian's cookout.

Hi, my name is Denny. I have been at OR for 17 months. While I have been here I have learned how to deal with other people even if they are annoying and won't stop bothering you. I have also learned to better respect and obey my parents.

is critical. You should like stuff, but you should love God and your family. I have also learned that arguing gets you no where and that you should not play during work-time.

My name is Erik and I am 12 years old. Thank you for supporting Operation Rebirth. Some things I have learned—obedience

My name is Chris B. and I am 15 years old. I have been at OR for 2-1/2 years. I am learning how to get along with others.



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Needs List:

Garden rakes (2)	Good pick-up truck	Air compressor
Floor scraper	Straw	Good used vehicles to sell
Spades (2)	Garden hoses	Broom rakes
6' light-weight, folding tables	Heavy wheelbarrows	Heavy-duty push broom
Vacuum cleaner	Push lawnmowers	Two-man tents
Round bales of hay	Two-wheeled barrow	Outdoor benches

In Loving Memory

We want to thank all those who gave gifts to Operation Rebirth in memory of **Yvonne DeNyse Ochs** who went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 26, 2007. We also appreciate the donation made in memory of **Gary Kinney** who died in December of 2006. Our sympathy and prayers are offered for both these families.



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