

WONDERS OF SCIENCE



“... bringing life to science”

WONDERS OF SCIENCE IS A MINISTRY OF WHITTIER CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Ich verstehe nicht. Wer ist dieser Wissenschaft Mann? (I don't understand. Who is this Science man?)



Terry and I really enjoyed time with Sonja, who was visiting from Germany.

Japan, England, Brazil, Argentina, Germany and others for information about Wonders of Science.

One amazing story recently unfolded as we presented the programs to the youth camp ministry at Word of Life in Florida. Sonja is a German girl who is an avowed atheist! She was watching TV one day this summer in Germany and saw Ripley's presentation of the Wonders of Science "Million Volt Demo." As an atheist, Sonja could not grasp how an "intelligent scientist" could possibly believe in God.

She logged on to our web site at www.wondersofscience.org and found a recent itinerary, noting that we were to be at a Word of Life camp in Florida this summer. Sonja later told me that she was aware of the Word of Life organization since they also have an effective ministry in Germany. In her enthusiasm to find answers, arrangements were made to fly to America to see this program and ask some questions. She spent the week here talking with Terry and me, and many staff while she was challenged by the science demonstrations all week.

Pray for her on-going search, that her heart remains open as the Lord continues to draw her toward His love and acceptance.

The Wonders of Science programs were taped for the premiere TV program "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" a few years ago and the reruns continue to have an on-going impact. The programs are broadcast in many countries of the world and we receive occasional requests from

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The Wonders of Science programs were presented during the weekdays this summer at camp, but each weekend we had the opportunity to visit various local communities. One such outreach was at Living Word Church in New Port Richey, FL. The pastor and his staff have a progressive outreach plan and actually wanted the live demonstrations held in both morning services as well as the Million Volt demo at night.

A couple of weeks before they had hosted a wonderful Independence Day celebration for the community at their beautiful facility, during which time they advertised the upcoming Wonders of Science programs. A number of the youth were encouraged to invite their friends.

One of the girls accepting her friend's invitation came to see this "science guy" and was totally enthralled by what the Lord laid on her heart. Her friend was thrilled to watch her totally focused on what was being said from the platform. During one of the breaks, she leaned over to her friend and whispered, "You know, this is the first time I've ever even been in a church in my life!"

Pray that the Lord will continue to provide additional opportunities for this young lady to come under the influence of the Scriptures.



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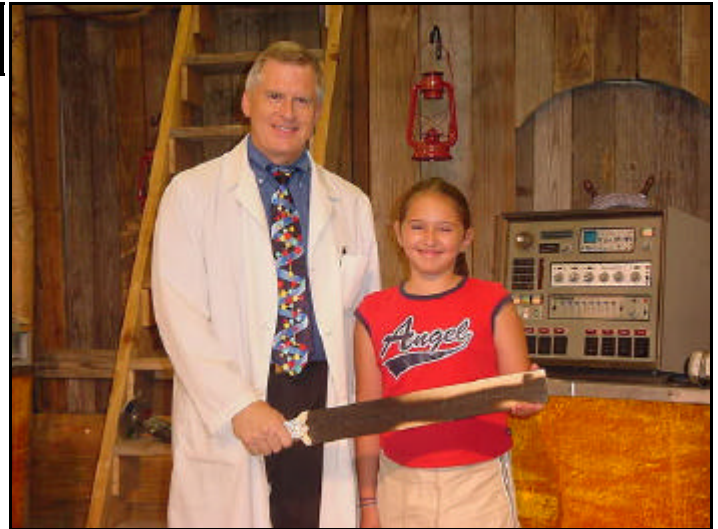
The lightning flash was followed by immediate, teeth-rattling thunder! Little Sabrina and her friend were thrown violently to the ground and their drinking fountain steamed from the incredible energy unleashed.

Many of you might recall the above event. It was reported to you during our visit here at the Word of Life summer youth camps two years ago. The rains had begun and the children were ushered into their cabins for indoor activities. After awhile, Sabrina got thirsty so she and her friend went out on the porch of their cabin for a drink.

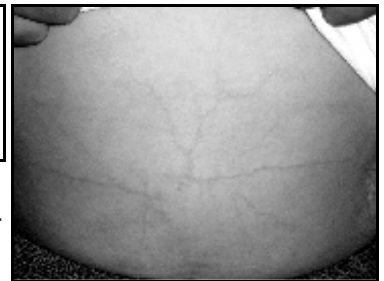
Just then the lightning bolt hit the camp dead center and the energy traveled along the water pipes looking for places to dissipate its tremendous power. Sabrina was the one drinking at the time and the lightning jumped to her tummy, then exited her side, blowing a hole in her swimming suit.

Rushed to the doctor, she and her friend were examined with no explanation as to how they had survived the strike. The pattern of a lightning bolt, its many craggy fingers clawing at Sabrina's tummy, burned a pink pattern there that lasted for weeks.

The parents of the two little girls asked that I email them the next spring to encourage them to return to summer camp, and again last spring to let them know that I'd be back with the science programs. I was told that as Sabrina got off the examining table she said she wanted to get right back to camp so she could show the science man what real lightning looked like. What a brave little girl. That was in 2002!



Dean and Sabrina in July 2004 (above). To the right is the picture of the lightening like pattern on her stomach in 2002



This summer, imagine my delight when her youth pastor called to me across the crowd of newly registered campers. He pointed out Sabrina who came running over and gave me a big hug. She is doing fine and was much encouraged with my comments two years ago that God must have something very special in store for her. Her guardian angel was protecting her.

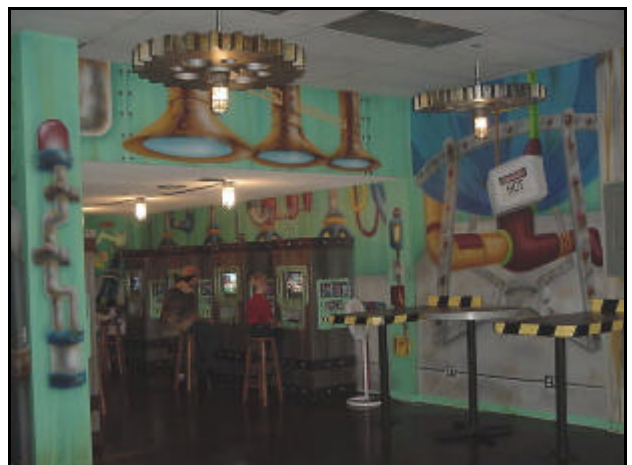
At the conclusion of this year's Million Volt demo, I presented Sabrina with the burned board as a memento of her ordeal.

What Does One Do With The Old Sanctuary?

That was the problem facing the rapidly growing First Baptist Church in Cape Coral, FL, bursting at the seams through the ministry of a highly committed and motivated staff. What was decided was to convert the building into the "Power Plant" complete with high tech looking gadgets, a "time machine," puppet theater, video arcade, game tables, lunch counter, all entered by the most unusual means imaginable. To get into the facility, the students had the option of sliding in via a "launch tube" water slide (absent the water).

Kelly, the Children's Ministry Director, ably assisted by Mack, Darlene and Barbara, consistently create an amazingly refreshing, Bible centered youth program. We were approached to provide the evening outreach for the summer VBS ministry.

The crowds nearly doubled each night, drawing more adults nightly as well, and what a week of ministry it was. Continue to pray for the Lord's blessing this unusual ministry.



The "Power Plant" is decorated with many beautiful murals on the wall to create the atmosphere.



Wedding Bells In The Ortner Household

If you recall, last year we were pleased to announce the engagement of our son, Steven (pilot with SkyWest Airlines) to Amber Asbra (a second grade teacher at Whittier Christian Schools).

They were married on July 31st and will make their new home in Whittier, California. Please remember them in you prayers that their new home would be all that Christ desires it would be.

One of the Aviation Centers of the USA

Wichita, KS has for many years been a center of research in aeronautical engineering. There are many of the major aircraft factories located there as well as military research centers. Joe, a longtime research engineer, recently retired from full-time work with a major corporation. He recalled the effectiveness of the science demonstrations he'd seen years before. Joe contacted me a couple of years ago and inquired as to our itinerary and the possibility of hosting the Wonders of Science programs in Wichita.

He established a separate web page at www.millionvoltman.com and began to promote the series. What a thrill it was to work with someone so committed to ministering to the high level thinkers in his community. The professionalism of the church staff allowed taping of the entire series for DVD production available at the above web site.

As an added bonus, Joe's son, Rick, is also a composer and wrote the background music accompanying the DVD titles and credits. There were many thousands in attendance during the four days and nights and the on-going effects of the outreach through the DVD's made available will only be fully appreciated in eternity.

Wonders of Science expresses thanks to Joe and his family, to his son Rick and his family and to Perry as production engineer. Their tireless preparations and follow-up made this series a memorable one.



Above, Dean is demonstrating the photoelectric effect with this light bulb.

The lightening bolts coming out of the bowl to the left are being generated by the same podium that Dean uses for his "Million Volt Demo".

COMMENT CORNER...

"You will be in my prayers. The original demonstration I mentioned came at a time in my life when I greatly needed to hear from God. So I know the benefit to the faith of the skeptic."

-- Program Attendee --

"This is to report that we were truly inspired by Dean Ortner this week at our church. He is a rare treat! Thanks so much. I loved his testimony! I absolutely appreciate him as he relates to the intellect and not emotion. So few can do that these days. I thoroughly loved his presentation. God blessed!"

-- Staff Member of Church --

"Thank you for encouraging me. You and your wonderful program re-ignited the flames in my heart to finish the work the Lord has begun in me."

-- Youth Ministry Volunteer --

"You have no idea of what your programs have meant to me this summer. I'm newly saved from atheism and I finally found someone who presents truth with conviction and in a way I needed to hear. You've built and strengthened my faith more in your few hours of presentations than did all the speakers I've heard all summer. The Lord knew the type of ministry to which I would respond most positively. Thank you for being here for me."

-- Summer Staff Counselor --

What To Do With Thousands And Thousands Of Youth?

One thing is to make available one of the most effective summer camping programs available. That is exactly what happens each summer here at Word of Life in Florida as well as in upstate New York. These are the most God honoring, Scripture focused youth camps I've ever been associated with in my thirty years of ministry. It is always a delight to come and watch the Lord work in thousands of lives every summer.

We tried something new this summer. Other than World's Fairs, we've never located our ministry at one particular place for an entire summer. The WOL staff was thrilled to have the unique science ministry available on weekdays. It was extra work setting up and tearing down every few days to accommodate the Pirate's of the Caribbean theme, but what a rich outreach we had.

The program allowed for tremendous energy, singing, Bible contests, skits and then intense Bible lessons alternated with the science presentations. Many times youngsters would approach me with a renewed interest in God's creation and promised to apply themselves more diligently to study, not only science and math, but to learn of the Creator behind those disciplines.

The Lord worked in amazing ways through the evidence of 187 decisions the very first week and over a thousand decisions to follow in the coming months at camp and the local communities! Young people are hungry for God's word. Many youth programs make the mistake of offering fantastic game programs, but lack serious in-depth Bible study programs.

Continue to pray for God's blessing of the Word of Life ministries, one of the remaining few ministries totally focused on winning souls and equipping them with the tools to "go and do likewise."



It is great to have so many youth at camp!

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