

WONDERS OF SCIENCE



“... bringing life to science”

WONDERS OF SCIENCE IS A MINISTRY OF WHITTIER CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

New Year's Eve Shared With Ironmen

The annual invitation to present Wonders of Science gave us the opportunity to meet with over a hundred men and their sons again New Year's eve. The desert retreat provides the perfect setting to discuss the wonders of God's creation through astronomy, my usually requested subject. Crystal clear desert skies, not something we often experience down in the Los Angeles basin, afford a celestial banquet for the inquiring mind.

The non-threatening environment allows for careful, casual conversation before and after the several messages provided by the Whittier Hills Baptist Church team and Wonders of Science. One of the draws is the “guy thing.” Not many have seen a Civil War type cannon blow up a 55 gallon drum of water!



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SUMMER TOUR 2006

Due to the recent hurricanes, Katrina and those in Florida, our scheduled summer tour for 2006 had to be postponed until 2008. Please pray with us for how the Lord would have us minister this summer. There are several “local” requests to consider

as well as youth retreats, camps and our own school's Extended Care summer program. We have never had a summer of home ministry before so it is exciting to see what the Lord will do in our own “Jerusalem” this year.

LAKWOOD, CALIFORNIA SENIORS HOST OUTREACH

There have been times that the Lord has brought us into some real unusual presentation opportunities. Providing the dinner theater program for a Christmas week outreach was a winner. During this season the average person's mind is perhaps not as defensive toward the gospel.

Madelyn, a dear friend from our days at Moody Institute of Science, had always hoped to have the Wonders of Science presentations available for her group of seniors. They host an annual Christmas outreach to friends and neighbors through their church's dinner setting, usually held in someone's home. This past Christmas, because of the unique science program offered, the planners knew that they would need a larger auditorium. The activity room in the church basement would be ideal.

The collective senior minds present, filled with centuries of life's experiences and learning, could pose a formidable challenge if their mindset was one of skepticism. I continue to be amazed at how the Spirit of the Lord goes before and reaches into hearts, preparing each one for whatever message He wants them to take home. The discussions held afterwards were so pleasant and filled with genuine interest in the deeper things of God.



The Lord continues to hold the interest of 80 and 90 year olds!

Awana Clubs In Burbank and Whittier!

What does one do to attract and keep the attention of about 800 Burbank youth and 50 in Whittier ranging in age from pre-kindergarten to high school? No problem! Set off a few explosions, blow something up, electrocute a pickle, or create sound in mid-air followed by throwing a few million-volt lightning bolts around.

The enthusiasm of youth is a contagious thing. Would that we could all maintain that energy for a lifetime! We at Wonders of Science are especially sensitive toward reaching young people before they are tricked by the world's lies. It is rewarding to see the interest generated in God's creation and in His Word.

High school years are tough to survive these days. It was especially gratifying to witness to dozens of youth, their attention riveted to the subjects discussed from the stage. The adult leaders and

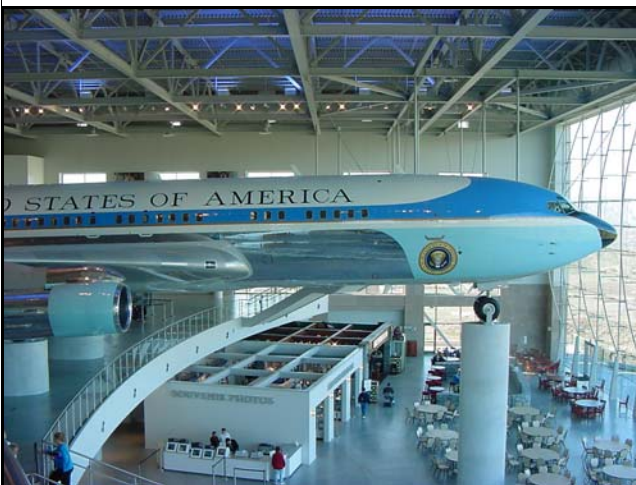


Dean always enjoys sharing the gospel with the Awana groups.

pastors were so kind in their remarks about how they sensed the Spirit's moving in the hearts of their youth.

RONALD REAGAN LIBRARY

A former principal of our junior high relocated to the Simi Valley, CA, home of the Ronald Reagan Library. He



The Air Force One Exhibit is open to the public at the Ronald Reagan Library.

invited us to present Wonders of Science at his new elementary school and then pointed us in the direction of the Reagan Library to tour the new exhibit of Air Force One. Both experiences were delightful. The students were primed for science because Mr. Lee is an avid ichthyologist (the study of fish). The academic level of the students is way above average and their questions showed it. It is always a privilege to bring the truths of Scripture to young people taking a real interest in the things of the Lord. They will make fine future leaders in the Christian community where ever they serve.

Our visit to the Reagan Library confirmed the President's faith and their unpretentious lifestyle. It was truly a reflective time to think of the world changing decisions that were made in that very plane's conference room. It is a "must see" for anyone visiting Southern California.

BE INVOLVED!

- Continued contacts and opportunities to share the Gospel through Wonders of Science. Especially this summer!
- For the Lord's preparation of hearts and souls of those who will attend these programs.
- That God will use the recent German production to reach souls for His Kingdom.
- For Dean's wisdom as he continues to work on the new equipment tables that were begun last summer.
- For continued financial provisions that make it possible to continue this ministry.
- Thank you to all our faithful prayer and financial support partners!



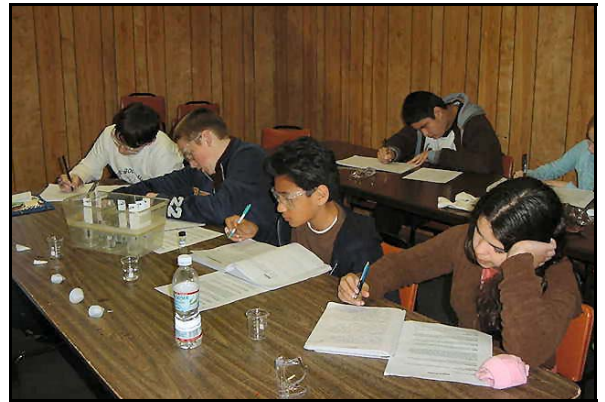
Wonders of Science
Counts on You!

7th Grade Science Camp



The students build towers to see which marble travels the furthest.

How many of us have ever been sequestered with a hundred 7th graders for a week? My hat goes off to our teachers and parent chaperones who braved the challenge. The local mountains again provided the perfect setting to direct young hearts and minds toward God and His creation. Throughout the day experiments were offered such as rocket ballistics, crime scene chromatography, racecar design, airplane design, speed challenges and blimp races.”



Above the students spend time studying the results of their experiment.

The Wonders of Science presentations were given each evening with many, many responses nightly. Young people not only coming to the Lord the first time, but also getting right with the Lord. I was so blessed reading their journals after the camp. Our principal did a wonderful job along with the cabin counselors of directing the students to essential spiritual truths gleaned from each evening’s Wonders of Science presentation, impacting young lives for eternity. A pastor’s son was moved to tears, sobbing extensively for not living up to the Lord’s call on his life. He continues to exhibit a yielded attitude to the Spirit.

WHITTIER CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH OPEN HOUSE

Student’s either love or dread the one time a year when their school work becomes an open book to all the parents in our system. The creative potential in youth is astounding. Teachers have an awesome responsibility to instill Scriptural principles and mold character for the Lord’s good purposes. How gratifying to see each student’s potential begin to develop.

The science classroom was a popular place. It’s not often one can watch dissections of worms, fish, eels, sharks, starfish, frogs, dogfish, turtles, crayfish and fetal pigs all at the same time. One of our surgeon parents and his wife even got into the act as his daughter looks on with great reservation.



(Left) Dr. Coats even had a good time!

(Above) Dissection is always a fun part of Science Class.

COMMENT CORNER...

“I haven’t talked to you in a while and I just wanted to tell you how you helped me through my life. You may not know it but I learned a lot from you. As a teacher, and as a man. You taught me a lot in our science class. I was one of the highest students in my biology class in high school because of your class. I knew everything front and back by the time I reached high school. I don’t know how, it might have been those long crosswords or the messy room, but what you taught me just stuck. I am very grateful to have had you as my teacher. You inspired me throughout my time at Whittier Christian by doing little things. You helped me learn that everyone needs help and if you have a chance to help someone, you should. You did. Always. I just wanted to say thank you. Thank you Mr. Ortnor for helping mold me into the man I am today and giving me a head start in a mature life.”

-- Former Student --

ACSI BIOLA

The cream of the crop! That is what they are often called. Many hundreds of science students from all over the Southwest converged on the Biola University campus to compete for top honors in all areas of science. Can you imagine a high school senior building a working jet engine from scratch? And that wasn't even the top prize!

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Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) it is always such a blessing. The response of the young future scientists to the things of the Lord brought out in our demonstrations is reassuring. The legacy of God's handiwork through His creation can be carried on through these inquisitive minds.



Over 900 science workers are exposed to Wonders of Science as Biola University hosted the ACSI Science Fair.

Numerous teachers and administrators requested further contact to bring the programs to their schools during the academic year. Continue to pray for these additional opportunities to further challenge our future leaders in the things of God.

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