

SOUTH DAKOTA UPDATE

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We're A Missions Movement

I'm writing today as I return from the 2004 "School of Missions." That's the annual training time for a whole new group of missionaries preparing for their new assignments. What an exciting time!! I wish that everyone could have the opportunity to sit in on these sessions. We have heard many veteran missionaries tell the stories of the incredible things that God is doing around the world. Every missions giver is a part of the work of fulfilling the great commission: every teen who gives to Speed-the-Light; every child who brings their buddy barrel filled with money for Boys & Girls Missionary Crusade.

This year we added an additional 120 missionaries to our ever-growing team of about 2500 missionaries and associates. The commissioning service was powerful! We watched whole families line the altar area three rows deep in the Evangel College chapel. They are our front lines. These are people who have responded to the call of God to "go into all the world." They are giving their very lives and asking that we join with them through our financial support and prayers.

The Assemblies of God is now active in 212 countries and territories around the world with over 260,000 churches and over 50 million constituents. Last year, we, the Assemblies of God, gave over \$176

million toward World Missions. We aren't expecting the Baptists, Lutherans, or any other group to support our missionaries. That's our job! God calls some to go and others to help send them.

Missions is what the Assemblies of God is all about. We are a movement that was founded on missions and continues to be the largest, most effective missions organization in the world. As I look at our district statistics, it is a concern to me to

find that 25% of our South Dakota Assemblies of God churches don't support World Missions. If your church is not involved in missions and would like to find out ways to become involved, please contact me. We have the resources to help you put your missions program together. God *will* bless you!!

Let Your Voice Be Heard

In a couple months, our nation will go to the polls to elect its leaders. I believe this is a critical time in our history as we see moral and biblical values in decline across our land.

Our vote does make a difference. We have men and women fighting today for our right to vote. Don't cheapen their sacrifice by not voting. The deadline for voter registration in South Dakota is October 18th. Don't wait, register now!!

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Steve & Rachel Schaible

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Women's Ministry Fall Retreat October 8-9, 2004

Dear Friends:

I am so excited about our South Dakota Women's Ministries 2004 Fall Retreat! We have a great line-up of workshops and worship times scheduled, and an inspiring guest speaker!

Pam Morton comes to us from Springfield, MO, where she is a wife, mom, author, teacher, and all-around fun person! We will be blessed as we hear messages of encouragement, humor, and healing. Young and old alike will be blessed from the ministry of Pam Morton.

Pam encourages women's creativity and feels women have an incredible potential that is often yet undiscovered.

Pam is a creative encourager of women, teaching new ways to see their own giftings and using them for God's glory. She will show us ways we can begin to fulfill God's plan for our lives as we discover our giftings and use them for God and His people!

-Dorothy Tufte Ludens

SD WMU DISTRICT DIRECTOR



Pam Morton

Schedule Overview & Workshop List

Friday:

- 1:30 - Registration
- 2:30 - Welcome and Worship
- 3:10 - Workshops
- 6:00 - Free Time/Prayer
- 6:30 - Banquet & Evening Service with Pam Morton

Saturday:

- 9:00 - Morning Session with Pam Morton
- 10:00 - Workshops
- 11:00 - Final Session with Pam Morton
- 12:30 - Lunch/Dismiss

**All events will be held at New Life A/G*

Workshops & Leaders:

- Women's Issues for Emotional Well-Being - *Pat Sorum (Rapid City)*
- Money Management - *Kathy Gradinaru (Lead)*
- Painting Techniques for Your Home - *Julie Huber (Tea)*
- Scapbooking and Journaling Your Memories - *Christie Brantner (Huron)*

Retreat Registration Info

DEADLINE: September 24th

FEE: \$25.00

INCLUDES: All materials, Friday banquet and Saturday lunch.

LODGING: Governor's Inn, Pierre \$49.00/room (includes a deluxe continental breakfast). Please call (605) 224-4200 for reservations.

EVENT LOCATION: New Life Assembly of God, Pierre

For registrations forms, please contact your local A/G church office. Mail your completed registrations to:

Marge Wartenbee
606 East 10th, Apt 2
Dell Rapids, SD 57022

LFTL Steakwagon Tour

Our annual **LFTL Steakwagon Tour** is coming up in September. Please make note of when we will be in your area, and plan on attending! We look forward to being with you and sharing our passion for the ministry of LFTL.

- SEPT. 12 (A.M.) First Assembly of God - *Aberdeen*
- SEPT. 12 (P.M.) Christian Life Assembly of God - *Watertown*
- SEPT. 13 First Assembly of God - *Yankton*
- SEPT. 14 Water of Life Assembly of God - *Chamberlain*
- SEPT. 15 New Life Assembly of God - *Pierre*
- SEPT. 16 Assembly of God - *Lead*
- SEPT. 17 Lighthouse Assembly of God - *Hill City*
- SEPT. 18 Fountain of Life Assembly of God - *Hot Springs*
- SEPT. 19 (A.M.) Calvary Temple Assembly of God - *Spearfish*
- SEPT. 19 (P.M.) First & Bethel Assembly of God - *Rapid City*
- NOV. 16 First Assembly of God - *Sisseton*
- NOV. 17 First Assembly of God - *Brookings*
- NOV. 18 Brandon Valley Assembly of God - *Brandon*
- NOV. 19 Calvary Assembly of God - *Sioux Falls*
- NOV. 20 Cornerstone Church - *Vermillion*
- NOV. 21 First Assembly of God - *Sioux Falls*



**Missionary Harry Osland will be the speaker for the September 12th services. Robert Solomon, a musician and ministry representative for Mission of Mercy, will be the speaker for the Sept. 13-19 tour. Lee Williams, the speaker from this year's HonorBound retreat, will be the speaker for the Nov. 16-21 tour. All evening dinners will start at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Dwayne Pederson (372-4228, 351-0530) or Tim Cushman (359-6860).*

MISSIONS

Three Biblical Reasons Christians Should Get Into Missions

Written by Howard Cummings

1. **OPPORTUNITY** - Never before in modern history have so many national doors been open to missionary work.
JAMES 4:17, "ANYONE WHO KNOWS THE GOOD HE OUGHT TO DO AND DOESN'T DO IT, SINS."
2. **NEED** - A characteristic of every true believer is to be sensitive to human hurt and world need.
1 JOHN 3:17, "IF ANYONE HAS MATERIAL POSSESSIONS AND SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED BUT HAS NO PITY ON HIM, HOW CAN THE LOVE OF GOD BE IN HIM?"
3. **OBEDIENCE** - The great commission is not a suggestion; it is a command. The simple fact is - Jesus told us to take the Gospel to every creature. No Christian is excluded from the Master's orders.

Five Reasons Christians Fail To Get Into Missions

Written by Robert McQuilkin

1. We don't care very much.
2. We don't see very well.
3. We think there must be some other way.
4. Our prayer is peripheral.
5. Someone isn't listening.

I would like to encourage each church to have a missions convention, and each believer to be involved in the Great Commission. I know we in South Dakota can do better. Below is a portion of the report of our church giving for the last year.

2 of our churches gave nothing in 2003	5 gave less than \$1000
2 gave 25% of the total	19 gave less than the national average (\$2942)

Our total giving to World Missions was \$487,446.56. Let's all do our very best this year. God Bless.

-Ron Traub
SD WORLD & US MISSIONS DIRECTOR



El Salvador 2004

Thank you for sending your prayers around the world as our team of 22 ministered in El Salvador this summer. We were able to present the Gospel to over 3,200 people with over 525 responding to Jesus Christ for salvation. Praise the Lord!

Plan now to go back to El Salvador with us in 2005!



Curious?

Are you Curious...

...how to make your Sunday School stronger?

...how to finance a small group ministry?

...how to effectively recruit and retain church workers?

...how to take your church small group ministry from good to excellent?

If you answered "YES," then our annual CE training conference is just for you! In fact, every church should send their pastor and at least one other key individual to this event.

For more information, log on to www.atripleshot.com.



The Buzz

Church children's workers, parents, and elementary students are invited to participate in "The Buzz." "The Buzz" is a two-day kids convention on October 1 and 2, 2004. As a creative way to kick off the JBQ season, we have planned an exciting weekend of training, quiz, services, and tons of fun. Sessions include: Teaching values that last a lifetime; Who doesn't need more volunteers; Not afraid to pray, witness, and worship; and In pursuit of the seal.

For more information, registration forms, schedules, and more please head to www.atripleshot.com.



Amplified Youth Convention

GUEST SPEAKER: Wayne Northup

WORSHIP LEADER: Kristi Northup

GUEST BAND: Jonah33

LOCATION: Ramkota Convention Center, Pierre, SD

DATES: November 5-7, 2004

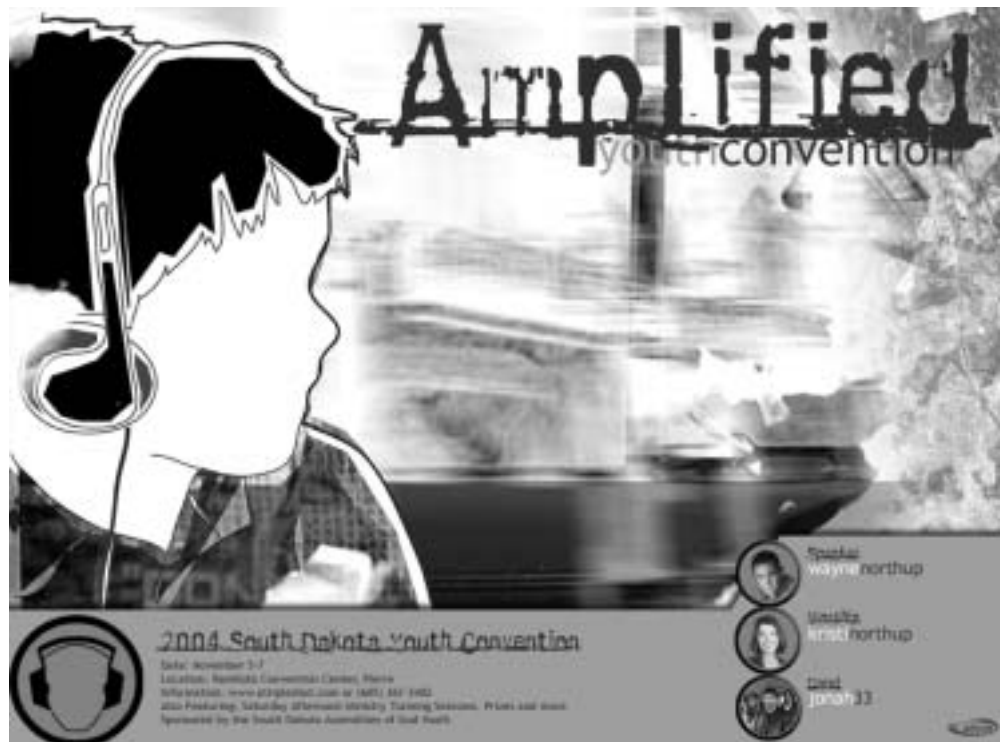
WEEKEND REGISTRATION: \$45.00

SERVICES A LA CARTE: \$15.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 15

For students who have never attended a South Dakota youth convention, we are waiving the registration fee, provided they are registered with a group.

For more information and registration forms, head to our web site.



Make a Difference?

We had a wonderful men's retreat in Huron in March with Lee Williams from Kentucky.

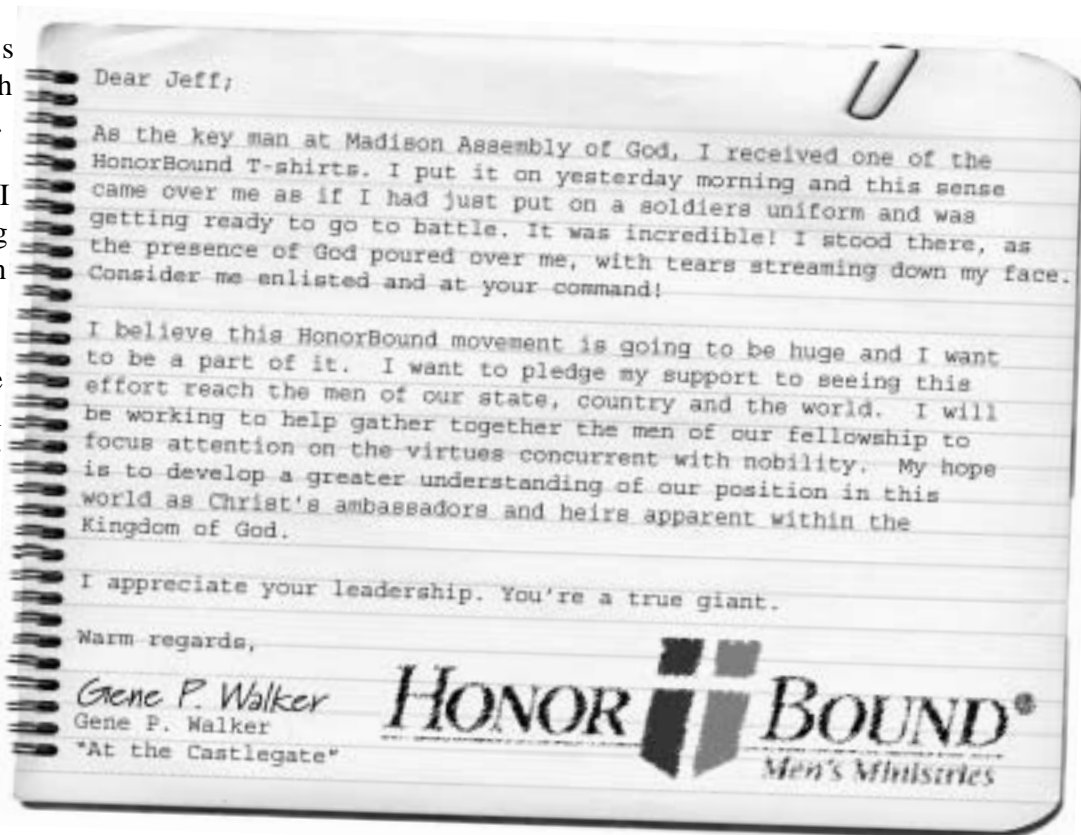
After I returned home, I received the following message from one of the men in attendance...Gene Walker.

Since his return home, Gene has since become a key man in his church and city for HonorBound. I believe Gene may be the first of many new leaders in South Dakota.

Here is Gene's response to what God did in his life...

-Jeff Mantz

SD HONORBOUND DIRECTOR



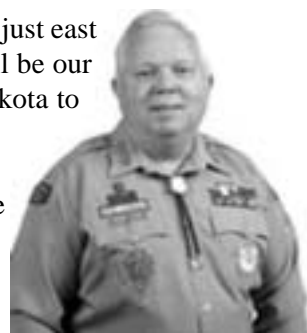
ROYAL RANGERS

State-Wide Camp-Out

The state-wide camp-out is soon approaching, and will be held at the Girl's Scout campgrounds just east of Pierre. Richard Marriot, the National Royal Ranger Commander from Springfield, MO, will be our featured speaker. This will be a great time for the boys, commanders, and fathers of South Dakota to meet and enjoy the teaching of our National Commander.

Set aside the weekend of September 17-19 to spend some time in the presence of God, and have a lot of fun and fellowship with others in the state.

As I think back to the first pow-wow I attended back in 1979, I am once again reminded of my favorite part, the evening campfires. God has always been there! Even the kids feel the presence of the Spirit. Come one, come all, and be blessed.



Richard Marriot



National Royal Rangers Week

October 3rd thru 9th is National Royal Rangers week in the Assemblies of God. If possible, try to plan something special in your church for the Sunday service as well as your weekly meeting. It is always a wonderful thing to let the congregation of your church see just how God is moving in the lives of our young boys.

Missionette Honor Stars Crowned

It always blesses me beyond measure to watch the Missionette crowning...to see girls with the desire to learn and live the Word of God. I'm so proud of them, I just want to hug them.

The Missionettes ministry is a testimony to the girls who want to know Jesus more; a testimony to the Missionette leaders who have given priority to Kingdom business; a testimony to parents who are willing to be involved with teaching their daughters God's ways; and it is a testimony to our awesome Lord and Savior who calls all children to Himself. May God continue to pour out His Spirit on the Missionettes ministry here in South Dakota.



2004 Honor Star Recipients

- *Pastor John Hostettler*

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY - PIERRE, SD

Nationwide Missionettes Sleep-Over

On September 24, 2004, Assembly of God churches all over the the United States will be participating in the National Missionettes Sleep-Over.

The theme this year is *Missionettes: Possible*, "to win as many as possible [1 Corinthians 9:19]."

Each church is encouraged to plan a night filled with activities, food and devotions. This is a great opportunity to introduce girls to the incredible love of Jesus.

During the sleep-over, the churches should receive an offering called *Coins For Kids*. This offering will be used at the House of Grace in Thailand to help build a school. Last year 7,400 girls gave over \$18,000.00 in one evening.

Our churches in South Dakota will be participating in this event as well. Please contact Marvel Baker if you have any questions (marvel5705@yahoo.com).

- *Marvel Baker*

SD MISSIONETTES DIRECTOR

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NATIONAL MISSIONETTES WEEK
SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2004

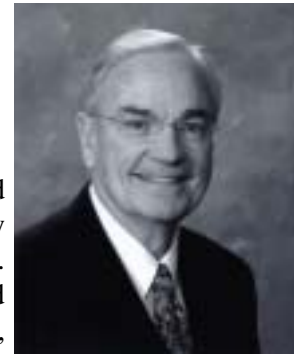
**MISSIONETTES:
POSSIBLE**
TO WIN AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, 1 COR. 9:19

**COME PREPARED TO GIVE IN THE
NATIONAL MISSIONETTES WEEK OFFERING.**

Senior Adult Fall Retreat**September 8-10, 2004**

Relax, worship, and meet friends at Camp Judson in the beautiful Black Hills!

Our guest speaker is Bob Watters from Springfield, MO. Rev. Watters is an internationally known and loved evangelist and gospel musician. Rev. Watters has been engaged in overseas ministries for thirty years with many successful missions and church plants established through converts of his crusades. His ministry is welcomed among many denominations. He is an accomplished pianist and singer, and has written several popular gospel songs. Bob will share the testimony of his life, travels and ministry, along with his gifts of music. You will be blessed as he shares.



Bob Watters

Camp Judson is located in the heart of the Black Hills, near Mt. Rushmore. Just three miles west of Keystone, this is one of the most beautiful spots in the Hills with fishing and nature walks close by. Camp Judson has a beautiful lodge with comfortable rooms and heated cabins with a fireplace in each one. RV parking is available as well. Our activities for the retreat will include: chapel times, evening services followed by a time of fellowship, nature walks, prayer times, and a sightseeing tour (offered Thursday afternoon).

For more information as to cost and schedule, please contact your church office or call Dorthy Tufte Ludens at (605) 367-3402. We hope to see many of you there. Come prepared to enjoy!

YCE CONTINUED***Summer Camp News*****TESTIMONY:**

During one of the evening services a young man, we'll call Jim, who had been withdrawn all week, got touched by God. Now sometimes you see people get touched and then the next day they go back to being who they were before. But not Jim. He signed up to be a Campus Missionary and is pumped to get back into sports so he can begin reaching his teammates for Christ. Before camp Jim was quiet, wouldn't look you in the eye when you talked, and far from God. But after a one night encounter with God, his life and his eternity has been changed forever. Thanks for sending, praying, and serving during our 2004 summer camps. You are making a difference.

LOCATION UPDATE:

The summer of 2005 will bring a significant change to our Middle and High School camps. Kamp Kinship, just south of Lead, has extended a gracious invitation to us for our summer camps. After conducting some surveys with pastors, researching our needs, and spending much time in prayer, our youth committee unanimously decided to move our summer camps to Kamp Kinship. We are very excited about what the campground has to offer and what their plans are in the future.

After seeing great results at our first kids camp at Kamp Kinship this past summer, we are positive things will only get better. For more updates and current camp information, head to www.atripleshot.com or www.campcow.com.

MAIL CALL GET'S HIGH TECH:

This year we launched a brand new web site at www.campcow.com (get the beef on summer camp) to help promote our camping ministry. One feature that was offered was the ability for parents to e-mail messages to their camper and have it delivered during the mail call. During three weeks of camp we delivered over 200 e-mail messages to our campers. One father was able to e-mail his son from Afganistan! Way to go Camp Cow!

September:

- 8-10: Senior Adult Fall Retreat [*Camp Judson*]
- 12-19: Light For The Lost "Steakwagon Tour"
- 17-19: Royal Rangers Camp-Out [*Pierre*]
- 23-25: National Youth Workers Conference [*Tulsa, OK*]
- 24-25: National Missionettes Sleep-Over
- 27-29: Ministers & Spouses Retreat [*Pierre*]

October:

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

- 1-2: "The Buzz" Kids Convention [*Rapid City*]
- 3-9: National Royal Rangers Week
- 8-9: Women's Ministry Fall Retreat [*Pierre*]
- 18: Voter Registration Deadline
- 22-23: 2004 CE Training Conference [*Huron*]
- 24: National Speed The Light Day

November:

- 5-7: Amplified Youth Convention [*Pierre*]
- 16-21: Light For The Lost "Steakwagon Tour"
- 25: Thanksgiving Day

December:

- 25: Christmas Day
- 31: New Years Eve
- 31: STL & BGMC Offerings Due

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