

HIGHLIGHTING HASSELBROCK TC

The Secret of Abiding Joy

Ring David, under inspiration from God wrote, "Serve the Lord with gladness" in Psalm 100. Nehemiah, motivated by the same inspiration declared, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Recently, I pondered this question, "Why do I feel so joyful this year?" While I have much to be joyful about (renewed strength and vigor following triple bypass surgery in September '08, my grandson and namesake, Jesse, came back to God and is now a student at Zion Bible College, and my granddaughter, Melissa, graduated with honors from Oral Roberts University); the joy I am experiencing is much more than this.

I have been reading from the book of Nehemiah. I am experiencing profound joy and I realize that we are doing exactly what Nehemiah did, rebuilding! For him, it was the walls around Jerusalem. For Global Renewal, it is a large barn on the Teen Challenge Hasselbrock, Germany property which is being rebuilt into a serviceable building for Teen Challenge. This building will provide a place for rescued individuals to worship, live, learn, eat, study, and work. Like Nehemiah, we have faced a lack of resources, but God has remained faithful and this project is progressing well. Already three teams from the United States have built the internal walls and the chapel is underway. What a joy it is to be a part of what God is doing in Germany and throughout the world.

I invite you to share in this joy by involving yourself in helping these missions' efforts that are changing lives. Please read the testimonies of Reiner and Vitali and ask God how you can share in this indescribable joy!

The most recent team, in April, erected the first wall inside the barn.



In March, the first Global Renewal team began rebuilding the barn.

I also encourage you to read Nehemiah 8:10 and celebrate with us the miracles that have occurred. I urge you to ignore the voices of Sanballat and Tobiah in your own lives. There will always be distractors when we are accomplishing something for God. Rather, be joyful and be a part of rebuilding walls in your own sphere of influence.

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Greetings! My name is *Reiner Smidt*. I am 38 years old from Weener, Ostfriesland in the northern part of Germany. For one year I have lived at the Teen Challenge Center in Hasselbrock. Why am I here? That is easy to explain... **I couldn't fix my old life.** I was born with a cleft palate and experienced (even as a child) much rejection. I encountered problems at school and in my family, had the wrong friends, and later turned to drugs, alcohol and crime.

The public therapy could not help me, so Teen Challenge became my final hope. It was here, I was able to find freedom from drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. Now I have my life under control and have a new friend forever, Jesus Christ. Yes, here I learned to know God and to arrange my life following God's ways. To testify to this change I became baptized last summer. I am thankful, that He gave me a new life.

In love,

Reiner

Global Renewal from its beginning has been helping to train Teen Challenge workers. This photo features two of our recent students.

Megan Jones spent 10 years struggling with addiction to drugs and alcohol. She also experienced prison time. Finally she realized that she needed help. She enrolled in the Walter Hoving Home, the Teen Challenge Women's Center in Garrison, NY. She not only graduated from the program, but went on to gain her biblical education at Zion Bible College and is now working toward her Master's Degree at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Matt Hulett spent 6 years struggling with addiction. Finally as he faced the judge, he was given two choices, prison or Teen Challenge. Teen Challenge anywhere is better than a prison everywhere. Matt graduated from Teen Challenge, and on May 1, 2010 he also graduated from Zion Bible College with his bachelor's degree. He is ready for leadership in Teen Challenge Ministry.

TRAINING



Megan Jones (left), Matt and his wife, Betsy

Hello everyone. I am *Vitali*. I am from Kazakhstan, and have lived in Germany since the age of 20. I didn't grow up in good circumstances. My father had problems with alcohol; and had no time for me. My mother was a believer, but I never felt good enough for her. Even though my mother told me about God since childhood, I became an addict (alcohol, drugs, sex, pride, etc.).



I wanted to experience everything necessary to gain acceptance from my old friends. I wanted to show my parents that I was able to live a good life without their help. At age 18, I received my drivers licence. I worked and got a car but even then I wasn't good enough for my parents. I searched for peace in different things, but I could not find it. I had thoughts of ending my life. But because my mother told me about God, I started to pray: "Lord, you see my situation. I have heard of You since my childhood. I know that You are a righteous God. You know that I want to be righteous too, but in my own strength I can't. I would like to be Your faithful servant, but in the situation where I am now I no longer have hope, help me!"

I had a serious accident and my car was a total loss. I was not seriously hurt and none of my passengers were seriously hurt. Because of the accident everything I had worked to achieve for several years was destroyed in one day. Suddenly I no longer had a car, a job or friends. It was very hard to go back to my parents but they took me in. I promised to change my life.

My mother looked for Christian therapy to help me, and that is how I found the Teen Challenge Center in Hasselbrock. The requirements in the therapy were not easy, but I realized that God had answered my prayer. I wanted to become His faithful servant. The therapy helped me to come to this point. I gave my life to our God in heaven and entered with all joy into a new, Holy Spirit filled life. Now I know that living without God is building on sand, but living with God is building on a rock that never can be destroyed. Everything I had lost, I have received back through the grace of God. Now, thank God, I am moving into my own flat.

With kind regards,

Vitali Mursakow



Kazakhstan Celebration

Don Wilkerson and Jesse recently traveled to Kazakhstan to participate in the Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration of this thriving center. It was a joyful time for the founders, Doug and Anna Boyle, as they were honored by staff and students for their faithful service.



Prayer Needs

–For David Hopkins II, age 10, with Ehler’s Danlos Syndrome and Mediterranean Fever Syndrome. Recently his system has been breaking down. Please pray for healing and wisdom.

–For the deliverance, protection and healing of children forced into the sex slave “industry”. Walta Brumskine has alerted us to the desperate needs of children being exploited during the World Cup Soccer Tournament in South Africa for the next few weeks.

–For the construction teams scheduled to go to Hasselbrock, Germany Teen Challenge – safety, blessings, and fruitfulness as they labor.

–For many to come to Jesus and for many to be set free from life-controlling addictions.

–For my (Jesse’s) trips abroad this year...three more trips to Germany and one to Trinidad/Barbados.

–For the pressing current needs of the Global Renewal ministries.

You can mail your prayer requests or email requests to renew@global-renewal.org.

On Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the Penn-Del District Assemblies of God Council, they honored the individuals who had been ordained for 50 years. It was our blessing to be among those honored.

Thank You!

Every time we think of you, we give thanks to our God. We always pray for you and make our requests with hearts full of joy. Philippians 1:3

With the words borrowed from the apostle Paul, we express our gratitude to you for your faithful prayers, encouragement and financial support. You are a great blessing in building His Kingdom. With every person who comes to Christ...with every Global Renewal project...with every Teen Challenge graduate that Global Renewal scholarships...you have a part.

Thank you for praying for us and for responding as the Lord leads.

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With our love and for His Harvest,

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