

**Campus staff... Australia**

Two weeks ago I returned from a wonderful training time in Australia. It was a great opportunity to be involved with the Campus Crusade staff and to hear their passion for reaching the campuses of Australia. God has blessed them with a great team of leaders. In the busyness of this month, I have decided to just let the pictures speak for themselves.



I had a wonderful time with Brandon... my future son-in-law as he helped me engage these leaders in the ministry pattern Jesus modeled. We also enjoyed an afternoon at the Australian Zoo where the famous TV Crocodile Hunter... Steve Irwin makes his residence.



## On a personal level

Already this year I have traveled over 80,000 miles. While I count it a great privilege to serve God's choice servants around the globe, it is great to be home for a couple of months without International travel... allowing my body to get adjusted to a normal routine. **This month I'd ask your prayers that God would help me be very productive.** My writing schedule is especially demanding and will require some real God-centered creativity:

- July 2, 9,16, and 23... Preaching at Blackberry Creek Community Church in Aurora.
- July 3-7... Writing 5 messages for the Pisek ZAS conference in the Czech Republic in August. They have asked me to focus on the Matthew 11:28-30 passage, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden..."
- July 10-14... I have 5 days to write the remaining 7 sessions for a web based training program. These modules need to be finished by the 14th to video tape them when studio time is available near the end of this month.
- July 17-20... Finalize plans for our 2007 and 2008 GYI Summit.
- July 24-27 or early August... Video the web training modules in Los Angeles.
- July 29... My daughter Jamie's wedding! I'm excited:)

Char and I have great in joy praying for you. Early in the morning I love to take a walk along the river near our home... and this is my time to pray for you. Please let us know of any special requests that you may have.

## On a lighter side

A priest, a Pentecostal preacher and a Rabbi would get together twice a week for coffee to talk shop.

One day, someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard. A real challenge would be to preach to a bear.

One thing led to another and they decided to do an experiment. They would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it, and attempt to convert it.

Seven days later, they're all together to discuss the experience.

Father Flannery, who has his arm in a sling, is on crutches, and has various bandages on his body and limbs, goes first. "Well," he says, "I went into the woods to find me a bear. And when I found him I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear wanted nothing to do with me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as gentle a lamb. The bishop is coming out next week to give him first communion and confirmation."

Reverend Billy Bob spoke next. He was in a wheelchair, with an arm and both legs in casts, and an IV drip. In his best fire and brimstone oratory he claimed, "WELL brothers, you KNOW that we don't sprinkle! I went out and I FOUND me a bear. And then I began to read to my bear from God's HOLY WORD! But that bear wanted nothing to do with me. So I took HOLD of him and we began to wrestle. We wrestled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another until we came to a creek. So I quick DUNKED him and BAPTIZED his hairy soul. And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb. We spent the rest of the day praising Jesus."

They both looked down at Rabbi Goldberg, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IV's and monitors running in and out of him. He was in bad shape. The rabbi looks up and says, "Looking back on it, circumcision may not have been the best way to start."



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