



It Happens Here Everyday - What Makes God Smile . . .

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It was Thursday morning, and Friday was to be Cornerstone's "Day of Hope." I needed to make a reminder announcement about the special offering to be taken, but instead of getting on the P.A. system to do this, I decided to visit each class individually. As it turned out, I was glad I did.

As I made my way around the building, I was in awe at what I saw and heard. And I was reminded of Numbers 6:25 which says, "May the Lord smile on you..." (NLT) Certainly God must be smiling, I thought! Here's what I witnessed . . .

Going into one 1st grade classroom, I found all the students with their teacher on their knees, praying. I slipped quietly to the side and waited for the prayers to finish. They sounded like this:

"Dear God, please help us today to have a good day; help Mrs. ____ to teach us."
"Dear God, thank You for my family; thank You for my Mom and Dad; thank You for my cousins; thank You for my school."

"God takes into account every prayer ever offered and is forever involved with us in charting the course of history—our history"

"Dear God, please help ____ to find a friend who will play on the playground. "

"Dear God, please help us to be nice today. Thank You for Jesus."

The prayers seemed to go on and on—everything from prayers for healing to prayers for learning to prayers for salvation for others.

After finally making my reminder announcement, I continued down the hall to other classrooms. One was dark, and I thought that the students were probably in P.E. or the Computer Lab. Without opening the door, I peeked in the window. The room was empty of students, but the teacher was there, alone in the dark, on her knees—praying. I stood and watched for just a moment, then turned to go, thanking God for providing such a wonderful place with a great and godly staff who pray.

I turned down another hallway,

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Going Forward in Faith

Advancing the Vision of Cornerstone Christian Academy

At their February Board Retreat, Cornerstone's Board of Trustees affirmed CCA's vision: "to equip young people to become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ who impact others for the glory of God." As the fall of 2006 approaches, it seems as if we will have the opportunity to reach more students than ever before in our 9 year history!

But with the growth in enrollment, comes the space crunch yet again. After only two and a half years in our new building, we have classes meeting absolutely everywhere. We no longer have a conference room—it's be-

come a kindergarten classroom. We house staff in little offices that were made to house network computer equipment. Our library must also double as a classroom, and our back airlock is used for music lessons and a Journalism class. An eighty-square foot room in the Administration area which was supposed to be a "sick room" is a classroom for Greek and math tutoring.

"Equipping young people" is our on-going challenge as we grow. The solution? To address these ever-growing needs, the Board of Trustees began a careful strategic re-

view of the physical and financial health of the school. It was determined that two areas require significant investment:

1a) Sr. High Addition—approximately 25,800 square feet for 400 students which would include:

- 15 classrooms
- 2 Science labs

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**"Impacting Culture for the
Glory of God"**

“Cornerstone Christian Academy will see many new generations walk through these halls— young people who will be leaders of tomorrow, armed with truth that sets people free.”

“Day of Hope”

Total offering received:

\$1,471.24

Praise the Lord!

Advancing the Vision-continued from front

- 1 large Forum room of 2400 sq. ft. that can be subdivided
 - High School Office and Reception area
 - Yearbook/Journalism Room
 - 4 Tutoring rooms
 - 3 Storage Rooms
 - Computer Server Room
 - Maintenance Office
 - Teacher/Volunteer Work Room
- 2) Renovation of current classrooms to add the following:
- Library Expansion to 2500 sq. ft.
 - Band & Choral room expansion to 1400 sq. ft. with music offices and instrument storage
 - 3 new computer labs totaling 1000 sq. ft.
- 1 b) Elementary Addition— approximately 21,600 square feet for 240 students which includes the following:
- 12 classrooms
 - 1 Foreign Language Classroom
 - Elementary school office and reception area
 - Teacher/Volunteer Workroom

in this great work. As we advance the vision of Cornerstone Christian Academy, pray for the ultimate goal: that when all is said and done, Cornerstone Christian Academy will see many new generations walk through these halls— young people who will be leaders of tomorrow, armed with truth that sets people free.

The price tag? Slightly over \$6 million. Preparation costs to build, which include the site plan, schematic estimates and architectural fees are almost \$200,000. With the wonderful giving in the last two months, those fees are paid.

In the months ahead, you will hear more about the *“Hear from Heaven”* campaign.

Begin to pray for your part

Matching Gift Completed February 28th!

As many of you already know, the week of December 12th brought a gift of \$150,000 to Cornerstone. \$25,000 was designated for Tuition Assistance, and \$125,000 for the Building Fund. In talking with the donor, the desire was expressed that CCA “match” the gift with new monies. We hoped to do this by March 1.

When the gift was announced at our lower school Christmas Program on Dec. 15th, the money began to come in, everything from small sacks of change from the students to large checks

and even gifts of stock.

As the last month approached, we were still \$30,000 short of completing the match. But God wasn’t through providing! Day after day the money came in until Feb. 28th. That morning as the staff prayed together, we still needed \$2,300! We asked God to finish the match for us that very day.

Still the money came in. A check was received in the parking lot. More checks came in the mail. Staff began to give for the final “push,” and when all was said and done, the announcement to

the entire school was made at 2:00 that God had indeed provided the money to match our gift. If you were anywhere near the building when that announcement came over the intercom, you would have heard the cheers of all the students!

The donor was called and we all thanked God together. We look forward to what God has for Cornerstone in the days ahead as Phase II of our building is planned.

Giving to Date:

\$49,641.68—Annual Fund

\$79,532.78—Tuition Assistance Fund

\$276,699.88—Building Fund (\$125,000 designated for current building debt reduction)

Total Giving July '05-Feb. '06: \$405,874.34

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and opened the door to the Art Room. I should have realized that on Thursdays we don't have Art, but that thought came too late, and I walked into a group of Moms praying. It was our Prayer Circle, and these Moms meet faithfully to pray for the needs of our students, staff and school. I thought to myself, prayer is happening all over this place today! And I went on to think, no, this happens every day. I just got the blessing of seeing it firsthand.

Coming back to my office, I was stopped by Kim Brucker, our Preschool Director who shared yet another prayer story. After hearing in class about Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4, a preschooler was able to apply the lesson at home the following week. Seeing his mother bothered about a situation, the little 4-year-old said, "Mommy, Jesus can calm the

storms in our hearts!" and proceeded to pray on the spot.

At Cornerstone we have seen huge answers to prayer. But I was reminded that morning that the God of the huge answers is also the God of the smallest, most unimportant detail. And He so delights in the prayers of His children. No prayer is ever wasted. Even the prayers of the smallest one is heard. God takes into account every prayer ever offered and is forever involved with us in charting the course of history—our history.

I thanked God for the reminder . . . and wondered, was He smiling at us today? I'm sure He was.

Upcoming Dates

Friday, March 24—Combined Chapel-8:30 AM

Monday-Friday, March 27-31— Spring Break!

Thursday, April 6—"Colonial Days"-2nd Grade

Saturday, April 8—Spring Formal at Bloomington Country Club

Monday-Wednesday, April 10- 12—Stanford Achievement Testing

Friday, April 14—Upper School "Bring a Friend" Chapel Service—9:30 AM

Monday, April 17—Easter Break—No School

Wednesday-Friday, April 19-21—5th Grade Outdoor Education Trip to Camp Timberlee

Friday, April 21—Half Day of school for teacher in-service*

Wednesday-Friday, April 26-28—College Visit Trip

Friday, April 28—Combined Chapel, 8:30 AM

Friday, April 28—Preschool "Mission Merry-Go-Round"

*Schedule Change

Why Has God Entrusted So Much To Us?

On February 24th, CCA students watched a video depicting the great need in Africa for Christian schools and teachers. The Association of Christian Schools, International (ACSI) trains and sends teachers to places like Africa where children can learn to read and write as well as hear the gospel message. We announced that an offering would be taken to send to them the following week.

But a kindergartener named Bo couldn't wait that long. Running down the hall, he said, "Mrs. Kinzinger, Mrs. Kinzinger! The kids can have this money!" He dug in his pocket and pulled out 31 cents.

The following morning, while getting out of the car, he waved two more dollar bills. "Give

these to the kids," he said. It was evident Bo has a heart for those less fortunate than himself.

Bo's generosity brought to mind a movie many of you have seen.

Towards the end of the 1993 film, *Schindler's List* there is a moving scene of Schindler leaving the factory at which he saved over a thousand Jews. As he sees the gratitude of those that he saved, he breaks down weeping. Thinking back on what he has done in redeeming condemned Jews, he says "I could have got more. If I made more money... I threw away so much money." Of his car he says, "Ten more people." Of a gold pin, he says "Two more people, at least one. It could have given me one more. One more person."

Today's Christian community is in the same position as Oskar Schindler was. Without a second chance to live life over and give more financial resources to invest in the lives of others, we must make the most of the time we have today.

Why has God entrusted so much to us? Probably not to increase our standard of living. Probably not so that we can buy the latest "toy." Money is something God gives us; then He steps back and allows us to work. He watches to see whose kingdom we're really committed to—ours or His.

I think Bo has it right.

"Five minutes

after we die,

we'll know exactly

how we should

have lived."

Randy Alcorn,

The Treasure Principle

Spain Trip Report

Five CCA high school students and five adults went traveling overseas as part of this year's Winterim study opportunities. From Dec. 27-Jan 5, they visited Spain and even made a stop in Morocco. Here's what they had to report:

"Spain was a great experience. I've been taking Spanish since 5th grade, and for the first time I got to really encounter Spanish culture . . . It was fun to be able to put my Spanish training to use." Megan Belgrave

"Visiting Spain this year was definitely an experience! Everything is so beautiful there—from the breath-taking terrain to the old architecture lining the streets of Madrid . . . I realize that I live in a bubble, so traveling beyond my comfortable routine was eye-opening." Celeste Ayers

"I got to see things I never thought I would get to see. Pictures in the

Prado, the Mediterranean, a Moroccan open market, these things all amazed me. I learned a lot about history, religion and art, and I had the opportunity to further my Spanish language abilities. I would go back in a heartbeat, and I think that this opportunity is a great one." Abby Barnes

"Besides getting to know my students better, it gave me an opportunity to realize with a fresh understanding that so many people are lost, not only here in the U.S., but also overseas. As I would pass someone on the sidewalk I had to wonder if they knew Jesus. Now, with that question firmly ingrained in my mind, I ask what God would have me do with that desire to

reach the lost in Spain." Mrs. Jorgensen



Spain travelers from left to right: Nini Koch, Cathy Jorgensen, Celeste Ayers, Becky Barnes, Abby Barnes, Sarah Weekes, Lory Weekes, Jenny Koch, Megan Belgrave, Debbie Belgrave

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