

## FOUNDER'S FLASHBACK

June 2012

Dear Friends and Family,

We are really slow getting our spring letter off the ground and we apologize for that. Hope you haven't forgotten about us because we are still in great need of your prayer support. We too enjoy the fellowship we have in prayer with all of you. Everyday at our lunch hour, we pray for the next section of names on our mailing and those who have sent in special requests. It's amazing the memories that are stirred up to one or another staff member as we come to your name or the name of your church. 1 Thessalonians 1:2 "We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers."

The past many months the big emphasis has been on creating the 2012 series, "Truth Travelers." Of course the preparation was squeezed in between all the time on the road that they traveled conducting the many meetings requested. Many hands have gone into making the series a reality. As I write this letter, the teams are finishing all last minute details. Today is June 6 and lift off is set for Sunday June 11. Bob is finishing up the last four puppets, Jeff and Nicole are finishing the last of the props, packing and doing their best to keep Chris's creative mind busy enough so he doesn't dream up **ANOTHER** "new idea." Amber is doing the last stitches on puppet clothes. and Juli seems to be running up and down the stairs getting all the miscellaneous stuff finished. Robin is in the office preparing all the financial stuff so we here at home base will be able to carry on. We so appreciate all the prayer that makes all this possible. Please be praying for the teams as they travel. Pray that their hearts are tender to the things the Holy Spirit will be teaching them as they themselves teach. And most of all pray that children will hear the gospel and respond to the **TRUTH!** 

Bob had a fun assignment this spring. Some of you may remember the Frodahl family who traveled for GHH in years past. Andy, their oldest, was chosen to be part of the New York Children's Theatre Festival. He wrote an adaptation of "The Velveteen Rabbit" for puppets which was one of three plays chosen for the competition. Andy asked Bob to make a special lion puppet to be used for this event on Broadway. There were certain specifications that had to be adhered to making it quite a challenge. It needed to be a certain size, the mouth was closed, the arms and legs were jointed and last but not least, it needed to look as if it was made of wood. He eventually accomplished it and most of all, Andy was happy. Below I have inserted some pictures:







## **DISCIPLESHIP**

Recently, Shirley told some people: O.K. folks! It's time for you to seriously pray for this old lady. Ten of my 40 students in the Discipleship lessons range in age from 13 to 18. Yipes! I never thought I would hang on to kids in their teens. But here they are and asking questions that are very different from those I get from the younger kids. Included in those questions come the inevitable ones about relationships with the opposite sex. The following is a recent one from a 14-year-old: "This boy at the skating rink is flirting with me. He thinks I'm cute! He is 16. What should I do?" I can't seem to find a chapter and verse to answer that specifically but I do have some practical answers that I used with my own kids 50 years ago. Do you really think that will help today's kids?

## **PRAISE**

- We so appreciate our daughter, Robin, and son-in-law, Jeff, as they have done a fine job of directing GHH this past year. As you may recall they took on the heavy-duty responsibility of managing this leadership role. We would appreciate your continued prayers for them.
- Last fall we told you of some of the physical problems we had getting out of a chair. Bob now has one of those recliners which will lift him up to a standing position. Pictured below:



- We praise God for people like yourself, who are sensitive to missions with prayer and support.
- We praise God for His message of hope that we can carry to others

## **PRAYER**

- Wisdom in responding to kids in the Discipleship program
- New children to become part of God's kingdom this summer
- Continuing physical problems. Bob's dizziness. He will be seeing an ear, nose, and throat specialist in July. Shirley continues having difficulties with low oxygen levels and extremely painful arthritic shoulders

May God richly bless you as you serve Him in your corner of the world.

Because of Jesus.

Bob and Shirley Friedl

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