

Board of Trustees . . . “Thanks Jeff!”

The Board of Trustees of Skilton House Ministries wishes to thank Rev. Jeffrey Waddington for his service to our Lord through Skilton House Ministries.

Jeff came on the staff of the Ministry as a part-time Executive Director concentrating on the “Christian Release Time” program.

Due to financial constraints, we regret to announce that Jeff was released from his duties as of August 1, 2009.

We ask the Lord’s blessings on him and his studies at Westminster Theological Seminary as he continues in the Doctoral Program.



Christian Release Time

Another Christian Release Time class is beginning this month at the McDaniel School and we are excited and ask you all to keep it in prayer. We have been praying that we could have this class for the past year and now the Lord has opened doors and hearts and we know our Lord has chosen the perfect teacher and the perfect students to come and learn of salvation through Jesus Christ. We will be reporting on what else our Lord has in store for us in the next newsletter.

Now is the time for your church to become involved in CRT – Christian Release Time. Give your members an opportunity to be in the Mission Field

and never leave home. They might become Walkers, Listeners or Program Directors. There is a job for everyone who wishes to assist in sharing the love of Jesus to the youth of your community.

Please call Ann Egner (215-646-1774) and she will be delighted to talk with you and share how you might start a CRT Class in your community. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus states: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations . . .” That means also in your very neighborhood as well as abroad. What a joy to work for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

How to Start a CRT

- Establish interest in CRT in a local church
- Contact Skilton House Ministries
- Form a committee of interested church volunteers
- Select CRT curriculum
- Approach local school/district
- Establish the time and place for CRT
- Distribute permission slips
- Begin classes
- Keep attendance records and report these to school
- Hold special classes for holidays
- Hold a graduation ceremony at end of year
- Conduct annual evaluation of CRT
- Participate in teacher/volunteer training

The President’s Corner

By Mr. Durwin Parks

What words of lasting value will we speak to someone to make a difference in their lives?

I’m reminded of a story about John Wesley. Only six days before his death he wrote a letter to William Wilberforce. He said if opposing slavery is in your own strength the enemy will overcome you, but if God is for you, who can be against you? Wilberforce took this encouragement and continued his fight to abolish slavery. Forty-five years after Wesley’s letter of encouragement, only three days before Wilberforce died, he saw slavery abolished in Great Britain.

In John 14:6, Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me.” Again in John 8:32, we learn that it is TRUTH that will set us free.

Can you imagine what the City of Philadelphia will be like if God breaks the power of sin and sets the city free? As we enter the year 2010, what words of lasting value will we speak to someone to make a difference in their lives? Yes, only the Word of God brings TRUTH and everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

Operation Brotherhood 2009

By Ann Egner

Operation Brotherhood 2009 started with a spiritual meeting at the Korean United Church of Philadelphia on September 17, 2009. Pastor Henry Cooper, chairman of the board of trustees of Skilton House Ministries, shared the Word of God with all the representatives from the churches. Flyers were distributed about the upcoming Rally and Operation Brotherhood Calendars were explained. Christian Release Time was also shared. After a time of information and prayer for Operation Brotherhood, we left the meeting looking forward to the Rally and Operation Brotherhood 2009.

Our Lord provided a beautiful fall afternoon for our Rally on Sunday, October 4, 2009. We met at the Iglesia de Christo Church at North 4th Street and had an opening service with a warm welcome from Rev. Wilson Gonzalez followed by prayer and singing of hymns and praise songs glorifying God. We then walked through the neighborhoods distributing tracts about Jesus, singing praises of God and encouraging neighbors to join us. We arrived at the park and were blessed by two sermons. One sermon was in English by Pastor Henry Cooper and one was in Spanish by Rev. Camelo Gonzalez. We then continued our walk back to the church where Rev. Calvin Newsome closed the Rally with a beautiful prayer giving all the glory



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to God and asking His blessing and direction for Operation Brotherhood 2009.

November 19th arrived and the canned goods, potatoes, onions, stuffing, bags and many wonderful volunteers arrived at the Korean United Church of Philadelphia. The work began, bagging onions and potatoes, counting cans of beans, corn, fruit and stuffing and making certain that we had enough for all the 1,955 families who had requested assistance. The Korean United Church provided the workers with a delicious Korean supper and then we continued to work until 8:00 pm.

Friday the 20th was Packing Night. A worship service preceded the packing and Dr. Jae Seong Kim, Senior Pastor of the Korean United Church welcomed everyone to their magnificent Church. Durwin Parks, our newly installed President of Skilton House Ministries, also welcomed everyone and thanked the Korean United Church of Philadelphia for their partnership in Operation Brotherhood over these

past 18 years. He thanked the Philadelphia Bible Society for their contributions through the years of Books of the Bible and tracts which have been used when presenting the food and turkeys. Missionary George Petrella then instructed all of us on how to share Jesus’ Love. After a spiritual song by Minister Lee West and prayer by Rev. Henry Cooper, we went to the lower room and began packing the 1,955 bags of food. Within one and a half hours we accomplished our mission. We praised God through song and prayer.

“The bags of food were picked up on Saturday the 21st of November; and on Tuesday, the 24th, the 1,955 turkeys arrived, were placed in the waiting vans and trucks, and were delivered to the families.”

We thank everyone who made it possible through their contributions to Operation Brotherhood 2009 and we praise God for his graciousness to be able to have another year to reach so many families to share our love of Him.

Operation Brotherhood 2010 – Saints at Work for the Glory of God



Ever wonder what 1,955 Bags of Food packed for the glory of God looks like?

