

Hardin Ministry Highlights for 2010 ...



Dear Friends,

We offer you this letter as a way of bringing you news of our life and expressing the value of your friendship to us. We thank God for YOU!

HIGHLAND COLONY MEN'S ROUNDTABLE = The New Year began at Men's RoundTable with Phil beginning a new teaching series entitled: *Discovering Your Destiny: Understanding Man's Initiative and God's Involvement*. Additional series during the year were *Build a Family - It's Never to Late* and *Will You Lead? YOU can LISTEN to the Audio* and see the VIDEO teaching clip of each Thursday morning's Men's RoundTable by going to <http://www.menstable.com/>.

MEN'S COACHING WEEKENDS = The Coaching Weekends, affectionately known as "Deer Camp" are amazing! God moves through the community of men who gather at Ebenezer Place - 21.6 acres where there are two cabins, a large outside deck, a pond, and lots of potential for future development. Each Weekend is unique as men share the stories of their lives, receive acceptance from one another, and experience God in a real, transforming way. Here's what men have said: *"The Lord healed me. The chains on my feet were finally broken. I found home and I am not running anymore."* *"I can't get enough of the love I experienced in this place from God and these men. An absolutely amazing experience that gave me a model to do life."*

MEN'S ADVENTURE - CANADA 2010 = Phil led 9 men to the Canadian Rockies to explore the beauty of God and develop a deeper community of men. Here's what was shared: *"Through the wind, the wildflowers and horses, I saw God's beauty. Through the faces of the other men, I saw God's grace."* *"God truly showed me the greatness of His creation on this trip. He also spoke to my heart through the support of a great group of godly men. He let me know my wounds are being healed. This trip was the first time in years that I felt a longing to get involved with something. On the horse ride back to the camp, I felt the Lord speak to me. I would love to stop burying the gifts God has given to me and use them for His kingdom."* *"God spoke to me for the first time in a voice in my heart. He said - you are my son."* Two days later we climbed Cougar Mountain and looked down on the spot where God spoke to me. It was a very humbling experience. *"I am seeking to follow God's lead and hang on to the reckless, raging fury they call the love of God. Bend the sails!!!"*

PASSIONATE LIVING COUNSELING = We continue to offer help to men, women, couples, and families through our counseling ministry. Here's a recent quote from a friend who sent a couple our way: *"We cannot thank you enough for being willing to work with Jane and Joe (names changed)! They are so excited about how this time will truly help them in their marriage now AND planting seeds for the future."*

CHRISTMAS - A LOVE STORY! = At Men's RoundTable, Phil shared the Gospel and one of the men shared the following: *"Phil, you have the most incredible grasp of the Gospel and an equally effective and creative ability to communicate it to any audience. I am still blown away by your "Christmas love story". There has never been a time in my life, shall I say long, long life, when the message of the Gospel has been so obscured in our culture. Even most church Christmas programs have watered it down into some "feel good" experience. But as you said the "real" Christmas story is the "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us". Wow! Now that is something to really celebrate! Thanks for telling it straight as you always do. This morning was your finest hour. I am not sure I have heard or seen a better presentation of the "real" Christian story."* At the end of the session, 12 men dropped a penny in a box at Phil's invitation to indicate they received Christ that morning. Praise to JESUS! Merry Christmas!

We would not be able to engage in such a full life without your support - through your prayers, through your financial investments, and through your many words of encouragement. We are grateful for you and thankful for how you help us fulfill our calling in Building the Kingdom.

THANK YOU!!

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