



HMI Ice Chips

Debbie`s Corner

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)

- 1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Most of us it seems, remember our lives in relation to “years”... the year I was born... the year I graduated... the year I lost my dad... etc...

And just this morning, it occurred to me that my life has been, more recently, defined by “seasons”... hockey seasons mostly... the season Misty played for TI... the season Alex coached with Bob at the Chiefs... the season he did chapels with the Admirals, etc...

Every new season comes jam-packed with its own blessings and struggles... challenges... wins and losses... team philosophies... try-outs... rejections... coaches... etc...

And every new team has its own “personality”... according to the guys on the team... how they relate to each other and the coach... how well they work together, using their God given talents to the best of their abilities....

And... we must not forget the parents of the kids... The faithful group of moms and dads and relatives that sit in the ice cold stands (or jump around, or stand, or whatever!)



Debbie with the Steel Players

Matthew 10:32-33

"Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. [33] If you turn tail and run, do you think I'll cover for you? The Message..."

As I look back, through the “seasons”, I tend to remember the parents most of all... and my most wonderful seasons are the ones with the most wonderful parents... I couldn't tell you whether we won or lost most of the time... But I could tell you about the friends I made up there in the ice cold seats... and how we shared our blankets and our love for our sons... and daughters...

How we rejoiced at the victories and held our collective breaths when a player was injured and flat out on the ice....

Being part of a “new team” every season is truly a challenge... meeting new people... learning new names... new rinks... new cities... new coaches... new parents... new relationships...

So as one season ends and another begins, winter, spring, summer, fall... we find ourselves remembering the seasons in terms of people, rather than wins and losses...

We also find that there are some seasons we have learned and grown from more than others... Some we would like to “hang onto” and remember... and others, best left forgotten...

This past season has been a wonderful, memorable one for me... the team B.J. played for, the Chicago Fury, had some characters to remember forever! (players and parents as well!!)

And this past week, I got the chance to meet about half of the Steel players when we invited them over for dinner... What a wonderful group of guys!! It was great to finally put names and faces together and be able to actually talk to them and feed them... in person!!

It has truly been a wonderful season... in more ways than we can mention... The Lord has truly blessed us... again... and again...



Pre-game Warm up
Chicago Fury



On the bench during a game

Please Pray

This year we were able to conduct two chapels with BJ's team, the Chicago Fury. It's a long process and involves relationships with the players and parents. Alex was able to be an assistant coach on this team and Debbie did her work for Christ in the stands with the parents. We had good attendance at both chapels and the people that attended were very pleased with the chapel format. Please pray for the players and the parents that they would continue to seek a relationship with Christ.

The players on the Chicago Steel are all very dedicated to being at chapels. They requested that we do them every week because they enjoy them so much. Most weeks they are also challenged and they love to ask questions. This is one of the most vocal groups we have ever had. They have heard the gospel and are continuing to consider a relationship with Jesus Christ. Please pray that they would give their lives to Jesus.

Please pray for Misty. She has had a very hard time with hockey at Bethel. One of the girls on the team has been spreading rumors about Misty that are untrue.

Praise and Answered Prayer

Debbie is covered and now has health insurance through ICHIP!

After many tests and doctor visits, Debbie has been doing physical therapy in order to manage some of the pains of fibromyalgia and carpal tunnel syndrome.

Samantha has lost a job, has been unemployed for 2 months, but she has found a new one and it is in the same building that she worked in before but with a different company.