

HMI Ice Chips

Camps...The Heart of Our Summer Ministry

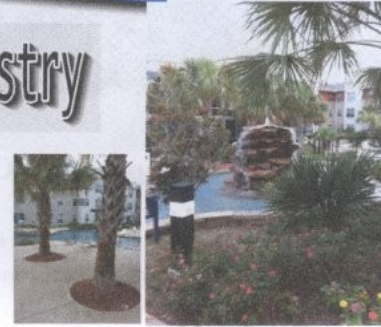
Texas?

What does Texas have to do with hockey camps? It has a lot to do with it... Texas is our biggest camp... 142 campers... held at College Station, Texas. This was my first time at the Texas camp and what a great camp... it has been in operation for the last five years and they do it all on one ice surface... ice times run from 7am to 7pm... that's a long day! As an on-ice, lead instructor I was responsible for about 5 hours of this time each day and there is a lot of standing on a cold ice surface... your joints and back can get pretty stiff and sore... I'm not complaining, but, as I get older it gets a lot tougher to be out there for long periods of time. In fact, here is a prayer I said on my way to College Station...

"Dear Lord, today is really a struggle. Heading to College Station, Tx., I seem to hurt physically and it is hard to keep my thoughts focused. Jesus you have made me a new person and I need to let you work through me to your praise and glory. Lord, I pray that I would be a good servant at camp. In Jesus' precious name I pray."



**Playing a competitive game with the campers:
notice the Texas flag at the end of the arena...**



Not your normal hockey camp atmosphere: Texas A&M dorm

The whole time at camp the outside temperature was 102 degrees everyday... in fact, there was one place in the rink on the ice where it felt like a heater blowing hot air on you... at first I thought someone had turned on the heating system but then I realized it was probably a place where they were missing some insulation...

Also, I would like to invite people to view a chapel at the Texas camp... here's the link to the website if anyone wants to take a look.

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/16262291>

Just a note... it is a free site and they put some advertising into the video. This link takes you right to the night when I gave my testimony and gospel presentation...

This was the first of three camps I had back to back. I was on the road for 19 out of 21 days... your prayers have allowed me to do this very important work for the Lord. Thank you.

Caronport, Saskatchewan

We had 3 groups and about 90 campers... this is such a great camp! It is in the middle of nowhere on the trans-Canada highway #1... actually it is the site of Briercrest Bible College. The town of Caronport has a population of 919 and a lot of farm land. The closest city is Moose Jaw, which has a





Chapel at the Caranport camp... We have one every night

population of 35,000. This camp is such an encouragement to me because there are so many young adults involved and taking leadership roles in counseling and on-ice instruction.

Three Hills Alberta

At this camp we also had 3 groups of campers... ages 8 through 17... as I have mentioned before, camps are such great places to present the gospel and teach hockey players about God and his plan for humanity. We even use bible stories on the ice when we are explaining the drills...one of these verses is from Matthew 7:24-27: Jesus telling the story about building your faith on a rock... a firm foundation, versus building it on sand... it carries over to a firm foundation in hockey, being balanced and lower to the ice so that you can be a better hockey player, too. One of our campers even commented that he loves to come to camp because it is like being on spiritual steroids for a week... but with none of the bad effects of real steroids...

Thank you again for standing with us as we ministered to all of these campers over the summer...



Prayer & Praise:

Praise God for a family for B.J. to stay with in Aurora, Ontario... A last minute answer to prayer and a blessing of a home away from home with two brothers!! (And a mum who wants to do his laundry!!) (And a dad who is teaching them about mechanics and cars!!) Please pray for Alex as the hockey season starts up again... for God's favor for chapels on the Black Hawks, and in the NHL...with the Wolves (they are now affiliated with the Vancouver Canucks NHL team) with the new expansion team in the ECHL, the Express... and with the Steel... Misty is getting married next June, praise God for Brandon, her fiance... a Godly young man... please pray for Misty and Debbie as they take care of details... the Liberty Girls' hockey team is staying at our house at the end of the month... 18 girls but no stinky hockey bags in the house. Please pray for B.J. playing Jr. hockey in Toronto... and Samantha is looking for a new job... she truly loves the special needs adults she cares for, but cannot support herself financially with her income there.