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Hallelujah Amen Praise the Lord Rejoice

We love you TW90 and TW91! Welcome to your Tidewater Emmaus Community.

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Thanks so much to the entire team that made these walks exactly what they needed to be for His (our) pilgrims. Tidewater Emmaus you are a community of love and caring and answered prayer. We pray that everyone involved in these weekends: pilgrims, sponsors, teamers, community support team, community members, agape angels, Airfield conference center staff, and our prayer vigil participants felt the awesome love of God throughout TW90 and TW91. We pray that you continue to feel His embrace around you every hour of the day. Big hug! Bless you all!

--Tidewater Emmaus Board

The Test When You're Tested



I'm a soccer mom. I never thought I'd be a soccer mom, but that is what God planned, so go team! Recently my son lost a very close game by a shot that was taken after the official time of the game expired. This means that the game should have ended in a tie, but the referee allowed the game to continue for two additional minutes and failed to acknowledge that the scoring player was in an illegal position. It felt so incredibly unfair. It was a tough loss for the kids and their coach handled it quite well. The parents were another story.

Some parents demanded answers from the referee in a not so pleasant manner to the point where very ugly comments were exchanged. How much of this exchange was witnessed by the kids I'm unsure, but it got me to thinking about how we act when we're truly tested.

The Walk to Emmaus is all about developing Christian leaders and Disciples of Christ to go out into the world and be His light. In all of our words and actions we are to model Him. When you're frustrated or just REALLY ticked off it's easy to forget whose you are and who you are following. I was upset by the pain and heartache that my son had to endure, but I know in the end His plans are much more important than anything I have in mind. It appears that there was a "coachable moment" by the ultimate coach. What was He trying to teach us?

Leadership skills are one of the key things kids learn in little league sports. When it comes down to it, very few if any kids in the local youth leagues will have the sports acumen to achieve a spot on a professional roster. However, nearly every little leaguer will someday be a leader in their community, church, place of business, or family. It seems to

me God was reaching out to the kids and parents to teach us something about leadership.

Leaders have to be leaders at all times in their life, especially in the face of adversity or disappointment. Leadership is not about being boss, it's about setting examples. It's about believing in the best in people. God is calling us to always act like Jesus in everything we do, whether it is with strangers or people who have known us forever. It is in the most negative situations that God is testing our leadership and our commitment to Christ-likeness.

Just a simple prayer before reacting to a frustrating situation will set you straight and prepare you to handle it with Christ-like leadership. How wonderful it would have been for the soccer team to see parents come together and pray before they said a word at the end of the game. The kids would have learned so much more than passing and shooting skills. They would have learned a true life skill that would have an impact on the world. That didn't happen ... but we can pray that we'll get there. 😊

With the completion of TW90 and TW91 Tidewater Emmaus has nurtured 52 new Disciples of Christ. These 52 people will be the light of Jesus and will bring Christian leadership to their Church, families, and maybe even the sidelines! It is our prayer that we have equipped you with ideas and an abundance of love that helps you to be a Christian leader no matter the challenges that life brings.

Our study buddy is Jesus, with His guidance we can pass any test.

Praying that you have the heart of a pilgrim.

– Lea Anne



"On the web" provides you with a snapshot of the changes that are taking place on <http://www.tidewateremmaus.org/>

The TWEB Assistant Music Director continues to prepare a list of those who are musically inclined, please contact him (alan_foster@verizon.net) or go to our [facebook](#) page for more information. Thank you to those who have already responded.

Pray and let the Lord lead you to help. Contact either the MD (rancar81@cox.net) or AMD for more information.

Walk Pictures

We have quite a few walk pictures for our Photo Album but we still need more. If you have any walk pictures/team/pilgrim lists that can be helpful and bring back the heart of a pilgrim in you, please share.

Reunion Groups

If you are looking for a reunion group, there are several open groups listed on our website. If you know of an open reunion group, please forward the information to the Continuity Director (training/reunion groups) (jordanpeq62@yahoo.com)



Don't forget to check out the summary of Board meetings on <http://www.tidewateremmaus.org>. It's on the home page under "Current News".

If you have other ideas, just send them to me at: bassai@cox.net.

We have all heard the saying, "Big Brother is watching". Our Big Brother is Jesus Christ and we know He is watching. Is He seeing us show love to one other or another human emotion?

With His patience,
Jack

Community Roster Update



We are still in the process of compiling the roster so this article will be a standard entry until the task is completed.

In order to make sure our records are up to date, we ask that you send an e-mail to me (arniel@verizon.net) with the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Church affiliation
- Walk ... (if it is not TW, please write out the name)
- E-mail address
- Any position you have held with the community

If you filled out a card at any of the last three gatherings, I already have you in the system. DeColores, Arnie

The Ultimate Sponsor

When we think of an Emmaus family, we often vision friends who come to gatherings, candlelight, closings or are in our inner circle that we have sponsored, teamed or walked with. Some even think of the International community like those in Australia who we recently shared so many prayers and e-mails.

I recently had the privilege of being introduced to two very remarkable Emmaus women who redefine the term "Emmaus Family". They have traveled thousands of miles to share the love of Christ, their experiences, and sponsor family members who are dispersed throughout the country. They are all beacons of His light but the brightest is the 81 year old matriarch named Millie Skinner.

It all started in 2002 when Ellen Johnston one of Millie's five daughters and her husband Allen walked with the Sunrise Community in Kingsport, Tennessee. As we all know, no one gets excited during their walk, but Ellen did.

She hit the mountaintop and propelled herself and family into Christian Action and couldn't wait to talk to the rest of the family about her Emmaus experience.

Her first call was to her mother Millie who lives in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Millie and her husband were so moved they decided to let Ellen sponsor them. Ellen sent the applications to Millie's community and just prior to the approval letter being received, Millie's husband went to be with the Lord. The Emmaus community spread a blanket of Agape love around Millie and in 2003 she walked. For many people, their story would stop here, but instead of an ending, it became a beginning.

Millie went to Holland, Michigan in 2004 where she sponsored her daughter Thelma Hallack and her husband Duane. It was then off to Indiana for this energetic senior to sponsor Robert and Diane Hill (daughter number three).

I met Millie during candlelight for TW90 where she was eagerly waiting for her son-in-law Richard LaVanway to experience this awesome event for the first time. Two weeks later during TW91 as I was searching for Millie, I had the pleasure of meeting her sponsor Ellen who came from Tennessee to support her sister Joan LaVanway during her walk.

There is one more daughter that lives in North Carolina who is being prayed over constantly by her family and there is little doubt in my mind, that this Christ driven octogenarian will sponsor her in the near future.

Since Millie walked in 2003, not only has she taken her daughters and their husbands to that mountaintop but has inspired many of her grandchildren to rediscover Christ through the "Walk to Emmaus". I firmly believe when she has sponsored the rest of her family, she will be traveling around the country looking for other families to take on the "Walk to Emmaus".

A friendly Christian word of advice. If you don't sponsor the rest of your family Millie will.

DeColores

Jack



As many of you are aware, South Africa will be hosting the World Cup Soccer during June & July 2010.

The Disa Emmaus Community in Cape Town, will be holding a 4th day gathering on Saturday, 19 June 2010. We would like to invite all members of the international Emmaus and Chyrnalis communities who will be in Cape Town on this date to join us, along with their families and friends for this gathering.

Our community will be preparing some delicious local food to share with you and are very excited about meeting as many members of the Emmaus & Chyrnalis Family as possible.

Venue:

Bethany Full Gospel Fellowship
225 Lansdown Road
Claremont
Cape Town, South Africa.

Music



We have been extremely blessed by the outpouring of Agape shown by the community. Much of our deteriorating inventory has been replaced, however, there is still much to do. We are still in need of donations for 2 - 30 ft speaker cables, 1 laptop, 4 microphone stands and cables and at least 1 projector. *Please contact either the CMD or ACMD for additional*

information.

DeColores

Randy and Alan

May Gathering



**The May Gathering will be held 15 May 2010 at
Main Street UMC, 202 N. Main St, Suffolk
(757) 539-8751**

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