

Dear friends, Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

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“I thank my God every time I remember you.” Philippians 1:3-6

I consider myself to be a very rich person; thanks to having so many great friends like you. What a blessing you are to my life, I deeply treasure each and every one of you more than words can say. I want to take the time to acknowledge all of you and say a big THANK YOU for the impact you have had on my life. It’s difficult to find the words to say how much you mean to me, but know that each and every one of you are very dear to my heart.

“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven”
Ecclesiastes 3:1 says

In the journey of life we often go through the seasons at many different times (spring, summer, fall, and winter), hopefully growing and learning from each one. This past year for me as been a very cold winter, yet at the same time I have seen the great faithfulness of God, shining through the darkness/cold in both big and small ways.

As you all know, missions have been and continue to be a big part of my life. After going to mission school in 2004, God bought me back to Ohio to learn what ministry and missions really is. God has taught me much through my family, Inspiration Hills Camp and the many other things I have been involved in. I now see it has all been apart of an even greater plan He has for my life. Wow, Praise God for His goodness and mercy!



Many of you may not know that I have resigned from paid staff at Inspiration Hills as of March 1, 2010 in order to pursue other doors of ministry. It has been an incredible privilege to serve at Camp the last 10 ½ years. I have learned so much, and have been inspired by so many people in different ways. I cannot begin to express how much the Camp has meant to me and everything I have learned from being in ministry there.



Much of who I am is because of my time spent with God, people, and creation in the Camp setting. Inspiration Hills camp has truly changed my life forever and I praise God for it. I trust God will provide new workers to continue His work and ministry with the Camp. I will miss many things- the quiet forests and streams, the energy of summer camps, the wildlife all around, but most of all I will miss seeing the people I have come to know through my time at camp.



I wish all the best and God’s blessings on Inspiration Hills and all those involved as I leave to begin a new season in my life.



As the seasons of life change every year, I have a new excitement welling up in me about the doors of ministry that I believe the Lord has opened. Spring is unfolding and I see dreams bought to life again of which were in the dark through the winter season. How great is our God? He is mighty to save that which He has created in His timing.



This summer I will be going to Tauranga New Zealand, June 2nd and coming back July 28th. I plan to work another school year at Ida Sue as an aide. In that year, I hope to set up the things needed to return to New Zealand sometime in 2011 for a long term stay of 1 to 2 years.

My dear friends Brendon & Deveri Albiston along with their 3 little boys + one on the way have just moved back to New Zealand. I am going to be helping with the boys but also helping them start the ministry God has placed on their hearts. The Lord has given me many gifts that will help in both areas. I am so honored to be able to use my gift to bless them in this way (serving along side of them). There are still many things that are unseen as to what it all means; so this summer I hope to grow in the vision and understanding of what God wants as a “doer of the Word”.



I am walking in faith not knowing all the steps as of right now, but very confident in the God who orders my steps. It will be a great adventure to see God work in big and small ways. God is a good God, and He is always faithful to work His goodness on our lives even in times when we do not see it.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Desiring to be about reproach I am working to carry all the expenses myself. Yet, as I kept praying about it and saw that there is great importance to having a team. I invite you to partner with me in prayer and also in any other way the Lord would lead you to. I am working on saving my money to go, but still need about 2,000. I do not have a tax- deductible entity set up at this time, but hope to at a later date. Please know that I believe prayer is powerful and I hope you will join me in that for the glory of Christ Jesus.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and hear what God is doing with me. All your prayers and support mean so much to me and may the Lord richly bless you.



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In Christ,
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John 3:30

“My nourishment”, said Jesus, “is to do the will of Him who sent me and finish His work” John 4:34