



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS NEWS

Making Christ Evident in the Culture of the YMCA

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Dear Friends of the YMCA,

YMCA ministry is going great! I spent the first 11 months on the job serving our staff and being out in the local Christian community casting vision and building more credibility. I have been able to meet with 49 Pastors from 34 different Churches and 25 leaders of other local Christian ministries. We already have 18 leaders that have shown interest in becoming volunteer YMCA Chaplains! I also was asked by the YMCA of the USA to travel to Purdue University to talk about YMCA Christian Emphasis with 60 CEO's and VP's at a YMCA Executive Leadership Conference for the state of Indiana. God continues to open many doors, please be praying for us as we continue to step out in faith!

Actively living out the "C" in the YMCA,



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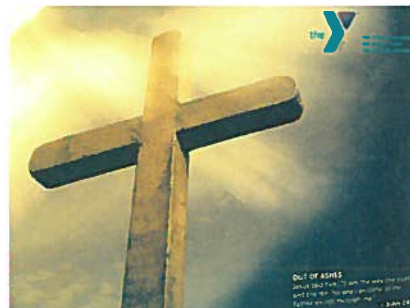
Financial Update

I am excited to share with you that God provided 100% of the needed funds for to successfully launch this new YMCA ministry position in 2013. Thank you to *everyone* who helped us meet that goal!

We also have a great start on the necessary funds that are needed for ministry in 2014. At this point, we are 78% funded and are believing that God will provide the rest of the funds. I would like to offer you the opportunity to financially be a part of what God is doing in the YMCA. Please know that every dollar you give will go directly to helping us make a difference for Christ in the YMCA locally, nationally and globally. You can also be assured that your donation will be handled with the utmost wisdom and integrity. Thank you in advance for the consideration and feel free to contact me if you feel led to help.

Good Friday Breakfast

On April 18th, the YMCA brought the community together to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. 780 people gathered at the Indiana Roof Ballroom to hear guest speaker Sujo John share his testimony of surviving the tragic events of 9/11 and how the Gospel changed his life. When we received the comment cards, we found out that 13 people decided to put their faith in Christ and 72 people rededicated their life to Him! I have spent the last two weeks following up with everyone to encourage them and pray for them!



World Mission Network

Two years ago we prayed that God would give us an opportunity to gather YMCA leaders from across the world to pray and talk about Christ in the YMCA. I am so excited to share with you that God answered our prayers and we will be meeting June 26th-29th in Colorado! We currently have 130 YMCA leaders registered to attend from 13 different countries including China, India, Germany, England, Columbia, and Zambia.

Please be praying for our time together as we continue to make all of the plans for this historic event. Many are believing that this gathering will be a significant moment in the spiritual history of the YMCA movement. The YMCA was initially birthed in prayer and I believe if we continue to pray, God will once again do something mighty through the YMCA!