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AFCM Xtreme Passion Youth Camp

It was another successful time together at our fifteenth annual AFCM Xtreme Passion Youth Camp in Minnesota. One of the campers described it as follows:

"This year at Xtreme Youth Camp was my first time and it was so awesome. Someone once told me that the definition of awesome is something that leaves you in awe, and this week, God left me in AWE!" - Z.

The word "awesome" is often overused but in this instance it is an appropriate word to describe the camp. God did some awesome things, once again!

Campers were taught to be true disciples.

One of the main messages from the Lord to the campers was about discipleship. A true disciple is someone who is determined to know God intimately and to fulfill His plans and purposes. Listen to these comments:

"This year at camp has truly changed my life. Learning what it takes to be a true disciple has definitely laid down a foundation in my life." - B.

"The services at camp have changed my way of thinking about what Christianity is. I have a passion in my heart to follow God with every part of my life and be a true disciple." - J.

"I came to camp expecting to increase my relationship with God. What I had was good, even great. Reading my bible, praying, and going to church was going excellent for me. But, I felt that I was needing something more than that, like I was poised to take the next step. That next step, discipleship, was one of the things God taught about all week." - J.

"The services were indescribable. I learned so much. The message was EXACTLY what I needed this year - learning how to be a disciple." - A.

"I learned the difference between just knowing Jesus and being a disciple." - E.

The ministry was at a level in which God was exhorting and teaching this generation of young people to take their relationship with Him to a

higher place of purpose and passion. I believe the following anonymous testimony describes it well:

"I came to camp with a desire to be a set apart woman of God. I now have the knowledge to start that relationship that I desire to have with God. My testimony may not be one of a super-amazing healing or of words from God or major movement through by life, but it is of growth and learning. I am taking home the skills I need to be a true disciple and I am ready for it to begin. I am ready to go home and be that follower, true worshipper, and witness."

There was a fire from God that was ignited in the hearts of the campers. It was especially evident during the Thursday evening service.

"During the AFCM Family Reunion I got a really strong desire to have more of a burning passion for Christ. I came to camp expecting to get that fire, and boy, did I get it. On Thursday night, the Spirit was really strong and as we prayed in tongues, a fire sprang up in me that I am determined to keep blazing." - L.

Many dedicated themselves to God.

As a result of this kind of ministry, we witnessed many dedicate their lives to the Lord and be filled with the Spirit and power. Here are a few samples of the many testimonies that were received:

"I have always wanted that intimate relationship with God, but never wanted to make the sacrifices. I rededicated my life to the Lord and really began to enjoy reading the Bible. On Thursday, I replied to the baptism in the Holy Spirit altar call and successfully spoke in tongues." - S.

"I feel like I have grown to the next level in my relationship with God. I also replenished my speaking in the Holy Spirit and got healed." - N.

"When I came to camp I was just a Christian and didn't have a close relationship with God. Now, I am closer to God and know Him better." - E.

"Camp this year was extra amazing! I have been a Christian for awhile but I just really needed to be recharged, and that's exactly what I got!" - T.



Brad's Itinerary:

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Aug. 3

AFCM Meeting
Savage, MN - Aug. 14

Glory to Glory Church
Lakeville, MN - Aug. 16-17

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Aug. 31, Sept. 7

Xtreme Life Training Center
Willmar, MN - Sept. 9-12

AFCM Meeting
Moorhead, MN - Sept. 12

Xtreme Life Training Center
Willmar, MN - Sept. 16-19

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Sept. 21

AFCM Meeting
Helena, MT - Sept. 22

AFCM Meeting
Billings, MT - Sept. 23

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Sept. 28

AFCM Meeting
Sioux Falls, SD - Oct. 2

AFCM Meeting
Des Moines, IA - Oct. 3

AFCM Meeting
Auburn, NE - Oct. 4

Xtreme Life Training Center
Willmar, MN - Oct. 7-10

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Oct. 12, 19

We received reports of several that were born-again, some healed, and somewhere between twenty and thirty that were filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues.

"I learned that speaking in tongues is actually real and got baptized in the Holy Ghost." - J.

"God enabled me to speak in tongues." - D.

"I got baptized in the Holy Ghost and I feel more on fire for Him than I have ever felt." - W.

There were great times of prayer and worship!

Again, this year, the campers were given time to pray and worship together.

"I loved all the time we got to pray and talk with my God. The worship was really great because I really got to love Him." - Z.

"I found a new freedom in worship. I truly worshipped from my heart for what I think was the first time in my life." - E.

"I really liked the part of the service where we could go off and be alone with God. God has also given me a major dose of confidence." - V.

"This week of camp has been super awesome! God really ministered to me during prayer time and during worship, too. There was something so pure and good about the worship this year." - R.

"I had multiple, awesome times worshipping God. God refilled me with the Spirit after six years of being empty. That is amazing!" - J.

The workshops were new and productive.

One thing a little different this year was the addition of morning workshops. Thank you Jason, Josh, Dan, and Beth for your teachings. They were a great addition to the ministry of the camp.

"I really enjoyed the morning workshops, especially when the girls got to go with Beth." - R.

"I like the relationship service for the guys." - C.

I taught a couple workshops specifically for youth workers and pastors helping them to achieve all that God has called them to do.

As always, we had a crew of incredible adults that voluntarily served as Supervisors, Team Captains, Enforcers, General Helpers, and Nurse. We could not experience the success that we do without them. We thank everyone who so willingly served at camp. The following are some comments from the adults:

"This has to have been the best camp that we have taken our campers to, EVER! It is such an excellent balance of fun and intense spiritual training. I am very pleased and feel blessed to have been a part. Thank you for not only challenging me, but also my youth. We had one girl give her heart to the Lord and three filled with the Spirit. Wow!" - T.

"I have a lot of ideas to bring back. The entire ministry team here was a major blessing. Three of

my students went up for the Holy Spirit. I appreciate this ministry and all it does for the Body of Christ. I look forward to bringing my students next year and being more involved in the ministry AFCM and Xtreme Passion provides." - J.

"Xtreme Passion Youth Camp was a wonderful experience for me. The presence of God in the meetings was powerful and the teaching of the Word was anointed. I liked the leadership classes by Brad very much. They were a blessing to me. I will never forget this experience." - T.

We thank everyone for their part!

I want to thank the Lord for giving me the honor of ministering to such spiritually hungry teenagers. You all are awesome and I love you much!

I thank Randy Mitchell and the staff from One World Missions. I thank all the members of the worship team for their great ministry. I thank "Renegade" for helping with the worship in the morning sessions.

Thank you Xtreme Life Training Center graduates. You make me proud. Thank you, Joey, for helping with the sound and lighting. And thank you Patty, Nick, Jenny, Jeremy, Terri, LuAnn, and everyone else who gave so much to make camp a place where God can do His thing.

And last, but not least, I thank everyone for coming and allowing God to change them. Look what the Lord has done!

I am looking forward to the future development of Xtreme Passion and all that God has called us to do for the youth in AFCM. Here are some more testimonies of what God has done:

"This is my first year at this camp. I thought it was fun. I learned how to speak in tongues. I've been to other bible camps but this is the best one, no joke." - M.

"I loved camp this year. I love the relationships that were built. I love the devotion time together. The camp services are amazing. They are preparation for life. There are so many things that you can apply the teaching to." - J.

"I want to come back next year. This was the best ministry I have had so far." - G.

"This was my sixth year at camp and it was the best year for me, spiritually. I felt that I'm so much closer to God than I was before." - K.

"I'll be coming away from camp with something that I've never experienced - an absolutely BURNING passion for the things of God. I finally know what the true meaning of Xtreme Passion is. Thank you so much, Brad and Patty, for being obedient to God and putting on these youth camps so that I can have an opportunity to take my relationship with my Heavenly Father to the next level." - J.

I hope to see you all back at camp next year!

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