Life at Jubilee #35

Time has been flying by! It’s hard to believe that we have been doing ministry as Jubilee Inner-Town Ministries for more than four years. 2013 is our fourth full year in the Trailer Park. Our little ministry trailer continues to be teeming with activity. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. They have carried us through these wonderful years. We’re excited to see what God is going to do in 2014 and beyond. Check out these pictures and captions!

Bringing People to Church

Jubilee Inner-Town Ministries is a partnership of churches. Part of our mission is to try to get people involved in local churches in the area. We are very thankful for the programs churches offer and the community and worship people can find on Sunday mornings. Cody Missionary Alliance Church has great programs for kids and youth. Each week, Jubilee brings elementary kids to “High Point” on Tuesday evenings, and youth to “Ignite” on Wednesdays. Jubilee kids and staff participate in the annual VBS program there each August and also the one at Open Gate Fellowship. Several families connected with Jubilee have begun getting involved in Cody Foursquare Church. Two ladies who came to Christ through Jubilee were recently baptized there!
WAF KidzKamp 2013

What a great year at WAF KidzKamp in Douglas! Jubilee was able to bring 19 kids plus staff families. 17 kids were fully scholarponsored to come. Louis Kousoulos from Powell was our speaker. The kids loved him. Our missions world-view activity focused on famine in Africa. The kids missed a meal, did several simulated famine activities, and even built a mock Tilapia pond. We love having the opportunity to bring kids to a place where they can devote their entire week to focusing on their relationship with Christ. 83 kids came from around the state to participate - 107 people total. Jubilee plays an important role in directing and staffing the camp. The 2014 dates will be June 16-20.

Family Camp at Wannabe

As the Summer winds down, and families start looking toward a new Fall routine, Ron and Janice Adams open their small Christian camp available to Jubilee. Camp Wannabe is a beautiful little facility south of Powell right on the Shoshone River. We normally have a fairly small group of families coming, and our time is not very structured. But, it’s a great time for everybody to enjoy the pond, the river, the wildlife, and the time together. We are blessed to be able to return to Camp Wannabe each year!
The Cody Mission Project

If you looked carefully at page #1 of this letter, you probably noticed how small our little trailer is, and how much is going on in it. We need more space! And, God is providing for that. The day before Thanksgiving, we closed on a property right across the alley from our trailer. It’s a half-acre lot with a small house on it. It is surrounded by the trailer park on three sides. That property is known as the Cody Mission Project.

For tax purposes, Jubilee does not own the property. It’s owned by Cody Foursquare Church and designated for our ministry. The plan is to put in a playground, basketball hoop, community garden, and game field. The house will be remodeled to make it more useful for classes, small groups, and various other activities.

Many people pitched in to raise the money for the property! A friend in Oregon donated $45,000 to be matched. People from the trailer park baked goodies and washed cars. We hosted a banquet to share the plans for the property. We sent out a mailing. We posted a link for donations on FaceBook. Churches and individuals in this area responded to these things gave generously. So, now we have it! And renovations will begin very shortly. I can’t wait for us to have some MORE ROOM FOR MINISTRY!
Cody Christian Church blessed us recently. They had some tickets to Acquire the Fire, a youth event that is held annually in Billings, and they gave them to Jubilee. Those tickets allowed Carolyn, me, Isabella, and four Jubilee middle schoolers to come to the event. They loved it! I was impressed at how clearly the Gospel was presented. Our evening discussions (in the home of our missionary friends, the Stombaughs) went long and deep. On the way home, the kids decided that they wanted to start a Middle School Bible Study to continue the momentum. That study is now happening on Monday afternoons and the kids alternate leading it. It is going great and growing. Thank you, Cody Christian!

The Cody Community Christmas Store just ran for the fourth year in a row! What a fun ministry. This year, we were able to serve 23 families who needed help with Christmas gifts. The Christmas Store asks participants to voluntarily pay approximately 10% of the value of the gifts they receive. This allows people to get some real help, but still gives them the opportunity to give gifts to their kids from themselves, rather than simply passing on toys and clothes from a ministry. The money that is collected goes to support ministries in Cody and abroad. Because of the focus on the Cody Mission Project, the store was a little smaller than normal this year. We’re hoping to rebound next year and serve over 30 families again.

Would you like more updates on what is happening with Jubilee? “Like” us on FaceBook and you will get information from us as things are happening. We appreciate your prayers! If you would like to support Jubilee, please make a check out to Cody Foursquare Church or Cody CMA and put “Jubilee” in the memo line. Send the check to 1002 Park Ave., Cody, WY 82414. The churches will add that amount to the missionary support they send Jubilee. If you have any questions, please contact me at (307) 272-3095 or e.mail me at JubileeInnerTown@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless!