



# The Frontier

Special Issue  
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Please pray for The PHOS Team  
Back Row: Brady, Vern, Matthew, Terry and David.  
Front Row: Team Leader-Deonn, Erica, Kristi, Sara,  
Bethany and Susan.

## "The PHOS Team"

Hello again! As some of you may know, I have joined staff with Youth With A Mission (Y-WAM pronounced Y-WAM) missions training center in Tyler, Texas. YWAM is an international inter-denominational humanitarian and missions organization with over 7500 full-time volunteer staff, 25,000 short-term missionaries in 500 mission centers in 120 countries.

This past January I joined the College Mobile Team-The PHOS Team, PHOS meaning the Greek word for light. Our theme verse is Matthew 5:14,16 and says, "You are the light (PHOS) of the world...Let your light so shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." We minister to college campuses across America through dramas, live music and teachings to encourage others to love God, serve Him and make Him known. American's colleges and universities are a mission field where 8 out of 10 Christians that attend fall away, our future leaders are trained, and 80% of world leaders are educated.

## "Responsibilities"

To serve each other, develop our leadership abilities and help Deonn our team leader, everyone is given several jobs to perform. Among the responsibilities given are: van cleaning and maintenance, costumes cleaning and repairs, make-up, props for dramas, meals prep for on the road, hospitality for guests, pastors, birthdays and special events, thank you notes, cleaning the churches we stay in, itinerary, book table, mailing list, ministry and host home contacts, ministry reports and statistics, packing crew for the trailer, team prayer for ministry times, secretary, sound and stage set-up, and worship. My responsibilities are accountant, photographer, storage space for when we are on the road and driver for the van.

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### **"Jack"**

One of the first campuses our team visited was West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. There I met Jack, a student from China, after the weekly Wednesday lunch held across from the campus at a college ministry our team was working with. Jack had been in America for only a few months now and was open and interested in Christianity.

I answered his questions the best I could and then prayed for him. I bought him a copy of The Father Heart of God, by Floyd McClung and thanks to the people at the college ministry, gave him a New Testament. He was very pleased and I encouraged him to pray before he opened these books and ask God to give him clear vision and understanding.

### **"Logan"**

One time after a youth meeting at a church in College Station, Texas, the young people were asked to come forward if they needed prayer. A young man about 14 years of age named Logan came, as well did several others. He asked for strength and guidance to stand up against the other guys in the boy's home he was in. They were trying to get Logan to do not very nice things.

I prayed for him asking God to give him strength, wisdom, and encouragement to be an example to others at the boy's home. Before he left, I bought him a copy of Spiritual Warfare, by Dean Sherman.

### **"God Can Be Hurt"**

Recently, our team had the opportunity to tour Oklahoma and visit Kurt and Donna Ruhl. Kurt and Donna were a couple that went with me to Russia in October. I was having a very difficult time being away from many friends, but I befriended Kurt, Donna and their daughter Mary Grace and had a great time with them. One day when our team was in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Mary Grace a fifteen month old toddler now, walked over and touched a pretty box on a table. Now, Mary Grace was not suppose to do that so, as a loving mother, Donna disciplined her by slapping her hands.

I knew that God could be hurt since he created feelings, came down on earth as a man and experienced those emotions, and He gave us a free will to choose. Because, only in relationships with free will can one give and receive love as He desires for us and we to Him. But, if we can choose to love Him, we can choose to reject Him, even in the little things like touching a box on a table that we're not suppose to. I received a new revelation on how God's heart grieves because we do not choose Him when Mary Grace screamed from the pain of being disciplined. Oh, how my heart ached for her.

### **"Prison Ministry"**

While staying in Safford, Arizona, our team minister at a federal prison. We prayed and asked God that afternoon before the evening service at the prison, what dramas if any, testimonies or messages were to be given and by whom. It was believed that most of the speakers should be men. I agreed and I knew I was to be one of the speakers. I did not want to but, after thinking and praying about it I decided to go ahead and speak.

When I spoke that night, God gave me a word of encouragement to about 30 men that He knew each one of them intimately before they were formed in their mother's womb and has great plans for each of them to prosper and give hope and a future.

### **"Peru Bound"**

On June 18, I will be helping to lead a Season Of Service(SOS) outreach to Iquitos, Peru. SOS is a new YWAM short-term outreach program designed to expose people of various walks of life, to missions. I will be working with Danny from the high school mobile team, Deonn and Erica to help organize ministry, ministry prep., minister into the lives of the SOSers and minister to the Peruvians. We will be doing dramas, children's ministry, and teachings in church services, on the streets and in the jungle along the Amazon River.

Our team consists of 4 staff and 9 SOSers, 2 guys and 7 girls. The guys are ages 17 and 26 while the girls are 16-20. This will be the most primitive outreach to date for me plus, being in leadership position and an example to others therefore, I need your prayers.

### **Peru Prayer Requests:**

- Keeping my focus on Christ
- Adjusting and bonding to the SOSers
- Financial support for my taxes which was used to pay for the airplane ticket
- Strength to withstand the heat, high humidity, mosquitoes, chiggers and sickness

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### Peru Schedule and Beyond

June 18 Leave for Peru at 6:00a.m. fly Dallas, TX to Iquitos, Peru via Miami, FL  
19 Orientation  
20 & 21 Ministry Prep.  
22 - 25 Work Project  
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26 Church Service  
27 Day-off  
June 28 - July 7 The jungle, down the Amazon River!  
8 or 9 Street Evangelism in Iquitos  
10 Church Service  
11 Day-off  
12 - 14 Street Evangelism or Construction Work  
15 Tourist Day  
16 Leave Peru  
17 - 18 Days-off  
19 - 26 Work with Summer School of Training(SST) An opportunity for young people to get to know Christ and apply what they learn in the classroom on the mission field.  
July 27 - Aug. 3 SST Outreach to Matamoros, Mexico  
4 SST Debriefing  
5 - 14 Ministry with the team  
15 - 29 Break - Return to Cleveland - Yes!!!!!!  
Aug. 30 - Sept. 7 Mobile Team Retreat to Colorado  
8 - 15 Staff Conference and Ministry Prep.  
Sept. 16 - Dec. 9 Fall Tour  
Dec. 10 - Jan. 2 Christmas Break

### General Prayer Requests:

- Keeping my focus on Christ and having my daily quiet times
- For the team, a new van and that God will send another 10 people to join us
- Finding a way to get home for break
- Exercise by start jogging
- Monthly financial support to be at 100%(currently at 80% - \$480)
- A car, for meeting supporters and running errands while in Tyler, Texas

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July/Aug./Sept.  
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D. Kappeler picture here at a church in Bagazan, Peru, a village 60 miles from Iquitos on the Amazon River, giving the Sunday morning message.

## **"Peru Adventure"**

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This past June and July I was in Iquitos, Peru to help staff a Season of Service (SOS) outreach. SOS is a short-term outreach program designed to expose people of various walks of life to missions. I taught dramas and held Bible Studies for the SOSers, and served long-term missionaries by helping them make 20 benches for their church. As a group, we did our dramas mostly for church services in Iquitos where most of the audience were children.

## **"Jungle Experience"**

Iquitos was not the only place we ministered. We went 10 hours upriver at night to Bagazan, a village 60 miles up the Amazon River from Iquitos. Bagazan was a village with about 50 families (8-10 children/family) that had electricity from 6-10p.m. each night and no running water. If you wanted to take a bath, pouring collected rainwater on yourself or swimming in the piranha infested Amazon River was the way to do it. Yes, swimming in the Amazon was safe, unless you had an open wound or someone dumped animal guts nearby (or else - **Chomp!Chomp!**).

## **"Peru Summary"**

Overall, about five people accepted Christ and many seeds of Truth were planted in Iquitos, Bagazan, and three small villages. In fact when the next team from Tyler came the following month, about 30 people accepted Christ.

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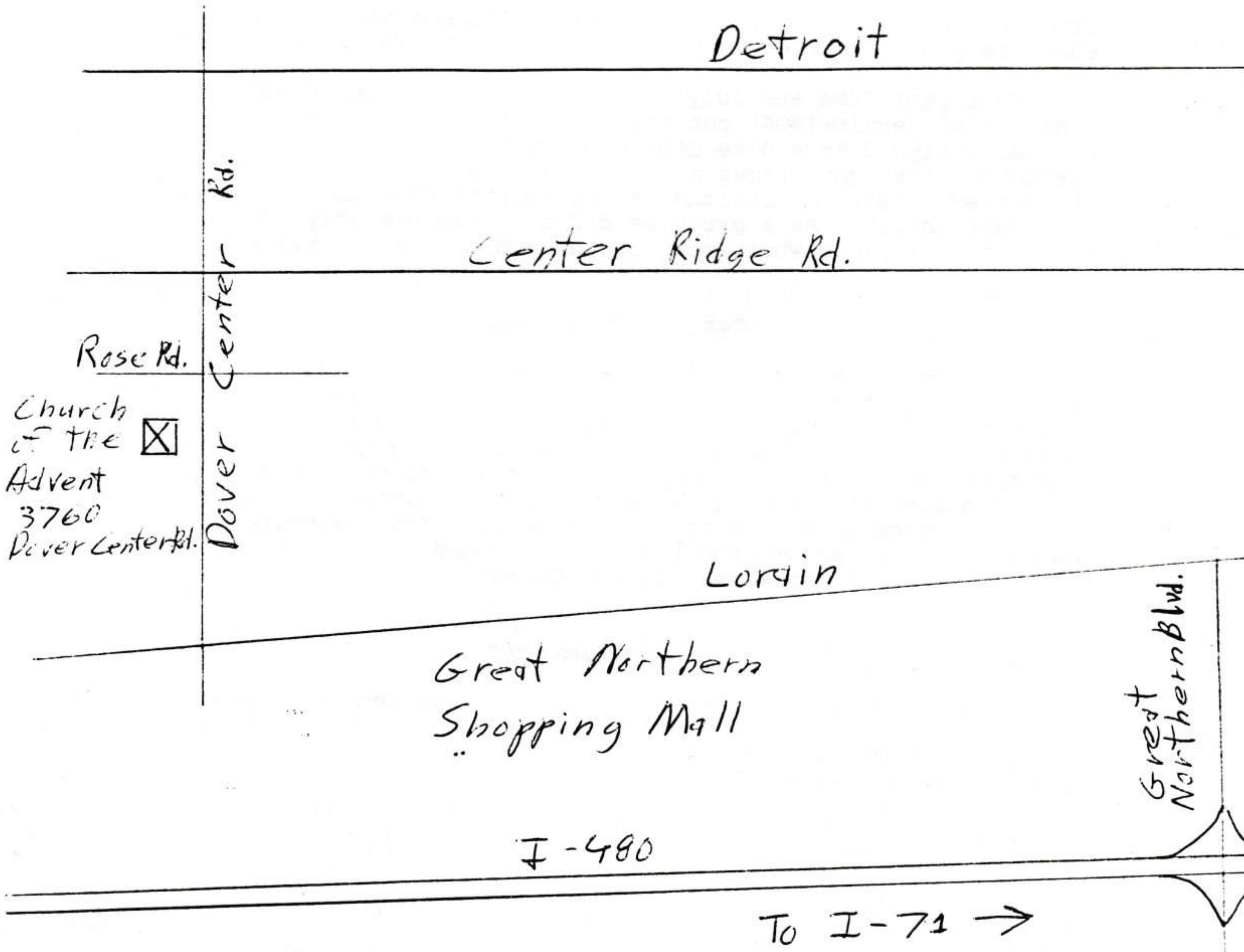
**"Fall Tour"**

As some of you may already know, the PHOS Team will be ministering and visiting most of our home churches and nearby colleges this Fall.

Here is a complete list of our schedule:

Sept. 16-22	Lawrence, Kansas	Nov. 1-8	Valparaiso, Indiana
Sept. 23-29,	Winkler, Manitoba	Nov. 8-15	Elkhart, Indiana
Oct. 2-4	Canada	Nov. 15-17	Berlin, Ohio
Sept. 29-Oct. 2	Winnepeg, Manitoba	Nov. 17-20	Cleveland, Ohio
	Canada	Nov. 20-22	Pittsburgh, Penn.
Oct. 3-11	Anoka, Minnesota	Nov. 22-24	Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 11-18	Moline, Illinois	Nov. 24-29	London, Kentucky
Oct. 18-Nov. 1	Des Moines, Iowa	Nov. 29-Dec. 8	Old Monroe, Missouri

If you would like to come and see our team do ministry, we will be at the Church of the Advent on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00p.m. The church is located at 3760 Dover Center Rd. in Westlake.



## **Thanksgivings:**

- Added three new people to our team(Ellie, Heather and Rod)!
- 12 people in training schools are interested in joining in January!
- Got use of a car to visit family, friends and supporters (Thanks Mom & Dad)!
- Received for my birthday a daily devotional called, "My Utmost For His Highest" by Oswald Chambers
- Friend gave me a portable cassette player
- Only had a mild case of diareha in Peru!
- Monthly support raised to 88%(\$530)!
- Financial support for my taxes which were used to pay for my airplane ticket to Peru, has been raised!
- Team purchased a new van(It has air conditioning,**yes!!!!**)

**Question:** What does this prove? **God is faithful!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## **Team Prayer Request:**

- Our focus will be on what God has for each of us every day
- Those who hear the call from God to join the team in January will obey(thereby increasing our numbers to 25) and that He will prepare their heart, minds and finances.
- Vision, wisdom and peace for Deonn our team leader, to understand and prepare for the major changes to come
- Prepare our hearts and minds for the huge growth and major changes to come in January
- Get new van paid off and purchase another in January

## **Personal Prayer Requests:**

- Keeping my focus on Christ and having my daily quiet times
- Having been selected to serve on the leadership council, God to give me grace, wisdom and guidance to help the team
- Quickly set-up itinerary for Fall Tour with churches and college Christian organizations
- Overcoming fear and anxiety in dealing with junior and senior high school students
- Find a way home for Christmas Break
- Start exercising by jogging
- Monthly financial support to be at 100%(\$600)
- Purchase a car for running errands while in Tyler, Texas
- Setting up itinerary for next summer's outreach to The Cook Islands(South Pacific)

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D. Kappeler pictured here doing opera evangelism through drama with The PHOS Team at The University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.

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Currently, I am serving with the PHOS Team (PHOS - the Greek word for "Light") ministering on college campuses through dramas and teachings to encourage others to love God, serve Him, and make Him known. These past three months were focused on visiting most of our home churches and area colleges. We traveled and ministered in Kansas, Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Missouri.

## "Case Western Visited"

While the team was in Cleveland we ministered with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Chapter at Case Western Reserve University. During the day we split into two groups and did dramas outside. To the ordinary person walking by we looked foolish, but we were being a bold witness to other Christians who were scared to share their Faith. There was a reason these certain dramas were done, and we believe it was to get people to think about "What is success to you?" and the InterVarsity Chapter video taped those people's responses to the question.

Later, at InterVarsity's meeting they showed some clips of people's responses earlier that day, turned the program over to us, and after we shared, ministered one-on-one through prayer and encouraging the students. After the meeting we had pizza and went home with the students and/or out to coffee houses. The next day we shared about missions, prayed for the students, and left that afternoon.

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### **"Nickname Acquired"**

Near the end of the Fall Tour our team did an all-night lock-in with high school students at a church in St. Louis, Missouri. At about 6a.m. when everyone was cleaning up the church, I decided to take a small nap in one of the pews after finishing my work duty.

I awoke later, looked at my watch, saw it to be 9a.m., and discovered everyone had left the church. I went around to try find to a way out, but all the doors were locked with a deadbolt from the outside. I found one phone which I had access to that worked, and called my team mates to notify them of my whereabouts. One thing was for sure, I could not get lost even if I wanted to. I had a whole church with nobody around to have a quiet time. What an opportunity! The senior pastor then came to start decorating the church for Christmas and found me. He let me out and later I regrouped with the team and henceforth acquired the nickname **"Deadbolt Dave."**

### **"Leadership Council"**

This past October I was designated to serve on the Leadership Council with two other men and two women. The Council is designed to help Deonn, our team leader, with the responsibilities of a growing team and act on her behalf in her absence.

The Council also helps take on more prayer responsibility for the group, give suggestions to Deonn, and in the future, disciple new team members.

### **"Winter Tour & Go-Fest Promotionals Schedule"**

January 3 - 16 Return to Tyler, Texas for orientation with new team members and ministry preparation.  
17 - 18 Vermilion, South Dakota  
19 - 23 Rapid City, South Dakota  
24 - 31 Laramie, Wyoming  
February 1 - 12 Amarillo, Texas  
13 - 16 Return to Tyler, Texas for Go-Fest Orientation

Jesus Go-Fest is YWAM Tyler's annual music and missions festival where people are exposed to various opportunities in YWAM and other mission organizations. There are also a number of workshops designed to help individuals and churches with their own missions programs.

February 17 - April 9 Go-Fest Promotionals in Dallas, Temple, Waco, Austin, College Station and Houston, Texas (except during Take Action)  
March 13 - 20 Return to Tyler, Texas for preparation for Take Action on the 18th

Take Action is designed to expose high school students and others to the various short-term summer mission opportunities in YWAM and a preview to Go-Fest.

April 10 - 22 Return to Tyler and prepare for Go-Fest on the 22nd  
23 - 28 Clean-up base and prepare for Spring Tour

### **Thanksgivings:**

- Added five new people to our team(Amy, Ellie, Ken, James and Rod)!
- Got use of a car to visit family, friends and supporters (Thanks Mom & Dad)!
- Received for my birthday a daily devotional called, "My Utmost For His Highest" by Oswald Chambers from friends
- Friend gave me a portable cassette player
- Monthly support raised to 80%(\$688)!\*
- Team purchased a new van(It has air conditioning,**yes!!!!**)

**Question:** What does this prove? **God is faithful!!!!!!!!!!!!**

\*Due to cancellation of Cook Islands Outreach for this summer, projected budget for 1995 is lower.

### **Team Prayer Request:**

- Our focus will be on what God has for each of us and a deeper more intimate relationship with Him than the day before
- Vision, wisdom, grace, and rest for Deonn our team leader
- Get to know and graft in new people with team
- To release Terry, and Vern when they leave the team
- Get new van paid off

### **Personal Prayer Requests:**

- Keeping my focus on Christ and having my daily quiet times
- Die to self(ishness)
- Selected to serve on the leadership council, God to give me grace, wisdom and guidance to help the team
- Overcoming fear and anxiety in dealing with junior and senior high school students
- More people will come to know and be part of this ministry through prayer and support
- Get next newsletter out on time
- Have 100% support - \$688
- A car to drive around Tyler & traveling to Ohio

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# Final Thoughts...

It has been an entire year since I joined The PHOS Team. Through God, I overcame and have grown from several challenges over this past year. I do know though that life would be boring without greater challenges and God is still working with me in many areas of my life. I still do not know what I will be doing a few years from now but trusting Christ is the first step.

This year I will be working with Summer School of Training (SST) for junior and senior high school students either as an administrator or staffing the school and outreaches. I look upon these young people as an MTV generation and me C-SPAN. I don't know how we are going to connect, but needless to say, I need your prayers for when the time does come this summer.

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# Personal Note

Dear Family and Friends of the Body of Christ,

Greetings from Texas! Lately my relationship with Jesus has been growing and I am having a great time.

Three years ago before coming to Youth With A Mission(YWAM), I was very involved in politics and at the time did not consider missions as an option in my life. In fact, when I was seven years old I wanted to be President of the United States, an astronaut, or a comedian like Bob Hope. But there was one thing I knew I did not want to be and here I am today, a missionary.

For the past few months I have come to an understanding of what it is to be content with God. I am content with where He has put me, what I am doing, and His provision. Since then, I enjoy even the little things God is teaching, and showing me daily. I am very thankful for Jesus bringing me into missions even though there are challenging times. It was a challenging time during our Spring Tour to Nevada, California and Idaho.

While the team's stay in Lancaster, California God asked me to get baptized. Not wanting to do it because of being too prideful, I shook it off and tried to forget about it. Remembering in the past, people getting baptized by immersion and I always feeling uncomfortable when seeing it done. But, God kept after me.

One week later, I was reading John 3:5 and came across the words, "...unless he is born of water..." When I read the word "water" something struck my spirit and knew it was God getting my attention. I then realized the need to be baptized if only out of obedience to Him.

On Monday, May 29th I got baptized(see pictures other side) by Kip who was my training school leader from two years ago. I look back now, being very grateful for choosing to obey our Loving Heavenly Father and destroying selfishness and pride in my life.

Finally, God has put it on my heart to get a car and use it for running errands while in Tyler and visiting family and friends at my leisure. Please pray that God will supply me with and, or the sponsorship to purchase and maintain a car.

Thank you for your time and please pray for this ministry that God has called me to. Take care and God Bless.

Your Brother in Christ,

David



Giving my testimony with Kip and Diana his wife, looking on.



Kip asks me and I give my public declaration of Christ.



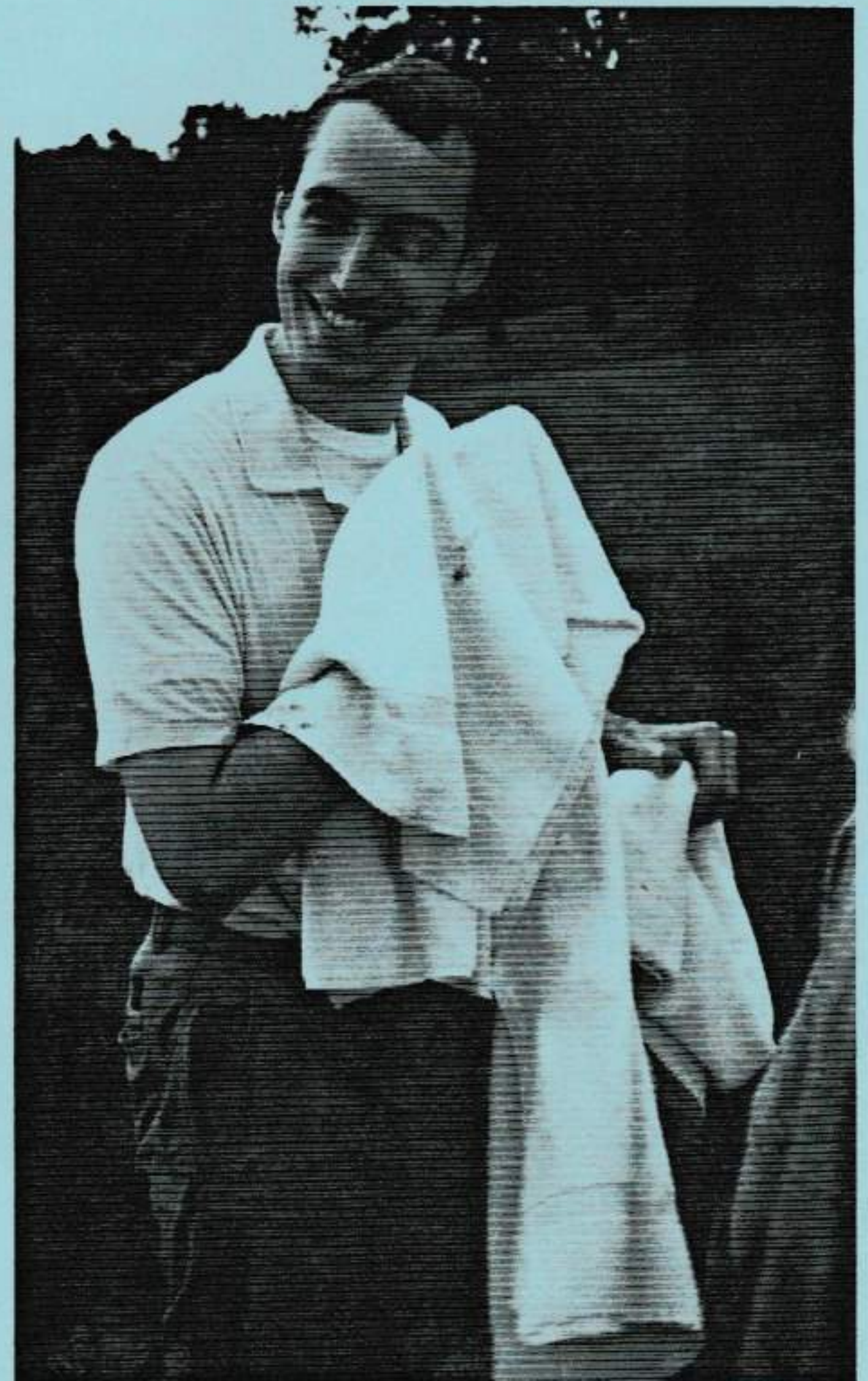
...going under...



...Kip praying for me...



...me giving him a hug...



...and drying off with a **smile!**