



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

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Dear Koinonia family,

If I remember the last newsletter, I told you I knew spring was close. My optimism has waned a bit since then as there have been 4 or 5 snowstorms, but I am sure its almost here.

It was a beautiful weekend on Flathead Lake for K-78, and the weather was just the beginning of the beauty. God was doing great big things all weekend, and it was so WOW.....That's the only word I can think of to describe it. Powerful and amazing, that's our God.

Welcome to our wonderful new family members. They were all delightful, as was the team God put together. All in all, it was just great. Thanks to you all for your faithful serving.

The next Ultreya is in Belgrade so we hope to see all of our Bozeman and east of the divide family then.

April 30, 2:00 p.m. with a potluck following at Brand and Josie's church, with a board meeting at 5:00 pm. The board has some business we need to discuss so try to make it. This will be your formal notice.

I really want to thank the team for their generosity. We collected over \$400.00 for the kitchen fund for the K-78. Groceries, as you well know, have gone up a lot making our food expense high. Thank you so much for your generosity and help. You are the best.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you on the 30th. I know we'll have a great time, so put it on your calendar.

God bless and keep you,

LaDon

To my K-Family,

I stand here in awe and wonder of how amazing our God is! I have the utmost peace that every single thing that happened on K-78 was exactly what He had planned. What an honor and a privilege to be able to be a part of such an awesome work of God. I got to meet the new members of our Koinonia family and I watched people grow right before my very eyes. There are no words to express my gratitude for the team that did their jobs and then jumped in whenever and wherever help was needed, all with a joyful attitude; you are truly an amazing group of people and I am blessed just to know you. A big thank you also goes out to Bridgitte, who did a wonderful job as assistant. Truly, the best is yet to come & I believe that K-79 will be even better, although I don't know how that is even possible, I just know it will be. Please pray for Bridgitte & Ryan as they embark on this journey. What a ride it is! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ultreya in Belgrade on April 30th and especially looking forward to seeing our new family members who were, only a short time ago, our K-78 participants. I thank you, my K-family, for your prayers, your time and your dedication through this season. What a wonderful & joyous journey it has been.

Your sister in Christ,
Lori Roys

WELCOME NEW PARTICIPANTS OF K-78 INTO OUR KOINONIA FAMILY

Tanya DeShaw
Carol Hansen
Amy Padgett
Lori Sande
Shirley Sheilds

Gary Gabisch
Kerri Kane
Willie Plouffe
Clint Shields
Ron Te Beest

The K-79 Weekend is September 23rd -25th at the Urseline Center in Great Falls. My assistant is the wonderful Ryan Webster. I'll be using Romans 12:2 for the scripture and the symbol will be the butterfly.

Love ya,
Bridgitte

ULTREYA

Where: C3 Church in Belgrade

When: Saturday, April 30th starts @ 2pm - potluck to follow (Board meeting @ 5pm). Invite other Fourth Day groups, such as Pathways, Cursillo, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus

Maps can be found at our lovely website
koinoniaofmontana.org

The following people do not have deliverable addresses: Frank and Tammie Cotton, Sandy Cameron, Evelyn Trimestra, Debbie Hougen, Jacob Newby, and Kari Reinschmidt. If anyone has any information such as email address or street address please send it to
koinonia.rainbow.connection@gmail.com

Participant thought of K-78

Koinonia was awesome! It was all that I expected and so much more! The love and acceptance from everyone blew my mind because of its genuine sincerity! It is so hard to describe it with words. It's something that everyone has to experience for themselves! God's hand was definitely evident throughout every aspect that made up K-78! It's a weekend that I will never forget!!!
Amy Padgett

From the minute we stepped foot at the Koinonia, we were told that 'The Best Is Yet To Come.' Each moment (time means nothing here), it was true. Just when we thought it couldn't get better, it did. Just when we felt that THIS was IT, something better came along. It reminds me of our faith. Each day we become closer in our love and devotion to our Lord. Each moment we feel that we are getting better at walking the Christian life. But it will all be amazing at the end because, truly, THE BEST IS YET TO COME!
Lori Sande

Capstone Christian Academy is an inter-denominational, non-profit, Pre-Kindergarten - 12th grade school in Butte, MT. I opened Capstone in the fall of 2006, with an enrollment of 15 students. We have now grown to 45 students and are expecting great blessings of continued growth from the Lord. The teachers are dedicated. We have many wonderful Capstone families who serve the Lord through donating time to the school. We had a wonderful donation of a swing set this year. One family donated a new laptop computer lab to the school. God has truly been blessing us!

The facility where we are currently located is in a wonderful location. However, we have outgrown it. Therefore, we are seeking donations to build four new classrooms off the front of our building. Over \$25,000 in donated labor has been promised, and, if we can raise the \$40,000 we need for building costs, we could begin adding on as soon as this June. We would like to open the new wing in September, just in time for the next school year!

In addition to the \$40,000 needed for building materials, we are also asking for an additional \$10,000 for furnishings and supplies (whiteboards, desks, chairs, lighting, etc.).

Please be in prayer about donating to Capstone. It is a wonderful cause and a school dedicated to training students in not only the academic areas, but also en-wrapping them in God's Word. All donations may be made out to Capstone Christian Academy and sent to PO Box 3074, Butte, MT 59701. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 406-782-7777. Thank you, and God bless each of you!

Healey Apted
Principal, Facilities Director, 1st-4th Teacher

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Bridgitte Pedersen and Ryan Webster as they prepare for K-79.

Chuck Lanes – knee replacement
Sandi Lanes’s Mom - pneumonia

Amy’s husband Matt Padgett – healing from back surgery

Wayne Garbarino’s uncle who just recently accepted Jesus as his savior

Arvid Bridgewater – continuous healing

Phill Spencer - health

If you have any prayer request for the next Rainbow Connection please submit them to koinonia.rainbow.connection@gmail.com before August 10, 2011.

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

I missed being with the K-78 team on the weekend. Thank you to all of my Koinonia family for your love and prayers for Chuck and I along with those for our family. My mother is recovering from pneumonia and Chuck is doing well after his 2nd knee replacement even though he contracted a case of pneumonia on the day he was discharged from the hospital. I especially want to express how delighted and blessed I was when I found the palanka bag left by the Chicken Angel in my car this week. My heart was touched and my spirit filled with joy! I VERY, VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO GIFTED ME WITH THE NEW LEATHER BIBLE COVER. I truly love and appreciate each member of the entire Koinonia Family.....and also a special note of gratitude to Martin and Brand for their awesome ministry to all on K-78 and their understanding of my absence. These are truly Godly men!

Grace, Love & Peace

Sandi



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the kitchen fund for K-78.

Gearing up now for K-79 and will be equally grateful for any donations. Please send them to **Lois Frazer, PO Box 244, Whitehall, MT 59759**

K – Kamp 2011

Mark your calendars!!!!

It’s time once again to gear up for K-Kamp. Mark your calendars for June 16-18, 2011.

The camp will be at Lyon’s Sunshine Camp by Elliston, MT. There is a lot of camping space but only 8 cabins so call soon to reserve your bed in a cabin. If you like to tent, there are nice bathrooms and shower house. Also, the mess hall is perfect for those who don’t have campers with cooking arrangements and want to prepare and cook their pot luck items there. There are also wonderful refrigerators for those who like to prepare ahead of time and have more time to play. Remember to bring donations for the auction. The proceeds of the auction go to the kitchen fund for Koinonia weekends.

There is electricity in the cabins for those who use sleep apnea gear. Also, for camp trailers there are limited spots to plug into electricity. Bring your own extension cord. These spots are first come, first serve and only available for those with sleep apnea machines.

Remember many hands make light work. Let’s all help out at meal times so we can all have lots of play time. Also, we all need to help clean the camp after breakfast on Sunday. This usually goes so well with our check off list. If you are interested in financing a child or two to go to camp (they need to go with their parents, of course) send \$\$ to Koinonia of MT, PO Box 244, Whitehall, MT 59759.

To reserve a bed or for more information contact Josie Sacry at 600-9385. More information will be available soon on the website.

Lot’s of fellowship, games, camp fire, music, worship, good pot luck food, fun, and memories will be shared.



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Found: red checkered vest call Lisa Fries for details @ 491-1541

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**Live simply. Love generously.
Care deeply. Speak kindly.**

Leave the rest to God!



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