



Summer 2007

THE MUNDEN MINUTE

Building *Relationships* and proclaiming the Gospel to *Rescue* men, women and children, see them *Restored* in Christ, and *Released* as God's allies to help build His Kingdom.

Freedom and Life...behind bars and beyond

We just recently concluded our *Wild at Heart* boot camp for 180 men at a Texas Prison Unit on Wednesday nights. One particular session focused on spiritual warfare, and how our identity in Christ is crucial in living victoriously. The Lord moved, not only in the hearts of those who are already followers of Jesus, but in the lives of 25 men who saw their need for the Savior and gave their lives to Christ! Many others are still seeking answers to their questions on matters of faith in God. This is a hard and unforgiving place to be. Pray for these men, for them to be restored. Pray also for those who now want to use their time in prison to impact the kingdom of God. We plan to continue the journey with these and other men as we are now in contact with the Director of Chaplaincy Operations about launching Men's Fraternity not just in this prison, but all over the state of Texas!

Speaking of Men's Fraternity, we just concluded a 24 week journey called *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*. Throughout our meetings of Friday mornings, some 60 men heard the message of what it means to be an authentic man. We will resume next Fall with a series called *Winning at Work and Home*, again targeting men and challenging them to become the men God has called them to be.

We also had our annual F5, a Father/Son event at the ranch in Greenwood. We had 70+ men and 40+ kids ages 8-18 for a day of shooting sports, fishing, hiking, archery... a time for men and boys to connect in a fun and meaningful way. We made dozens of new contacts with men and boys hungry to know more about our mission. This has been a great tool for meeting men so we can begin to introduce them to the message of life in Christ!

We are also launching our initial weekend in conjunction with other like-minded ministries (friends of mine) for high school seniors called *Crossover*. It is a weekend where we will take several young men through a ceremonial journey from boy-



A group picture of the men in the prison. who attended the Masculine Journey weekend. FREEDOM!!

Some of the guys hanging out after mealtime before breaking into their platoons (small groups)



Mark's friend Robby showing the boys how to shoot. What man weekend is complete without shooting firearms?

Mark's friend Steve counseling with a student after the session on Poser's, Faker's and Wannabe's



Mark teaching about the effects of men not being who they were created to be in one of the afternoon sessions



Some of the guys hanging out before Men's Fraternity on a Friday morning

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Steven (right) and some friends having fun on campus during the first week of school

In the Spring of 2001 Mark invited some junior high students at Armstrong Middle School to a burger bash outreach. Several of those kids who came got involved in our ministry to students at Williams High School. Mark began to meet with several boys each week for bible study. Over the next 4 years, Mark and these boys met for discipleship.

In 2005, these young men graduated from Plano East and started college. One young man, Steven, who some of you know and of whom most of you have heard through our newsletters, is at t.u. (that little college in Austin...). He is a student leader in The Navigators, helping to evangelize and disciple students on campus for Christ. He is studying Business and one day hopes to live overseas to minister to those in other cultures. Here is an excerpt from Steven's latest email update:

"I am eager about this year because I believe God has some fabulous blessings in store for me. The Lord has been teaching me that He wants me to "rejoice always" (Philippians 4:4) and enjoy my work (Ecclesiastes 8:15). Often times, I let the burdens of school rob me of my joy in the Lord. Therefore, I have resolved to rigorously guard my joy, especially in school, by maintaining a thankful heart.

Steven is like a son to us. Please join with us in lifting up Steven as he begins his junior year in college, and for his ministry to his peers.

Snapshots from the Munden House

Rachel (below right) is a Senior at Plano East and Lydia (below left) is a freshman this year at Williams High School



Bethany (above right) is a Junior at Plano East and Anna is in 1st grade at Dooley Elementary



Mark Jr. (above) made it to 6th grade in spite of pushing it to the limits like Dad (below)



The whole family around the fire during our summer vacation in Galveston



Bekah is in 5th grade at Dooley Elementary



All the kids at Kyle Field on a recent visit to Texas A&M