

## FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS



### Online Witness

God works in mysterious ways.

If you've ever been caught between that decision to phone in your order or work the web to place your order, you may have shook your head about the trials of navigating the web. But, when our phone company offered an online discount, we decided to take advantage of the offer.

Of course, the web snagged, we chatted with online support, they directed us to an 888 number for support who directed us to sales and service to complete the order we weren't supposed to make over the phone...hmmm.

Yet, when I gave "Robert" my e-mail address, he asked, "does that have anything to do with scripture?"

"Why, yes it does. My wife and I are in youth ministry."

"I'm a minister too, he said.

By the time we finished our business, we had talked about the men's event at Monterey and his desire to reach people through Myspace as well as in his California community.

"This concludes our business," he said, "but on a personal note, I'll check out your website, and God Bless."

How did God know I needed to talk to Robert that day...a mystery.

Amazing what kind of confirmation it is when we talk to a fellow believer that we've never met before. Reminds us that God is at work across our world not just in our immediate lives. How much that means when it validates his larger plan of unifying us as believers.

We thank God for you and all those who are at work in the kingdom of God.

# Youth In Christ Newsletter

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*Students at B. H. S. come together with the Power Core to pray for Aimee Robben's mom, Margaret who is battling brain cancer.*

## Community Support Everything in Christ

"We may complain about this place we live in from time to time, but when it comes to something like this, there is no place I'd rather live," said a parent closely involved in raising funds and awareness for fellow softball parent Margaret Robben.

That became really evident on August 31st at Burlington High School. At activity period (10:00 AM) we were set to meet with Power Core to plan Power Lunch for the following week. The small group of leaders agreed that since Margaret was going into surgery at that time to remove a golf ball sized tumor from near her brain stem, we would join in offering up prayers for her first. We had decided to open this up to the school as well, so one of our senior leaders, Kali Anderson, hurried to the office to make an announcement on the intercom inviting others to join us outside. As we waited the doors flooded with students and teachers pouring out on the pavement in front of the school. Kids jammed the doorways and

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GATHER. UNITE. PRAY.  
**come together.**  
John 17:20-23

See You at the Pole  
September 26, 2007



## Meeting us where we're at

As I heard a message this week about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in John chapter 11, there was a tangent message that caught my attention. Jesus arrives four days after Lazarus' death to be met by Martha who tells Him, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died."

Jesus takes the time to question her and teach her that "He" is eternal life. (John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?") Martha needed this attention and guidance - it met her at her need. However, when he calls for Mary he is deeply moved by her weeping, "Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'" Jesus met Mary just where she needed to be met.

## Fire Power taking on a new look

This year in an effort to meet kids where they're at, we are depending on help from parents who have heart for youth ministry. John and Becky Gramm have asked to be more involved after their experience with the youth retreat to Estes Park last spring.

Since the needs of 5th and 6th graders are different than 7th and 8th graders, they will be meeting with John and Becky at the youth center while we meet with junior high students at our house on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

We are depending on the risen Christ to make a personal impression on their hearts through this focused attention.

**See more about our ministry at  
<http://www.youthinchrist.net>**



*Closing a unity activity during their 1st meeting, youth group kids gather to pray.*

hung over each other to lift up their hearts for Margaret and her daughter, their classmate, junior Aimee Robben. As a result of the invitation about 100 students joined the urging of the Power Core to come outside the school to pray for Margaret and her family, just as she was headed into surgery .

With no camera available, that moment would be difficult to imagine, but a fellow teacher said, "I have my phone - I'll get it." Moments later she and another Power Core member were sending the image to Aimee who was in the waiting room with friends and family. Tears flowed down her face and the faces of those with her to see the heart of her peers revealed to her.

We were told, "There wasn't a dry eye in the waiting room." It did the same thing to many of the students reaching up and out with their prayers for Margaret and Aimee Robben. What a source of strength it is to know that even though one may not be "close" to all those kids or to the whole community, they felt her pain, empathized with the trials and had a desire to reach out and make a difference in Aimee's life, who needed that strength.

It can be overwhelming to see kids revealing God's heart for us; there we stand beside each other in a difficult time ready to fall to our knees. Over the next several weeks and months this community of believers is pledging to raise funds to help the Robben family deal with the monumental medical expenses, to receive encouragement and support in dealing with daily issues. So many want to help.

May we be the evidence of Philippians 4:19 (NCV), "My God will use His wonderful riches in Christ to give you everything you need." As vessels of a loving God, may our stand for others be His loving hands at work in a community of faith.

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