

Extreme Teens Are on the Move

In case you have not heard, there is a dynamic group of teens in the Northern New England Conference that God is really using! Fourteen young people from various parts of the conference have come together to make up the third annual Extreme Teens group. Under the direction of the prayer ministry leaders, this team has grown into an effective and well-trained group working to glorify God. Our goal is "Making Friends for Heaven," and our motto is "Unified to Glorify."

The Extreme Teens group was profiled in the January 3, 2004, edition of INSIGHT magazine. We are praising

God that He has blessed the conference with this ministry and some really awesome kids! Since the beginning of October 2003 the team has completed two intense training weekends, conducted week-of-prayer programs in our schools, helped with youth rallies and prayer retreats, and blessed churches in the conference with complete Sabbath worship services.

To find out more about their ministry contact Kelly Veilleux at (207) 465-2315 or kellyv2@midmaine.com.

*Kelly Veilleux, prayer ministries leader
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How the Extreme Teens Has Improved My Spiritual Life

Before I joined the Extreme Teens my spiritual life was in shambles. Often, I would commit to the Lord, but I never fully committed to Him. After a few days of scheduled private time in prayer and devotions, I would get sidetracked. A couple of reasons were, I saw devotions as boring, and I felt that God didn't listen to me. Also everything was regimented, my devotions didn't allow for any freedom. I soon would give up hope and start wandering again. I didn't realize that time alone with God is precious. It is the

only time during the day that I can give all my worries to God and truly rest from this world.

God has perfect timing. He brought the Extreme Teens into my life at exactly the time when I needed them the most and, through His leading, being a part of the Extreme Teens has shown me that your spiritual life isn't just your devotions, but it is life itself. Without a spiritual life you are dead! I joined the Extreme Teens because I noticed that they were alive, and I wanted that. I also know I needed

accountability to stay committed to Christ. They showed me that God loved me unbelievably, and that He was always there, especially when I felt alone. I have found that at times I still get discouraged, but I learned from this that when I feel down it is because I am being tested. If I hold on to His promises, I will emerge victorious with a stronger connection with Christ and a deeper understanding of His love for me.

*Stephanie Heath
Extreme Teens member*

St. Johnsbury Church Is Actively Involved in their Community

Because of the first ever New Year's Eve witnessing adventure by the St. Johnsbury Seventh-day Adventist Church, several community people are now involved in Bible studies and others soon will enroll in vegetarian cooking classes.

On the last day of December 2003 the St. Johnsbury church participated in the town's "First Night," an alcohol-free, seven-hour program consisting of numerous entertainment and food venues. The church's theme of healthful living through diet and exercise included vegetarian food samples, blood pressure checks by Dr. Marvin Kendall and Carolyn Harris, a registered nurse, a literature evangelist's display of pertinent brochures and books, and, most importantly, one-on-one conversations with visitors to the booth. The questionnaires that were available for visitors elicited their inter-

est in cooking classes, stop smoking seminars and Bible studies.

For several months, a Friday night Bible study group for young adults has been meeting at the home of the head elder, Michael Hawkins. As a result of the "First Night" flyers handed out, several people have joined the Bible study group.

In addition, because of the well-attended classical music performances by the Charlestream family and friends during the evening, and the rapport between Kathy Charlestream and the event's community coordinator, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been asked to be on the planning board for next year's "First Night."

We see this as a strong beginning to our church's involvement in appropriate community events.

*Judith Kendall
St. Johnsbury church*

Washington Church Annual Meeting August 7, 2004

The Washington church Annual Meeting will be held on August 7, 2004. Dr. William Liversidge of Creative Growth Ministries will be the speaker for the day. This will be the first meeting in the building since reconstruction began in the spring of 2002. The congregation invites you to come and enjoy the restored building and participate in its rededication as well as our own.

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