

The Davis Update

Dear Friends,

November 5, 2007

The other day Marybeth and I were playing checkers. Usually Daddy and Laurel are her checker buddies, but this time Mommy was up to bat. I figured I'd go easy on her. After all, it's no fun to never win and Laurel and Daddy make her work for it. Next thing I knew she was double and triple jumping me and had me down to one man with nowhere to move that I wouldn't get jumped. Never underestimate the young.



When I was in high school, an older friend gave me the verse 1 Timothy 4:12... "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." I've watched a dear friend who just became a Christian in the last year or so share things she's learned because she is constantly watching for what God wants her to learn and looks for every opportunity to learn more about Him. What a joy she is to listen to as she shares what she's learning with pure enthusiasm and humility. The students we are working for are living their faith out loud. Their lives, their words, and their actions all sing of what God is doing in and through them. And they are going out to let the rest of the world in on what they've found, in their dorms, their classes, their neighborhoods, their countries, and other nations. Never underestimate the young. Thanks for loving and serving them with us. And whatever age you are, you're young to God, so don't underestimate what God can do through you. After all, He's using you to reach college students!

Thanks for partnering with us,

INTERNET OUTREACH

What if we could catch students even before that critical first 72 hours on campus? Lately the Campus Ministry has been working on that very thing. We are joining the Youth Transition Network in a national YouTube outreach to high school and college students. Along with several other student ministries we are promoting a YouTube video, and you can, too! You can see it at this link:

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G06GX1TfRGs>)

We have three desired outcomes from this outreach.

- High School Seniors will use LiveAbove.com to connect with a local campus ministry, long before they arrive on campus.
- College students who are experiencing the difficulties depicted in the video would connect with a ministry through LiveAbove.com.
- Parents, youth leaders, and pastors will be able to motivate, prepare and connect students to our ministries before they leave home.

Working together we can place the video on the front page of YouTube and reach out to millions of students.



COMPUTER CERTIFICATIONS

ITIL. I what? ITIL (sounds like "I till"). Jarvis's newest certification. It stands for Information Technology Infrastructure Library. It is a certification designed around a set of "best practices" for a technology environment. Jarvis took a two and a half day class and passed the certification exam in August. This training will help him make better decisions as he implements the technology systems that he is working on. Jarvis also took and passed the certification exam for Windows XP at the end of June.

IMPROVING TECHNOLOGY

Jarvis is working on implementing System Center Configuration Manager 2007. Try saying that five times fast. This will be the platform that will help Jarvis to fulfill the vision he has had for simplifying the management of a large number of computers at our headquarters and regional offices. Many of the features that SMS (the previous version of SCCM) offered for managing computers (Operating System installation, program installation, patching, inventory, etc) have been greatly improved.

These improvements will enable our ministry to quickly begin utilizing the system to improve the reliability of the computers that our staff use to do their jobs of reaching college students for Christ. It will also dramatically speed up the process of fixing computers when there are problems. In many cases this will mean that the computer could be fixed in a matter of hours instead of days.