

Bible College Grads Taking Their Stand



Nations Harvest Bible College celebrated its first graduation ceremony on the Heartland campus this spring. The school was founded in Kirksville, Missouri, eleven years ago and moved to Heartland last fall as a joint effort between Heartland and the founding church, Covenant Life Fellowship. The graduation ceremony took place during Easter services at Heartland Community Church, making it a double celebration.

Leslie Acevedo of Chicago, Illinois, spoke to fellow graduates during the ceremony and challenged them to become a different kind of generation on the earth. "Let's really become the kind of disciples who will build churches that can disciple the nations," she said. Leslie is already busy living out her message. During her time at NHBC she has been an active member of the worship team and has traveled extensively with the tour choir known as City of Praise, taking every opportunity to preach the gospel to large crowds or small groups of people. She also demonstrated her love for God by serving as an assistant in one of the group homes at Heartland. Those ten young boys helped forge Leslie's determination to make the world a better place through the power of Jesus Christ.



The twelve-member graduating class at NHBC received Leslie's message with enthusiasm, because they are all dedicated to the same cause. After graduation some of them will be returning to their home churches to work and serve in both the church and the local community. Others are remaining at Heartland to pursue more education or to work in the ministry.

Those who remained are already back in the classroom for the summer session of NHBC. Six weeks of intensive classroom instruction will be followed by six weeks of internship, where students will apply their growing knowledge in practical ways. A few students will serve their internships in distant cities, helping with summer outreach programs. Others will take part in the six weeks of youth and children's camps scheduled at Heartland.

No matter where they serve this summer or where they go in the future, this



group of young people has taken a stand for no compromise in their lives. They are committed to loving God more tomorrow than they do today and to loving one another that same way. That kind of passion really can change the world.

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BIBLE COLLEGE

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FROM THE PASTOR

Graduation Day



Charles Sharpe

It was a privilege to see a number of students graduate from our Bible College in April of this year. Nations Harvest Bible College moved to Heartland in the fall of 2002 after being located in Kirksville, Missouri, for

more than ten years. The move has allowed the school to expand and also offers a great opportunity for graduates of Heartland Christian Academy. Some of our students from Heartland are already attending the Bible College and furthering their education.

But graduating from a Bible college, any Bible college, is no guarantee of a successful life or ministry. The years of study, the intensity of focus, and even the hours spent in church services, chapel, or corporate prayer will not make a man or woman of God.

The only thing that does that is a personal walk with Jesus Christ. I know the young people graduating from this school will do mighty things. They will probably be bank presidents and insurance executives, fiery evangelists and compassionate pastors. They will be all kinds of things and do any number of good works in the Kingdom of God.

But here is what I really want to see: I want to look at their lives ten years from now and see people who have some character. I want to find men and women who have worked steadily at their jobs, whatever those may be. I want to find husbands and wives who have remained faithful to one another and parents who are raising their children in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. I want to see families living with a standard of decency which has almost disappeared in our country today.

We will plant great churches with graduates of our Bible College. We will send out missionary teams and see entire cities and nations affected by their efforts. But some of the most important impact we can have is right here in the United States of America. If our graduates will live holy lives, pure before God and before one another; if they will be good citizens of our nation; and radical citizens of God's Kingdom, we can see an entire culture changed in one generation. And that will be something to celebrate.

So, I congratulate our graduates and their families once again. This is a worthy achievement; and it is the first step toward a life that really makes a difference. Good job!

HEARTLAND WOMEN'S HOME

Adrienne Friedhoff is beginning to understand that trust is a wonderful gift. Before joining the Women's Recovery Center at Heartland, Adrienne admits that she could not be trusted. "I would lie to anyone to get the things I wanted. To my family, friends, bosses, landlords. Anyone. My husband couldn't even hardly trust me in our own house."

She thought this lack of trust was a minor problem, until she lost the trust of everyone around her. Now, through the work of Christ in her life, Adrienne has discovered the miracle of being considered trustworthy. In her job in the kitchen at Ozark Lodge and Steakhouse, Adrienne is now trusted by staff members to fol-

low their detailed instructions. She is even entrusted with the lives of fellow workers who ride to work with her in the ministry van. "And one staff member even trusts me enough to ask me to watch her child," Adrienne says. "So many people have put their trust in me; it is absolutely amazing."

This newfound trust has also made Adrienne realize how much more God wants to trust her with. And she has to ask herself just how much she is willing to trust God with. Her marriage? Her bills? Her future family? "God is calling all of us to trust Him with everything in our lives," Adrienne says. "If God can turn an untrustworthy person like me into one who can be trusted, He can do the same for anyone. All we have to do is open our lives and let Him in."



The Women's Home enjoyed fishing, hiking, and a bonfire during their recent outing to a local lake.



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HEARTLAND CHILDREN'S & YOUTH HOMES

Many students who arrive at Heartland have the benefit of supportive parents who have raised them in a local church. Somewhere along the path of life, these teenagers have simply taken a drastically wrong turn. That is the background of Kristin's life, and she relates here how the life-changing power of Jesus Christ eventually captured her heart:

I grew up in what I thought was a Christian family. We went to church most Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, and my sister and I did the whole youth group thing. We thought we were fine. I never really knew the Bible, though. I never knew the difference between religion and a real relationship with God. It wasn't long before our family stopped going to church, and I stopped believing. Somewhere along the line my heart turned hard, and I lost faith. That is when I started getting into trouble.

At first it was just fighting with my mom, or skipping class, but then, I started high school and from there everything went down hill. I went from straight A's to straight F's and by my sophomore year I didn't have any hope of graduating. It was then that I started getting in trouble with the law, and using drugs. I started out just drinking and smoking and didn't think it was a big deal, but I found that I couldn't stop there. Within weeks I was smoking crack and crystal meth and using any other drug I could get my hands on.

During this time, my relationship with my parents had only gotten worse. They had divorced, and I didn't get along with either of them. My mom and I fought constantly, and I hardly talked to my dad. My mom couldn't stand watching me throw my life



away. She realized she could not help me anymore, and that she would have to find someone who could. She heard about Heartland from a family member, and decided this was where I needed to be.

When I got here I was determined to prove to my mom that I didn't care what she did, and that I was not going to change. I spent the first five months trying to slide by, and hoping to get out of here as soon as possible, but God had other plans. He kept putting different people in my life that would not leave me alone about all that "God stuff." I figured they would eventually give up and realize I wasn't interested in religion, but they never did. Although I claimed to be an atheist, I couldn't ignore them forever and God began to soften my heart one day at a time.

One night in church, Pastor Charlie gave an altar call. I knew that I was supposed to be up there, but I didn't want to give up my old ways. I knew being a Christian meant hating the things of the world—such as sex, drugs, and music—and I wasn't ready to let go of those things. It was then that Pastor Charlie said something that caught my attention. He said he knew that God was speaking to a couple of specific people and that they were probably having a sick feeling in their stomach. I had that sick feeling and I knew he was talking about me. I made a decision right then that I would just do it. I didn't want to mess around any more. Since that night, God has changed me in ways I never thought possible. He has delivered me from drug addiction, He has restored my relationship with my mom, and He has delivered me from all my anger and resentment. He has given me a hope and a future.

Summer Camps

We have an incredible summer of fun planned for kids of all ages! Visit our website for details about:

Children's Camp
Children's Overnight Camp
Youth Camps
Family Camp



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Morning Service
	6pm	Evening Service
Tuesday	7pm	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	7pm	Mid-Week Service
Friday	7pm	Women's Bible Study
	7pm	RevGen Meeting
Saturday	7pm	Intercessory Prayer

"Straight from the Heart" TELEVISION PROGRAM

KTVO Channel 3	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
WGEM Channel 10	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
WTJR Channel 16	Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
	Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
I-LIFE (A Division of INSP)	Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

RADIO PROGRAM

WTAD 930 AM	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
WGEM 105.9 FM	Sunday, 9:00 a.m.



2003/2004 HEARTLAND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 2	Pastors' Prayer
June 23-26	Children's Camp
	For 3rd - 5th grade (Completed)
June 27-28	Family Camp
June 30-July 3	Children's Day Camp
	For K4 - 2nd grade (Completed)
July 7-12	Youth Camp
July 7	Pastors' Prayer
July 13-19	Youth Camp
August 4	Pastors' Prayer
August 22-23	Parent Conference
September 8	Pastors' Prayer
October 24-25	Marriage Retreat
November 3	Pastors' Prayer
November 14	Heartland Open House
November 20-22	Education Conference
December 1	Pastors' Prayer
January 1-2	Winter Summit Youth Conference

Dates subject to change at God's leading.

Watch our website for details and/or changes, or contact the conference desk for more information.

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HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Heritage Days

When Melvin Baker started restoring antique tractors for his friend, Charlie Sharpe, he probably didn't expect to be overrun by 200 second graders someday. That is exactly what happened on a recent Thursday afternoon when Melvin took Heartland's antique tractor collection to Heritage Days in nearby Bethel, Missouri. Students from HCA were among the children who took part in this event.

Activities at Bethel's Heritage Days included demonstrations in quilting, sheep shearing, grinding cornmeal, and taxidermy. Students also heard folk tales from a story teller, had a lesson in scherenschnitte, helped cook apple butter over an open fire, and watched fresh kettle corn being made.



U.S.A. All the Way!

Heartland Christian Academy students took part in a patriotic essay contest this spring. The question posed to students was, "Why are you proud to be an American?" Kindergarten student M'Kenzea Stark's essay was chosen from among the thousands submitted for publication.

Troll Book Clubs sponsored the event and presented both

the school and M'Kenzea with a copy of the published book entitled "Why I'm Proud to Be an American." The goal of the project was to serve as a patriotic inspiration to students across the nation.

M'Kenzea represented Heartland well with this winning entry: "I'm proud to be an American kid because I read the Bible and I can learn about Jesus in America."

