

SKILTON HOUSE MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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Operation Brotherhood 2008

By Ann Egner

Operation Brotherhood 2008 was a great success as 1,946 families were reached for our Lord. Twenty nine organizations and churches participated including three new groups. Many more than 5,000 were fed with food and the Word of God. It was a blessing from God that this was accomplished given the state of the economy and the unsettled nature of the presidential race at the time. However, God's people came through and generously gave of their time, talents, and treasure.



We wish to thank the Korean United Church of Philadelphia. Its members and staff were so generous and loving to all the Operation Brotherhood workers, even supplying food and drinks to the weary as potatoes and onions were being placed in those 1,946 bags. More than that, they also supplied most of the potatoes and onions! Our appreciation for the partnership with Korean United Church grows with each new year as we contemplate the fact that we have worked together for seventeen years now.

We wish to thank the Philadelphia Bible Society for providing us with 1,946 Gospel of

John booklets which were presented to each family as they received their food. We ask for your prayers for these families that the Word of God would lead them to our Lord and Savior.

Our thanks also goes to PECO Crown Lights for placing our message, "Love one another'-Operation Brotherhood 2008-Skilton House Ministries" on the marquee of their office building so that the whole city of Philadelphia could see it.

Last but not least, our thanks go out to you, our Christian friends, who have supported us through your churches, schools, and generous contributions. May God bless you as you serve him and may the new year bring his blessings to you and yours.



Executive Director's Corner: Skilton House Happenings

Skilton House Ministries continues to tell the story of Christian released time education to various churches in the greater Philadelphia area. If you are interested in learning about this innovative evangelistic outreach, please contact me by phone at 1-215-836-3461 or 1-484-477-9659 or by email at snuffysdad@juno.com or jwaddington1@comcast.net for more information. I would love to come and offer a multimedia presentation on Christian released time education at your church or organization. This would make a wonderful Sunday school program or men's or women's group activity. This is a colorful and fascinating presentation. I am amazed

at how many churches are unaware of the CRT program or know that it is legal according to Pennsylvania state law.

We have recently welcomed some new members to our board of trustees. I am pleased to introduce to you Dr. Patricia Wright, a retired teacher from the Philadelphia public school system and key leader at Genesis Christian Fellowship along with Rev. Johnny Reynolds. Dr. Wright is very much involved with a Christian released time education



program with the Hartranft School and has been so for several years now. Her Christian graces and natural skills will be a rich boon to the SHM board of trustees. I am also pleased to introduce to you our newest board member, the Rev. Nicholas Batzig. Rev. Batzig has just been ordained to the ministry and serves as the organizing pastor of New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond Hills, GA. With his

involvement on the board, Rev. Batzig carries on the family tradition. His father, Rev. Art Batzig, was a close friend and associate of our founder, Dr. John Skilton.

I am also pleased to announce some exciting new changes occurring at our website: www.skiltonhouseministries.org. We have recently added two new regular features to the website. First, we have begun to serialize Dr. John Skilton's popular devotional *Think on These Things*. You will now find a menu item at the left of the home page of our website with that name. We plan (Lord willing!) to post one reading per week for next 84 weeks. We will then choose another of Dr. Skilton's publications to serialize after that. Also, there is a new blog where Rev. Barry Traver, Rev. Batzig, and I (along with the occasional invited guest) will write devotionals and Bible studies on the necessity of understanding the gospel rightly, and living out the implications of the gospel will be highlighted. We will also include links to other internet resources we think you will benefit from. This blog is called *The Gospel and Its Implications*. This is a new tab on the menu as well. Finally, the whole look of the website will be getting a facelift in the weeks ahead. Keep your eyes open for that.

We trust that all these happenings will bring glory and honor to our great God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I encourage you to consider adding Skilton House Ministries to your church home missions budget. The four kinds of outreach SHM is involved with present the gospel of Jesus Christ in unique ways. Also consider making individual contributions as well. Remember, Skilton House Ministries reaches out through Operation Brotherhood, Christian released time education, the Sowers literature and apologetics ministry, and the nursing home personal visitation program. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to support us.



How to Start a CRT

- Establish interest in CRT in a local church
- Contact Skilton House Ministries
- Form a committee of interested church volunteers
- Select CRT curriculum
- Approach local school/district
- Establish the time and place for CRT
- Distribute permission slips
- Begin classes
- Keep attendance records and report these to school
- Hold special classes for holidays
- Hold a graduation ceremony at end of year
- Conduct annual evaluation of CRT
- Participate in teacher/volunteer training