



## “The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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*“And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region and brought to Him all who were sick, and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.” Mt.14:35-36*

It was earlier, as Lk.5:1 tells us, that the Lord Jesus was in that same place. And, at that particular time He was pressed upon by the multitude that was there to hear from Him the word of God. And now, having returned there, *“the men of that place recognized Him”*.

They, being fully aware of who He was, in turn, spread the news all around, and as a result there were *“brought to Him all who were diseased”*. This illustrates a key principle of sovereign grace. Having, by the Spirit of God, heard the word of God from the very lips of the Lord Jesus Christ, these men of that region proved to not be just hearers only of the word, but also doers (Jas.1:27). This is made obvious for two reasons. First of all, the text tells us that they *“recognized Him”*. This indicates that they knew full well that He must be the Christ of God. Second, because they knew this to be the truth about Him, they brought to Him all who were diseased so that they might be saved by Him from their sicknesses.

Therefore, the divine principle of grace that we see at work here is this: Holy Spirit born saving faith that comes into being by hearing the word of God (Ro.10:17) cannot be idle. The grace of genuine faith is always active in its doing the will of God whose word the Spirit of God quickens in order to actually bring it into existence. It is not the word of grace that applies to us the Spirit of grace, but rather the other way around. According to scripture, it is always the Spirit of grace that efficaciously applies to us the word of grace (Acts 20:32).

Furthermore, we see here the divine working of the principle of grace that functions from the standpoint of a Godly testimony. It was earlier in Mt.9:20-21 that we have the account of the poor sick woman who pressed herself through the throng of folks surrounding Jesus just so she could touch the hem of His garment and be healed. He immediately stopped and caused her to publicly confess her testimony of victory. God was definitely glorified! And, obviously the news of how her healing had taken place must have spread even to Gennesaret. For now we read that all these sick folk implored Him that they, too, might just be allowed to touch the hem of His garment. *“And as many as touched were made perfectly whole”*. Hence, it is plain to see that the Spirit of God had caused the Lord Christ to become for these people a *“living hope”* (1Pe.1:3). The preached word gloriously prevailed in being used by the Holy Spirit in bringing forth their genuine belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes the best platform for evangelism that we have is our own testimony. May we always be ready to declare to others what He has done for us.

*For Christ's glory only!*  
*A. Carpenter*

## Prayer Requests

As we approach the end of our summer sessions we have much to be thankful for at Camp Del-Haven. The Lord has once again so greatly supplied all of our needs and has given us many blessings throughout the summer.

Please remember to pray for the campers who attended this summer. The time we have with them seems so brief compared to the rest of the year, and there are many influences in their environment that do not reflect Christ. Please pray that the Lord will nurture the seed of His word that was planted in their young hearts and that He will keep them safe. In addition, please pray for our young staff members that they will continue to grow in Christ as they serve Him. We appreciate these volunteers who give of themselves summer after summer to serve the Lord in the ministry at Del-Haven.

We have had numerous problems with our vans this summer and our mini van finally gave out on us. Transportation for our campers is a necessity as many of them would not be able to attend if we were not able to give them a ride. Please be in prayer with us that the Lord will supply this need before our next summer camping season.



### Water Work Set to Begin Again

Now that our summer sessions are over, the workers on the lake and the water lines will be back to work in full force. The lake has been drained and has been drying out all summer and water lines have been put in from the road to the top of the driveway. Please pray with us for the safe completion of this project.

### Notes from the 2007 Staff Journal

We took the girls home on Thursday in the pouring rain. The windows were all foggy and nothing seemed to clear them up. I was concentrating on driving while the girls were in the back singing their camp songs. After a while they stopped singing and one of the girls wrote on one of the big foggy van windows, "God loves me so much that . . ." Then, the girls began to list all the ways that they knew that God loved them. Our theme for the summer is "Gods Amazing Love"—Sheri DeSchepper

During the Monday dinner, a little girl got a phone call from her grandparents and I just heard her say, "Yeah, I'm having fun with all my new friends!" It's the 1st day and she's got new friends which creates good memories for her at Camp Del-Haven. I just pray she realizes soon that she also has a friend in Jesus.—Christina Morton

We were walking down the path one night with two girls, Destiny and Taylor. Destiny was getting carried away talking and took God's name in vain. Brittany and I quickly explained how God doesn't want us to use His name as a curse word. After we had made our point, Taylor slugs Destiny on the arm and says very desperately, "Destiny, say 'Sorry God, Amen! Say sorry God, Amen!'" Destiny eventually gave in and said, "Sorry God," It was precious.—Ashley Carwile