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June kicked off our summer season of refocusing, revitalizing and a few camps here and there!

Ben Hartsock's FB Camp



Joel leading a drill at Ben's camp

One of the camps Joel was able to help with this June was started by his former teammate and brother in Christ, Ben Hartsock. Ben played tight-end for the Buckeyes and now plays for the Atlanta Falcons. Ben holds an annual football camp in his hometown of Chillicothe, OH. The camp is free to serve the community and Ben brings in former teammates to help with instruction. For the second year in a row, Joel was asked to share a few words with the campers during a break. This year he even got to share the Gospel! Hopefully they listened even though Joel and Simon Fraser hit them with tackling dummies all day during the drills. Joel assures me that only a few kids got hurt!



The 'celebrity' instructors at Ben's camp

New Church Partners

Needless to say, as the ministry continues to move forward and grow, costs grow as well. One of the hardest things about raising support for ministries like FCA is getting in front of the right people. However, we have had several churches step up recently to provide and incredible resource. They have allowed us to present our ministry to their congregations and invite the families to partner with us financially. In every instance the response has been incredible. Church members get to hear the plan, see the results and catch the vision. Praise God for these great opportunities and for our new ministry part-

Joel III



Joel III had an exciting month in June. He cut his first tooth on June 12th, went swimming for the first time, started solid food, and perfected his rolling over both ways. He also

had a chance to hang out with some of his cousins on our family vacation. As the typical first-time parents, we have been trying to document all of the major landmarks. We have uploaded some videos of Joel to the web for everyone's enjoyment. Click below to watch them.

<http://blip.tv/file/2303282>



Until next month ,

-Bethany Penton

Please Pray For...

- Summer Camps
- Fall Bookings
- Speakers Conference (See Below)

Message From Joel

Teammates,

This summer I have been given a couple special opportunities to take a step back from speaking and have my life spoken into. In early June I drove down to Raleigh, NC with my brother-in-law for the Advance 09 conference. A few of our favorite preachers, namely, Mark Driscoll, John Piper and Matt Chandler joined a host of others for this special event. We drove down early Thursday morning, listened to talks all day Thursday and Friday, and then drove back in the middle of the night, returning early Saturday morning. It sounds exhausting but it was actually a very refreshing time for me. Every speaker hammered the priority and centrality of the Gospel. It was great to get refocused on Jesus and chat theology in the car ride there and back.

In mid-July I will be flying out to California for a special training session with one of the premier school assembly/youth speakers in the nation. Josh Shipp is taking a couple days to share some of the tricks of the trade with me and about a dozen other speakers who are new to the school assembly scene. Please pray that I can glean lots of useful information to help make our Gospel ministry in the public schools as effective as possible.

God Bless,

- Joel