

A Newsletter from Thy Word Network

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Illuminations

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Scooting and Shooting

We are quickly coming up to another Winter Olympics, and one of my favorite events is the Biathlon. While less known here in the US, it is the most popular televised winter sporting event in Europe. A review of the medalists in recent years shows a majority of them come from that region of the world, although the USA has some very talented hopefuls this year.

In case you don't know, Biathlon is a Winter Olympic Sport, which combines cross-country skiing with precision target shooting. In a typical event, a Biathlete is required to ski with his or her rifle over a set distance to a shooting range, where five shots at five knockdown targets 50 m down range are taken from prone position. Depending on the format, either a time penalty or penalty laps are assessed for missed shots. The racer then skis another loop, and comes back to the shooting range for another set of shots - this time from a standing stance. Again, penalties are assessed for missed shots. The biathlete then skis a final loop to complete the race. It is a challenging test of physical stamina, marksmanship and endurance.

While I enjoy shooting holes in paper targets for recreation, the thought of doing that well after strenuous exercise is rather foreign to me...I have a hard enough time slowing my heart rate and controlling my breathing as it is! Also, prone is one thing, but offhand (standing) is extremely difficult shooting.

As we begin this New Year, we all are setting targets and goals for the months ahead. Much like the Biathlon, we will have times of strenuous effort, difficult activity and challenging targets. And yes, we will sometimes "miss the mark." (Did you know that that is the root meaning of the New Testament word "sin"?) Yet, as we read in Scripture, "the race is not to the swift, or the battle to the strong" (Eccl. 9:11), and we know that the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 8:37 that ultimately we are "super-conquerors through Him that loved us." So let's covenant together this year to run the race with patience and endurance, get up when we fall down, and most importantly, find strength for the journey in Him.

Now, where did I put those ski boots...



January Daysponsors

- 1/01 Coli Nazario
In memory of her husband, Herbert
- 1/02 James & Marilyn Kern
Celebrating their wedding anniversary
- 1/12 Mary Ann Wise
In memory of Mabel Lene Hamman
- 1/19 David & Kelley Greer
Honoring son Kurtis on his birthday
- 1/27 Dr. David Hazelrigg
In honor of his family

Special Gifts

In memory of Adam DiDomizio,
by the DiDomizio Family

In memory of John A. McCall,
by Terry & Becky Eaton

Coming soon to Thy Word Network ...

Founder's Week 2010 – Coverage of this highly anticipated broadcast will be offered during the week of February 1-5. The theme is "Seeking God's Heart" and speakers will include Moody's new president, Paul Nyquist, Joseph Stowell, Erwin Lutzer, David Jeremiah and more. Keep an eye on www.thyword.org for broadcast information, and www.founderweek.org for more about the conference.

More Than Gold Olympic Updates - the broadcast team at Sports Spectrum and RBC Ministries will be providing daily updates for you ... bringing powerful stories of Christian athletes competing for More Than Gold during the 2010 Winter Olympics, February 12 – 28.

Listener Letters

Evansville, IN – Thanks for your faithful service. I've really enjoyed the programming from the beginning. I'm amazed at all you've done for the Kingdom. You get a lot of "bang for your buck." God is really using all of you.

Owensboro, KY – Merry Christmas to you all and may God bless you and your wonderful ministry in the new year. I listen to your Owensboro station every day at work and in my car. I have learned so much about God and myself through your ministry this year by listening every day.

Oakland City, IN – Thanks so much for being dedicated to great biblical teaching and programming. It is encouraging to listen to each day. Folks at work ask why I listen, and I always encourage them to give it a try. I tell them that even if they don't believe (or are not a Christian), they will, at the very least, enjoy a positive and encouraging message without all the hate, vulgarity and other themes that exist on so many [other stations] on the radio dial. Also (sometimes without stating it), I understand that any time the Word of God is spoken or heard, it may just take root and change their life.

Treasurer's Report 2009 In Review

Beginning Balance	\$98,605
Donations: Sharathon, ticketed events, new donors, tower income and gifts in kind	\$502,945
Expenses	\$478,003
Assets: Repaired or new items purchased	\$28,540
Ending Balance as of 12/18/09	\$95,007

Does your donation make a difference?

- 430 new donors to the family of faith at Thy Word Network
- Area codes stats of people who have called Need Him: 318
- Fourteen people have responded to the salvation appeal on our website
- 42 countries have visited the website