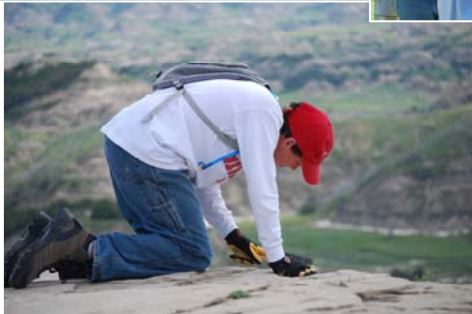


OUR YOUTH IN
NORTH DAKOTA 2009



**EXPECT A FULL REPORT ON
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
 AT WORSHIP!**

To keep anticipation high for August 30, we would like to provide a few nuggets of information about our trips here, and ask you to join us for the full scoop in a few short weeks.

Fourteen junior high students were joined by Ann Dover, Roger Kahny, and April and John Laskowski in an adventure to far western North Dakota, June 26-30. We slept, worked, and ate at picturesque Badlands Ministries, amidst layered buttes, various wildlife, and a winding river. Our work included restoration of sandstone rock to its pre-graffiti condition and adding splashes of color throughout our camp. Various encounters challenged our patience, perseverance, and stamina...and you should have seen the personal growth in our teens!

Ten senior high (or recently graduated) students joined two students from Tekamah (NE), Ed McClymont, and April and John Laskowski from July 11-18 for a second journey to Badlands Ministries. Our work was quite different, as we provided relief with the American Red Cross following an F4 tornado which hit days before, constructed an adventure course at the camp, and wheelbarrowed hundreds (probably thousands) of pounds of gravel well over a half mile to service a well-used trail. The senior higher's adventures included an overnight camping experience in the wilderness as well as a tightrope experience like no other!

The students were thanked not only by officials within the National Park Service and our camp, but also by dignitaries in the North Dakota government. As missionaries, we were all thankful to congregation members (especially our prayer partners and the Haiti missions team!) for their prayers and encouragement, to parents and other family for making this trip possible, to our volunteer leaders, and to everyone who contributed to the trip (financially, through their time, through their donated or borrowed items/vehicles, etc.).

WE CANNOT WAIT TO SHARE WITH YOU THE MANY TREMENDOUS "GOD-MOMENTS" WE HAD ON OUR TRIP WHICH BROUGHT US INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY CLOSER TO JESUS CHRIST!!

See you on the 30th!