



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF
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Thanks You *for praying*

People like you in Scotland, England, North Ireland, Albania, Spain, Canada, and America, prayed for our 4th Annual Residency Week held this year at Whidbey Island off Seattle. God's presence was tangible, the people were remarkable, the location was stunning. We are so thankful. Here is a brief report of our time together.

Jesus creates friendships and holy alliances resulting in His fame and renown covering the earth...

Thanks to Marion Henney's gracious generosity, 27 young and old reconcilers from America, Canada, England, and North Ireland, came together to spend 96 hours together, sharing stories, laughter, prayer, (*lots* of prayer), strategies, hopes and dreams, creating friendships and holy alliances, to spread the fame and renown of Jesus throughout the earth.

Because the setting was so magnificent, we decided to give everyone a break this year with all afternoons off. We expected people to take quiet walks on the bay, we provided for beach golf, private readings in reconciliation, and thought people would take long naps but, you could look anywhere at almost any time and find small groups huddled together, praying and sharing vision.

Friday evening, after the first of many luscious meals provided lovingly by Lydian leaders, Donna Reib and Lisa Mills, we worshiped, introduced each other, took communion and went through a fire tunnel of prayer that turned into a clogged car wash.

The Holy Spirit met with each of us as we prayed together. It was a great start to the week.

Saturday morning, Filmmaker Michael Lienau and his exceptional family, shared with us their story and showed us clips of the Lifelife expedition. (www.yokesandchains.com)

That afternoon totally impromptu, our twenty somethings took the Lienau family underwing, and gave art lessons, racing games, and cartooning.

Saturday evening, Harry Smith from the Christian Renewal Centre in North Ireland, a praying community of Catholics and Protestants, shared on Beam Deep out of Hosea 12. Harry's subject was breaking up the fallow ground removing all the blockages (stones) that prevent harvest. It was a solemn charge. Later that evening, Wayne Nosler and Melody Prout wrote a wonderful jazz piece on the text from Hosea, and Caitlin Beidler, our artist in residence did a large watercolor on the topic.



majority of memorable moments were outside the sessions.

Some of us took long walks on the beach discussing difficult theologies...some discovered

new friendships as they found common callings...some of us strategized new initiatives regarding Canada and North Ireland...one person was adopted into the indigenous families of North America. Several among us were given significant words concerning our future.

Thank you for investing prayer, thoughtfulness, and resource into our time together. We are just a small band of friends who have a big dream and an even bigger God. We are so thankful that the Lord came among us, and gave us His heart.



Sunday morning, we worshipped for an extended time, drumming, singing improvisational songs from Hosea, dancing across

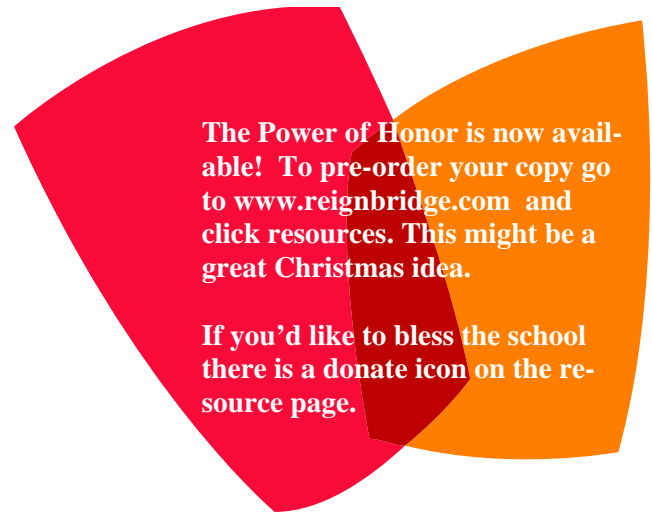
Marion's significantly large living room.

Sunday evening we were privileged to pray for Marion and Julia and present them the first of what turned out to be 3 original songs written in their home. We listened to Graham Cooke speak on values and principles in friendship and we began to interview Larry and Tamera Glasner, and Alan and Libby Collier, friends, who had walked in covenant together for over 20 years. We had a Q and A time together on Covenant Relationships.

Monday morning we continue our topic of Covenant Relationships and how they Change the World, by discussing Henrietta Mears and the Fellowship of the Burning Heart, Bill Bright, and the Billy Graham and the Modesto Manifesto.

Monday evening we started with Heidi Baker talking about Lavish Love out of 1st John. We prayed for God's love to flow to the Muslim world. We received communion again, and repeated the fire tunnel that had become now, a river to the nations.

That's a brief recap of our sessions together, but only eternity will reveal what God did in the afternoon times. It wouldn't surprise me if the



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on behalf of a great band of friends who are dreaming
God's dreams.**

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