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John Baldessari Honored

On October 21, John Baldessari was presented with an honorary Herald of Christ award and a plaque of appreciation for his faithful work for Christ through the ministries of Northern Frontier Camp and Christian Service Brigade (CSB).

John started his Brigade and camp work in the 1950s at the Brigade Camp in Maine. He came to Northern Frontier in 1964 when camp was held at Warrensburg, NY. John has been involved with Northern Frontier since that time – notably as Northern Frontier's Treasurer, summer Business Manager, leader of the Mariner program, and camp photographer. John's wife, Edith, served as Camp Nurse for many summers.

John was among the men who started CSB Unit 1757 (then Franklin Avenue Baptist Church) in the 1950s and served as its Battalion Captain for several years. Many stories about John, both funny and serious, abound from those who were Brigadiers under him in his Battalion and who worked with him at Northern Frontier.

Present at the award luncheon were John, his son Kevin, daughter and husband Karen & Robert Hochstaetter, former and present NF Directors Bruce and Marcella Baker and Ralph Essery, NF Board Chairman Jim and Beverly Everett, NF Board member Dave and Lorraine Fowler, former CSB staff Lee and Anita Troup, CSB Regional Director Ron & Linda Rynd, and CSB National Field Director Joel Fiscus.

John's integrity, faithfulness and generosity both modeled Christ and actively taught the principles of the Christian life to the following generations. In one sentence, that outlines the ministry of both Northern Frontier and Christian Service Brigade. Thank you, John.





Wonderful Ministry!

The consensus is that 2011 was one of the best summers of ministry Northern Frontier has ever seen. That says a lot when you remember that Northern Frontier's average summers are wonderful. It seemed the Holy Spirit took great pleasure in letting the staff see His work in the lives of campers – both in leading them to Christ and in helping them grow. And the staff were elated to be used by Him in such a visible way. Every area of camp seemed especially blessed: the kitchen in food quality and atmosphere; the waterfront, craft activities, campfires – all areas of camp felt it. And the results were wonderful. A hundred years from now, many people will point back to 2011 at Northern Frontier as the time they “did business with God.” We are so grateful to be so used by our God.

Land Updates

The parking lot at the end of the camp road now belongs to Northern Frontier. For the first time, Northern Frontier has ownership of that piece of property so critical to NF's ministry on summer Saturdays, for staging materials and equipment for maintenance of the camp road, and for added control of the only vehicular access point into camp.

We continue to work with The Nature Conservancy, and have recently contacted them to arrange a meeting to finalize the purchase and sale agreement for the land around OK Slip and to set a closing date. We ask you



to continue to ask God to bring this process to its expected close soon. We are all anxious to have the “earthly deed” for all the land around OK Slip in Northern Frontier's name.

Two Camp Needs

Northern Frontier's 26 year old dump truck is on its last legs. To meet the needs of repair of NF's road, transport of the NF excavator, pickup of large materials and trips to the transfer station, NF is looking for a used (or new) tandem dump truck in very good shape.

Also, NF's 'gray pickup' (as it is fondly referred to) is broken beyond repair and needs to be replaced. We are looking for a used pick-up truck in good condition to replace it for the many jobs it does both in and out of camp.

If you know where Northern Frontier can obtain either of these vehicles, contact Steve Weingartner, NF's Maintenance Committee Chairman, at 973-293-1015 or swcb@optonline.net.

Prayer For:

- Christ to continue to work in the lives of those who made commitments to Him this summer
- NF's 2011 summer staff as they live for Christ away from NF
- The OK Slip land purchase to “go through”
- NF's vehicle needs mentioned above
- Strong giving to NF to continue after the fund raising drive
- Another camper increase in 2012



Praise For:

- An extremely strong summer of ministry
- The completed fund raising drive
- The purchase of the parking lot at the end of the camp road

Coming Soon — Redesigned Web Page

Thanksgiving Day will mark the debut of Northern Frontier's newly designed web page. Professional graphic designer, Kenny Eicher, the newest member of Northern Frontier's Board of Directors, has redesigned NF's site. It is now in beta form. If you would like to view the page to make helpful comments and/or suggestions before it “goes live,” contact Kenny at keicher@northernfrontier.org. He will give you the URL of the beta page and will welcome your help in making this redesign all it can be.

Northern Frontier Hosts

We are looking for several families to open their homes to host “A Northern Frontier Evening” (dates to be scheduled). NF's Director, Ralph Essery, or another Northern Frontier staff member or Board member will come to show this year's DVD presentation, give current information about Northern Frontier and to answer any questions about NF's ministry and programs. Those attending would be asked to bring a plate of cookies or bag of chips. The host(s) would provide coffee, tea and cold



drinks. We are eager to get the word out that Northern Frontier is the best place parents can send their son for their spiritual development and their growth as a man. If you would like to be a Northern Frontier Host, contact Betty Essery at 845-876-8009 or office@northernfrontier.org.

Your Son's Best Christmas Gift

You've seen your son's face when he receives a Christmas gift he really wants. Imagine his face when he opens a Northern Frontier gift certificate giving him a week at NF or a Father/Son session with his dad. Look on the redesigned website starting Thanksgiving Day for a link to purchase a Northern Frontier gift certificate. The gift certificate can be used at any time to register for any week that has openings in NF's 2012 season. Make your son 'light up' this Christmas with the promise of a great summer experience!

From Betty

This morning as I was drinking my morning coffee I again thanked God that He provided a way for me to be at Northern Frontier fifteen weekends between May and mid-September. I am so grateful for some special folks who stayed with my mother those weekends.

In those weekends, I saw so much that made me proud to be part of Northern Frontier. Sometimes it is a

good thing to be proud... proud of how your sons serve Christ at Northern Frontier. When I am at camp I run around doing many things. Often one of your sons would approach me and say "Can I help you with that Captain Betty?"... or "What would you like me to do to help?" When I needed to ask them to do something ...the response was "Sure... I can do that!"

One of our staff members summed it up when he was doing "verse for the day" during Father/Son camp. He closed his Bible and said from his heart "...and if any of you fathers want to know about Jesus Christ, you can ask any of us staff guys and we would be happy to share about our faith with you." Then he prayed.

I feel privileged to be part of it all...

E-Mail Updates

Please read the e-mail below. This past staff member has captured just what we want our e-mail updates to do.

Hi Ralph, It was only a month ago that I actually signed up to receive the e-mail updates. I am so glad I did. Don't know why it took so long to do so. This enables me to be more "in the loop" re. NF, pray more effectively, be grateful for what God is doing through the ministry, and give me a greater longing to be there in person (someday... God willing). 700 miles is too far from NF to live! I praise God for this aspect of NF's ministry to so many who can't actually be there. Keep up the creative, effective way of communicating with your growing cyber support team.

We covet your knowledgeable prayers for Northern Frontier. NF will not "flood your in-box" with e-mails. During the summer camping season, we try to send one update per week about that week's information and happenings. The rest of the year, updates are sent only when we have important NF news to share. We encourage you to go to NF's website (northernfrontier.org) and click the link that says, "e-newsletter signup."

Overheard At Camp

Budd Smith in Pre-Camp, teaching about planning ahead: "Captain Budd doesn't come quick for anything except an earthquake or a T-bone steak."

Ralph Essery during the "How To Ask Questions" session: "As you carry a camper's luggage ask questions like, 'How long did it take you to get here today? Or 'Have you been to NF before?' What other questions could you ask?"

Mickey Sammons: "How old is your sister?"

Betty Essery: "What bunk did you get?"

Tree Climber Son: "I got a TOP bunk!

I didn't want my dad to get a top bunk, 'cause what if he fell through!"

Betty: "You'd be as flat as a pancake!"

Son: "Yeah!!"

Evidently this son thinks his dad should lay off the ice cream for a while.

From The Director



1 Thessalonians 5:19 "Do not put out the Spirit's fire." If I could give any gift to the Christians I know, it would be the gift of "the Spirit's fire." That is not mine to give. That is God's to give. If you know Christ (and possibly even if you don't), I'll guess that you know a Christian person in whom the Spirit's fire burns. I know several – perhaps many. You can sense that the foun-

dition of their lives is lit by a passion that drives everything else. There is a "sureness" in them. Their judgments about what is important and what isn't - what is true and what isn't - lie in a strong but gentle confidence that lives within them and radiates from them. Different people who possess the Spirit's fire can have widely differing personalities – introverts, extroverts, risk-takers, safety-seekers, drivers, analyticals, task-oriented people, relationship-oriented people - but you will see a similarity. And this similarity gives them an enviable inner peace and confidence. It also gives them drive and purpose. They do not guess at what life is about. They "know"

what life is about. How? The Spirit has made His home in their lives - and The Spirit knows what life is about. These people are not arrogant. They can't be, because they know that they did not develop these things inside of them. These traits are the Spirit's work. If the person has done anything, s/he has eagerly chosen to yield to His leading. What is God's reaction to that yieldedness? I know, because the Word tells us: 2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

What lights me up about Northern Frontier is that teaching, training and modeling these concepts of "the Spirit's fire" and a "heart fully committed to Christ" are what Northern Frontier is all about.

There is a scary side to 1 Thessalonians 5:19. Its wording as a negative command indicates that a person has the ability to put out the Spirit's fire. What an incredibly sad thought. That is why I pray for our staff (and for myself) that a line in the Herald Of Christ Hymn will be true of them – "In this dark world, a bright and living flame."

May God make it that Northern Frontier people will always reflect one of Christian Service Brigade's mottoes: "Bright and Keen For Christ."

Ralph

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