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Your Vision—You Must Follow It ! Paul was on a mission, so he travelled light, practiced personal discipline, avoided distractions and kept his eye on the ball. “One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal.” Php 3:13-14.

Successful companies live by a *mission statement* every team member can understand; they keep it before them at all times. The Bible says, “Write the vision and make it plain.. that he may run who reads it.” So write your vision down, read it regularly,

remember it at all times and run with it. Your greatest enemy isn't the opposition, it's the distractions. Ever heard of a “white elephant”? When the king of Siam wanted to destroy an enemy he supposedly gave them a white elephant. In those days white elephants were considered sacred and nobody dared refuse a king's gift. The trouble was, white elephants couldn't be put to work but they had to be fed-a lot! So the king's gift ended up causing his enemy's downfall. Hello! Guard against “white elephants” that drain your time, energy and resources. In order to protect your vision, live by these words: “lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God..consider Him, lest you become weary and discouraged”. Heb 12:1-3 Word for You Today

Upcoming Events

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| January 27-29 | CMBC Mid-Atlantic Conference |
| Gettysburg | |
| February 5 | Leadership Meeting |
| February 7 | Manhood MBA begins |
| February 19 | Serving Saturday |

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Paul Foss 'Christmas at the Margins - 2010' Report:

Six year ago Larry Goldman came to me and asked if the Waterboyz for Jesus — one table at the time — would be willing to help a few families who weren't going to be able to have Christmas. I was shocked! In America? After letting the reality of this soak in for a few days, I knew that this just OUGHT NOT TO BE! Because we couldn't do this alone I invited my home church into the adventure.

I was blown away by their hilarious breathtaking generosity! In just a few days we had adopted 8 families and 'Christmas at the Margins' was born. We dressed up in holiday gear — Tommy Phillips even put on his Santa outfit and in Jesus' name brought laughter and tears too many a face. Early on I realized that this wasn't so much about the families — I mean it WAS about the families — but it was as much about us! The softening, the sense of well-being, a feeling of lighter, brighter, colors were more vivid, food tasted better. Then I realized what this feelings name was — it was JOY. UNSPEAKABLE JOY. It was JOY TO THE WORLD!

Because we live in a fallen world, in spite of our best efforts some of the families we adopt probably shouldn't be. Sometimes we've delivered Christmas and the family didn't seem very appreciative. A couple of times I thought maybe it was too hard. But then I remember "let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give. one more — THEN the King will answer and say to them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of the these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." And then I remember that sense, that deep feeling of peace and joy.



Right after our ADVANCE in October Cam Overs gave me a call and said, "OK Paul, that was cool, what's next!" This amazed me since he handled almost ALL the details for the ADVANCE but I quickly recovered and said, "CHRISTMAS AT THE MARGINS!". "On it Boss!" is all he said. We talked to Becky Thompson and assured her that this was something she really wanted to be in charge of, and that we would help her in every way we could. Because she and Bernie wake up in the morning and dress for service she said YES. I think a few times SHE might have wondered what she was thinking — and Becky I totally understood that email that said something about "you were going to GET me!" but you were willing! Becky and Cam —thank you!

This year with MAJOR help from Damascus Road Community Church, Redeemer Lutheran, and Monocacy Valley Church along with the Waterpeoplz we adopted 42 families — over a 180 individuals. Last Saturday over a hundred of you showed up, ate some donuts, (THANK YOU WATERLILYZ), sang a Christmas carol, and you went out and served! Extravagantly — joyfully — in community — you served! THANK YOU! Roger and his youth came, 10MEN Tables, Lillypads, Small Groups, and families came. It was magnificent — it was THE CHURCH at its best!

'Deborah has a lot of kids. And she is also praying for a part-time job and that her son, who is a senior in high school, would be able to get into college. We invited her two high school kids to DRCC's youth group. We also sang and prayed with them. Jacob Lueck gave the closing prayer while dressed up in a Santa costume. It's a pretty cool day when even Santa Claus prays to Jesus. That's all. Privileged to be a small part of such a huge day. tJaymz