

It's not about us. We thank God for the privilege of helping touch kids far away...

“It’s Not About You”

Just recently the PowerLink Board members gathered for their main annual meeting. It is a time to look at budgets, take a look back at the year completed and turn our attention to the year ahead. We see what has been effective and share ideas on ways to improve.

There are moments when I do not look forward to the critique that might occur at those meetings. While PowerLink’s board is made up of very loving and generous people, they also are not afraid to speak their minds. I suppose one of the issues I battle with is approval and wanting to be sure we are doing enough to reach young people. I always seem to feel the need to be overly accountable for the support and time we’ve been given.

Well, I got turned on my head after the last meeting by comments that originated from one of the quietest, sweetest, board members. The essence of the remarks were that *“it’s not about you.”* Now I knew that of course, but I don’t always behave that way. It’s not that I flaunt or walk around puffed up in any way. My problem was more of trying to see the significance in the work being done. Was it all worth it?

Sometimes when we can’t see fruit right in front of us, when we don’t feel any big feedback, we can become discouraged. Those words, “it’s not about you,” are a reminder that we are seed planters and God is the one who grants the growth and increase. It is not what we see, but our faith and obedience to continue to reach out to those who need to hear the Gospel.

Looking back we can see all those in Viet Nam, Bangladesh and elsewhere who have been trained and are now duplicating themselves and the thousands of children who are being reached because of it. The reminder was there too, that many here at home are continuing to do outreach elsewhere because of their experience with PowerLink. But it is not about us! It’s not about what we are doing or not doing. It is a God thing. “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow.” (1Corinthians 3:7)

Although it may have seemed to be a rebuke, I was really relieved. I didn’t have to carry the burden of growing in numbers or size, raising a budget for the year, or doing a certain number of outreaches to qualify my existence. I just needed to be obedient to what was placed in front of me. It wasn’t about me. I knew that. We can all forget that sometimes.

It is God’s thing and His work will be accomplished with or without us. He is gracious enough to let us participate. As we head into our 10th year in 2010 we are excited to see what God has planned to do through all of us!

Serving Him,

Karl & Amy



...And right here at home!

Why do you like coming to PowerLink?



"I have been coming to PowerLink for 6 years and I like learning about the Bible and heaven. I tell my friends about the 4 Things too."

Brianna

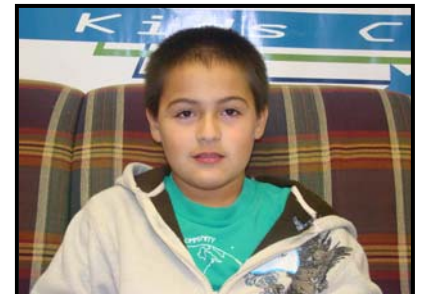


"God is my favorite person and I like coming to PowerLink to learn and have fun. It's better than the YMCA."

Chris

"We moved back from Milwaukee and I started to come to PowerLink again. I like the games, the praise and the teaching time."

Toni



"I come because it is fun and for the food. I'm thankful for those that gave for the bus and the food and that God loves even bad people."

Jadin



"There are nice people at PowerLink and I like learning about God so I can teach my kids about Jesus someday."

Tia

"I love the games and the nice workers and the great games. My family has gotten better since coming to PowerLink and my parents got married too."

Brianna



"I got baptized at PowerLink and got a Bible there. I like memorizing the scriptures and learning about God."

Hannah



"I mostly like the food the fun and the games!"

Tommy

Special Pray Request

As this newsletter is delivered, Karl will be traveling and working with Dennis Nonnemacher again in Viet Nam and Bangladesh. From now until mid-February, your prayers for our safety, health, and effectiveness in training are very much appreciated. We are looking for the Lord to do big things as we work with leaders in both these countries and multiply our efforts to reach kids and families with Jesus Christ.