



## Adversity: Friend or foe?



There is a delightful lady that has cooked at Eagle Fern Camp for 20 years, Pauline Moore. Back on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (the only Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of the year) she was diagnosed with brain cancer. I recently talked with her over the phone and was impressed with the impact this experience has had on her life.

She told me that before the cancer she was dutifully obeying God which included, in a large part, making sure the responsibilities toward all those around her were satisfied. She fretted and tried her hardest to take away any pain that might be besetting those she loved. She had her life, and the lives of those around her under control. But something happened...

As I listened to her refreshing words of grace wash over my soul I realized that the transition she was describing to me was that of a person who knew firsthand the difference between one who attempted to please God and one who trusted Him. She confirmed my speculation.

I found myself being taught by a woman who had gone through something

very profound on how to respond to such life-altering news. She told me not to be afraid of the word cancer, for she was not. She removed any awkwardness between us about something with which she had come to grips and even embraced. Then she put the icing on the cake.

Pauline told me that if she had a choice to go back to the relationship she had with God prior to the cancer and be physically healed, she would choose the cancer and her new relationship with Him. What a privilege it is to work with the likes of Pauline Moore.

Watch for the next newsletter where I will interview a local author and friend whose courage and vulnerability have been chronicled in her new book.



The Eagle Fern Camp Annual meeting will be Saturday, 6pm, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Westside Bible Fellowship 526 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hillsboro, OR. Come celebrate what God did in the 58<sup>th</sup> year of camp: 2010. Hear updates on the Chapel project and new programs for 2011. We will also take time to honor a dear couple who have served camp for 17 years by running our horse program: Mike & Sandy Rice! Pizza will be served. If anyone would like to car-pool, we'll meet at Eastgate at 4:30pm.



**2011 TCL Preview** is coming up soon. If you are going to be in 10<sup>th</sup> grade thru a graduate in the fall of 2011, come and see what it's like to be a TCL volunteer. You'll see how a typical day looks as you spend 3 days in the Mt. Hood foothills. Learn to be part of a team while experiencing God's joy in serving others. Get stretched spiritually, socially and physically as you are challenged in Bible study, quiet time, work blocks, meals and games. Does God want you on the Alpha or Omega team this summer? Batteries not included. Shipping and Handling charges may apply.



As many of you know, our annual garage sale is a key part of our ministry here at Eagle Fern. All the proceeds from the sale go to camperships which is money used to help campers who are otherwise unable to afford to pay the full amount to camp. Often, the families that have been helped by camperships in the past have given back so others may come to camp.

Since 2003 our garage sale has allowed us to offer over \$54,000 in camperships. I am always amazed at the generosity of God and His people in this effort. In 2009 alone we raised over \$8000 with 2010 a close second. This year I am asking God to exceed our

2009 record as the need in this economy has not subsided.

In the next couple of months please consider collecting items to donate to our garage sale. This year the dates for collecting donations will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7 at Eastgate Bible Chapel (114<sup>th</sup> and Stark). The sale will be Friday and Saturday April 8-9.

If you are able to help any of these days with set-up or take-down, collecting, arranging goods, cleaning or making Paul Schroth sandwiches, please contact Patti Elliot at 971-409-6121 or [patti@eagleferncamp.com](mailto:patti@eagleferncamp.com). This sale is a tremendous amount of work and it would be a great encouragement to all of us to have an abundance of helpers...we truly need you. We have appreciated the hospitality of Eastgate over the many years that we have been having the sale there. Also, we have a tree and plant sale courtesy of Ekstrom Nursery and Reardon Nursery. Come out and purchase an early Mother's Day gift as you look over treasures at a great price. See you there!

