

Hello again!

We are busily preparing for the upcoming Thanksgiving Retreat! I trust that you already know about ski retreat. It is a great thing that was started in 1976, just for MKs in college. Each Thanksgiving we get together for three days of skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, and many other winter activities. Some people prefer to simply “hang out” in the lodge – which is also great. On top of the fun times, we have great times of worship. When you get to college, make sure that you sign up for ski retreat. Don’t worry about the costs of it! Your freshman year, it is TOTALLY free. After that, it is only the cost of the ticket to Denver that will come out of mom and dad’s (00).

I have recently been writing to each one of you about being “Passionate for your World.” The final thought that I wanted to leave with you was that you will see GREAT RESULTS!! When you are passionate, and you dream big dreams, risking everything – you will see great things happen. When you step out in faith, you will see God’s hand totally bless what you are doing! Think of Joseph in the OT. He dreamed HUGE dreams. He stepped out. He saw tremendous results. What about Moses? Dreamed huge dreams, stepped out, and saw the Israelites freed from slavery! We could go through all the great names in the Bible. We would see where they stepped out, and how God blessed them with great results.

Of course, the critical point is that God is the one who brings about the results. We have to leave it to him. That can be difficult. Often the results are not what we expected, and it is not until we look back (sometimes years later) that we see the full impact of what God did.

So, my challenge to all of us today is to be passionate about our walk with God FIRST! Step out in your relationship with Him. Be bold and persistent. Watch and see how God blesses that relationship. God will bring about great results that will totally blow you away.

We love you,
Bwana Chad Phillips