



Dear CMI Alumni Family,

September 2009

You talk about proud! We were that...and more. According to the comments from everyone who has written letters, called, sent emails or commented in person, our August Alumni reunion was about the best it could possibly be.

Here are a few quotes from people who actually came to "taste and see!"

"Thank you for the grand reunion day. It was so wonderful to see everyone again and to hear and to sing the songs."

"The dinner was not only good, but so was our time of fellowship!"

"I felt the joy and love from when we walked in until we walked out."

"It was good to remember all we shared through memoirs of dreaming, planning, rehearsing, and even wondering how we'd do it all, but by God's grace and a lot of His love it always happened."

"What a wonderful day, it was so much fun to see everyone again, renew acquaintances and visit with family!"

"The concert was great - thanks for wearing sweaters all day in August."

"The food was terrific, communion was a blessing."

"I haven't been away from CMI so long that I have forgotten what it takes to put something like the day's event together—thank you!"

"CMI was the joy of my life for 20 years—what an awesome experience we shared, lifelong friendships were built, memories abound of God's love and the amazing things He did because we would."

More than 80 Alumni from over the past 37 years came from all over Michigan and Ohio... some from as far away as Tennessee and Florida...to share this afternoon of fun, food and fellowship. We laughed together, cried together, remembered together, and rejoiced together in all the good things God has done for us. We have decided that this event was so blessed and so successful that we must do it again next year.

All of us have made deposits faithfully in CMI during a part or all of these past 37 years.

It is truly amazing how many of our current members made serious deposits in making the Alumni day so special. From the bountiful and beautiful cut fresh flowers to the ocean of delicious food, to the individual gift bags for every CMI Alumni--these wonderful people wanted to show you their love and appreciation by contributing their best.

Everyone in our current group who sang and played the right notes and did the right moves, held the "freeze" at the beginning of our mini concert, and have "showed up" for 9 months of rehearsal for our new concert series JUST SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS has made deposits IN KEEPING THE TORCH LIT for others who will follow in the years ahead.

And think about what is yet ahead for all of us. Not only in November will we present 10 full concerts of

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but someday in heaven we will see the eternal results when a sea of white cards with the corners turned down are held up as evidence of our serious, faithful deposits.

Our lives will never ever be the same because of this experience. God has stretched us to where we will never go back to the same size we were before. He gave us this opportunity.

That is why we are proud to lead CMI and to offer inspiration, encouragement and direction in this adventure.

September is the beginning of the final count down to this concert season...the final days before we present for the whole world to see, enjoy and make a part of their experience and future what we have deposited in the bank called CMI. If you do not have tickets for the concert closest to you please call our toll free ticket hotline 1 800 993-SING. Why not give someone the gift of music this year and invite them to the concert?

I have purposely attached a colorful flyer to this letter so that you can send it to everyone on your email list. If you would do this for us we would be so grateful.

God's hand is all over this ministry. God's hand is all over you. Sense it! See it! Feel it! Enjoy it! Apply it!

Much love,

Thurlow and Kathey

PS We would sure love to hear from you. Here is our email address: alumni@thurlowspurr.com. And would you right now save the date of August 14, 2010 for the next Alumni Day at CMI? Already the plans are in place for something very special which you won't want to miss.

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