



Growing the seed

Special Touch Ministry impacts the lives of over 1000 individuals during a typical Summer Get Away season. Guests, staff, and CIT's are shown the love of God and how they can share that same love to others back at home. But, when the Summer Get Away is over, what happens to the 'seed' that was so carefully planted in them during the five days at 'camp'?

Many of those attending Summer Get Away do not have a pastor or church family. Many churches across the country are not equipped to teach people of varying intellectual abilities.

Summer Get Away volunteers come home, wanting to continue to serve people with disabilities in their church and local community, but are uncertain where to begin. This past week may have been the first time in their life they have served a person with a disability.

The Special Touch Chapter ministry was created to answer those needs, and more. People attending a Special Touch Summer Get Away can plug into a local Chapter so that the work God began can continue throughout the rest of the year. The seed that was planted, whether staff or guest, can be nurtured into a plant that will 'bear fruit' in their community.

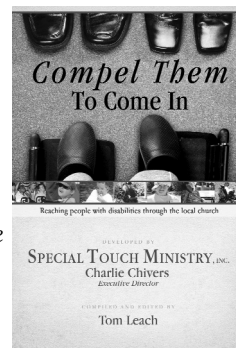
From October 1 to March 31, Special Touch Ministry will be accepting applications from groups of people looking to start a Chapter in their area. Would you please keep this program in your prayers? If you are interested in starting or attending a Special Touch Chapter, contact the ministry office or visit www.specialtouch.org.

Assemblies of God Evangel Magazine Reviews *Compel them to Come In*

- This book offers practical suggestions regarding the adaptation of ministries to the needs of people with disabilities
- The message in 'Compel Them to Come In', and in Scripture is unmistakable: Christ gave a mandate to the church to minister to those with disabilities.
- This is a message that the broader church needs to hear.

Read the review by Darrin Rodgers, Director of the Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center, in the June 5 edition of the Evangel or at http://www.specialtouch.org/pdfs/resources/compel_bookreview.pdf

Compel them to Come In is available for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling. Contact Special Touch Ministry at 715.258.2713 to get your copy today!



Upcoming Events

Summer Get Aways
Appalachian - Dublin, VA
Aug 1-5, 2011
Arkansas - Hot Springs
Aug 8-12, 2011
Arizona - Heber
Aug 8-12, 2011
N.E. Region - Hebron, CT
Aug 22-26, 2011

New Chapter start-up
October 1-March 31

Bowl Across America
March 31, 2012

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in your life?

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May & June Ministry Expenses \$20,000
 May & June General Donations. \$9,668

May & June Balance - \$10,332

Above is a feature, designed to give a snapshot of the ministry's monthly financial picture. At a glance, you can see the need and how it's being met.

NOTE: Personal budgets for our Missionaries and National Reps, including our Executive Director are raised independently.

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Your tax-deductible gifts are greatly appreciated.



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Congratulations to the Smith Family

Surprise! Special Touch Accounting Administrator, Valerie Smith, had the baby early! A delightful little boy, Devon Gabriel was born on July 5, 2011. Congrats Val, Jeremy, and brother Aiden!



Reaching the Community Through Music

The North Central Arizona Chapter of Special Touch recently hosted a community disability awareness event. Located in Prescott Valley, AZ, this fundraiser featured music from area disability groups and local performers including the choir from *Rainbow Acres*, the *Heavenly Chimers* from Prescott, *Brush Arbor Revival*, *4 His Glory* and the *Side Kicks*.



Frank and Jean Amico, the Arizona Summer Get Away Coordinators joined in this special event. Through the videos shared close to 175 people at this event had an opportunity to catch a glimpse of what the Arizona Summer Get Away is about.



Thanks to generous donors and participants, over \$700 in funds was raised, which, after expenses, provided the Special Touch Arizona Chapter just over \$300 to use for continuing ministry in Central Arizona.

Participants were blessed by great performances and fellowship. The Chapter was able to connect with many new people in the community, providing the potential of more lives being impacted by the services Special Touch Ministry provides.

Special Touch North Central Arizona Chapter meets the 1st Saturday of the month in Prescott Valley, Arizona. They are needing people committed to joining them, reaching out to people with disabilities in the community. To be a part of this life-changing group, contact Rita at 928-632-1203.