



The Homesteader

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Dear Kris

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An excerpt from "The Rubber Hits the Road". This [blog](#) chronicles a bike ride from Sea to Sea taken this summer. One of their stops along the way was in Fairbury, NE on July 21st.

Our church experience this morning was just amazing! We attended the First United Presbyterian Church of Fairbury and could not

have received a warmer welcome! In the lobby of the church, there was a big Sea to Sea bulletin board, complete with a t-shirt. The pastor touched on Sea to Sea and biking in general throughout the whole service. I loved that he used us as an example for the children's message; his comments to the kids were basically that God has the power to do anything he wants, but He chooses to do his work through people. In other words, he could wipe out poverty through supernatural means all by himself, but He gives us the privilege of working along with Him...very cool. His sermon focused on the topic of wind, and all of us cyclists could relate. Wind can be a good thing or a bad thing, depending on which way it's blowing. His text was from Ezekiel 37, the story of the valley of dry bones, one of my favorites. (also the theme of one of my favorite Chris Tomlin songs: "Awake") By ourselves, we cannot effect any great change, but when the Holy Spirit's wind blows, there is power. He assured us that we have a "holy tailwind" going with us on this great adventure! After the service, the wonderful ladies of the church put on a potluck spread such that I have never seen before...just an incredible quantity of food! They even packaged up what was left (and there was a lot!) and sent it with us, and we ate it again for dinner. I was so moved this morning by this little church; the Presbyterian denomination has nothing officially to do with Sea to Sea, yet these people went all out for us. It struck me as a beautiful illustration of "God's church", undefined by denominational labels that we tend to identify with. In the large room

All Youth Invited to Summer Missions

Camp four work days (5-6 hours ea) and a Sabbath/Free Day at the end of the week. Work sites/projects are lined up with help from the Y's Volunteer Coordinator.

Where: Estes Park, CO.
YMCA Camp of The Rockies

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where they served the food, there were a lot of children's projects hanging on the walls; one section had all papers taped up on which kids had drawn pictures of what they were going to do over the summer; most of them were the typical "play baseball", "go swimming", that kind of thing; I loved what one kid wrote: "Be a hero and save the world from a missile attack." You go,

Kouper!!

Correction!! The article in last weeks Homesteader regarding "Sweet Corn Sales Benefit" in Auburn was a ministry of First Presbyterian in Auburn and NOT the First Christian Church in Auburn.

How It All Began

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the

greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel , or eBay as it came to be known.

He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham.

And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began. And that's the truth.

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