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CONGRATS TO REV. BOZAK & REV. JOHNSON

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The district would like to congratulate both Larry Johnson and Glen Bozak as they have recently graduated from a Masters of Arts program through IWU in Marion, Indiana. The program taken was Ministry Leadership through online correspondence. Both pastors have taken all their information from the material provided, along with many contacts during their educational journey and applied it to their local churches and the district.



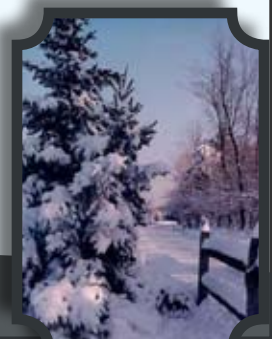
The 20 month program was enjoyed by both as they learned fresh perspectives of church leadership, church growth, and building up ministry. Many interviews from church leaders along with pastors have given them a clearer vision and a renewed passion for ministry. Through this educational experience this program has provided Pastors Bozak and Johnson with great tools for understanding ministry as a church and in whole as a district.

A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Dear District Family:

As you read this challenger you will find many activities and accomplishments that have taken place across our district. I trust this will be an encouragement to each of you and to each church to advance the kingdom of God and help you reach your community for Christ.

Edward E. Lindsey
District Superintendent



YOUTH CONVENETION 2007

The International Wesleyan Youth Convention, Set Apart 07, took place in Orlando, FL December 28th-31st. Around 7,000 teens and youth workers from around the world gathered together to worship and hear the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The messages in the main rallies were: Set Apart for God (salvation), Set Apart for Purity (abstinence before marriage), Set Apart for the World (missions), Set Apart for God's Purpose (life calling), and Set Apart for Life (lifelong relationship). The missionary speaker did a great job of showing what it means to give your life for Christ. Marilyn Laszlo, a missionary to Papua New Guinea, shared how she spent 24 years with a single tribe to learn their language, put it in writing, and then translate the Bible. The highlight of the convention had to be the message given by Kevin Myers, a Wesleyan minister from Lawrenceville, GA. He used the passage about David delivering food (including cheese) to his brothers on the battle lines.

He equated it with delivering cheese pizzas today. He asked the teens if they would be willing to set apart their lives for God even if it just meant obeying by delivering cheese pizzas. They responded by signing a pizza box and placing it on the main platform. It was glorious to see thousands of pizza boxes piled up as a monument to lives fully devoted to Christ! Many also placed theirs in a separate location indicating they were answering a call in to full time Christian service! Lives were changed at this



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MOPS MINISTRY

On January 10th Lisbon Wesleyan started a new ministry to reach out to the mothers of



the community. MOPS (Mothers of Pre Schoolers) is a support group for moms that seeks to show the love of Jesus by offering practical help for moms. Our goal is to connect with the unsaved mothers in the community and build relationships where the Gospel can be shared. We will then encourage moms to join a Women's Bible Study for discipleship. We are partnering with the other churches in our town to reach as many mothers as possible. Please pray for us as this ministry grows. The need and potential is enormous.

CHILDREN WORKERS NETWORK

We are gathering the names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of all kids teachers, children church workers,



VBS workers, etc. from each church in the district. We want to send them free resources and keep them up-to-date on the children's ministries in the district. Pastors, please forward this information to PastorAaron@LisbonWC.org. Mark your calendar for Kid's Camp – August 10-15. (Cost: \$150 reduce price!)

