

June 9, 2010

To the Brigade Chairmen:

Greetings in Christ from blustery yet beautiful Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada! As I sit in my office this morning eagerly awaiting the arrival of summer while the wind buffets the window behind me, I am reminded of how the Spirit of God works so powerfully and persistently, yet invisibly. Pincher Creek is a good place for such spiritual lessons from the wind, especially the persistent part! But as excited as I am about the coming of summer (in part because I'm a fly fishing fanatic!), I am filled with even more anticipation of seeing God continue to breathe life and blessing into the lives of boys, young men and leaders as He moves CSB into even greater impact in His Kingdom in the coming ministry season.

I can't begin to express how humbled, excited and envisioned I am to be called by God to be part of this ministry at this time. God has brought an incredible team together to lead us forward on the revision of our Stockade and Battalion programs, and we sense His hand leading us on this crucial initiative. You'll be hearing more from us on this in the very near future (we're developing a tool to share input and ideas from leaders, chairmen and pastors as together we create the best material we can for men, young men and boys of today and tomorrow). We are also embarking on the development of new leadership training for those joining the ministry in your church.

I wanted to take a few moments and encourage you in your pivotal role in God's kingdom as you serve as the Brigade Chairman at your church. As I shared in a recent letter to CSB supporters, the church in North America is at risk of losing a generation of boys. When Nehemiah saw the devastation to the wall in Jerusalem, he sought men who would "stand in the gap." You are filling a similar and crucial role in your church and community, and I want to thank you for doing so.

We also wanted to give you a head's up. Many of you make use of our Shape 'N Race car projects each year because of the great relationship-building and camaraderie it promotes. Unfortunately our vendors have had to increase pricing of the components for these cars beyond our ability to absorb the changes any further. So, we want to encourage you to take advantage of current pricing of \$41.95 for a 10 pack through Friday, July 16. On Monday, July 19 we need to raise the price to \$45.95/10pk. Note there will be a slight delay in order processing at the end of June to accommodate year-end inventory.

Looking out my window to the west, I can see dozens of wind turbines silently turning, proof of another windy day here. I'm smiling as I write this (a habit my wife often comments on!) as I know God is indeed at work. We may not see Him, but things are happening. God is breathing new life and energy into our ministry for Him. I'm so glad you're a part of that, and look forward to serving alongside you this coming season.

Thanking God for your partnership in ministry,



John Launstein
President, CSB Ministries

In November 2009, the U.S. Board of Directors appointed John Launstein as president of CSB Ministries U.S. He was already serving as president of CSB Canada. Now through this united North American effort, God is providing greater opportunities for synergy and collaboration.

