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Greetings in Christ!

The e-news was delayed a day due to our attendance at the Minnesota North District Convention held in Brainerd. Our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center display was very well received by the people in attendance. We shared photos of Christ Serve Ranch as well as many of the books that are available and in use at camp. Thanks to all of you who stopped by!

The dinosaur bones given to us by Dr. Erich von Fange have become a popular item for our presentations to parochial schools. Dr. von Fange also gave us some videos and 300 of his book for children on dinosaurs and Genesis. Those will be available from us here at camp.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Governor Kathleen Sibelius has been approved as the new HHS secretary. She has a long history of pro-abortion stances and under her Kansas governorship, that state saw some significant changes in the education departments stance on education regarding creation.

Nature Watch: The beavers continue to be quite active. The ice went off the lake during the night of Wednesday, April 22nd, about 1 week later than normal. We've started seeing and hearing much more songbird activity lately. Young deer continue to be together, but does are starting to move off to find good, safe places for having their young. Bluebirds are actively mating in the area. Most ducks and geese have completed mating and are awaiting the eggs. Within the next few weeks we may start to see young. Tom Turkeys have been spotted in the area in full plumage and lots of red on the face and beards. Gopher activity is really picking up with some warming of the soils. Grass started to grow as has alfalfa and other vegetation. Trees are actively budding and we expect to see apple blossoms soon.

FLAG AM 1100 appeal kicks off: We are very pleased with the nice comments we have received from people who have heard the messages on AM 1100. They are promoting the Christ Serve Ranch project and encouraging people to donate. We have a number of phone calls from people asking about our project. We hope to have the ads and interview posted on our website yet this week.

Resource of the week: Brian Young will be doing a workshop on Teaching Creation Science June 12-14. We encourage Sunday School teachers, pastors, teachers, and parents and grandparents to attend.

link of the week: Answers in Genesis has an excellent website. www.answersingenesis.org.

Prayer List: 1.) Please pray that people who hear the advertisements on AM1100 would be led to donate so that we can move forward with the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. 2.) Pray that families, schools, and congregations would be led to encourage youth to attend our Young Scientist and Creation Safari camps. 3.) Keep the families of those who are ill, especially with swine flu, in your prayers and ask God to be with us and to use this affliction to His glory. 4.) Thank God for the wonderful creation He has given us and ask that He would bless both the wildlife and natural growth as well as the farmers who plant crops and care for livestock that will feed and cloth us. 5.) Pray that schools and teachers will open their hearts to listening to God as the source of all creation.

Question and Answer: (Please feel free to pose questions about Creation, our project, or other Creation and Life Issues topics. We may invite guests to provide answers)

Question: We've heard the ads on The FLAG. How much is it costing you?

Answer: Scott Hennen and the management and ownership of The FLAG really believe in what we are doing so they made a special arrangement with us that provides a small percentage of

anything we raise will go to the station. It is a real blessing for us and we really appreciate their willingness to do what they are doing.

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