

August 12, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

Recent rains probably assure that 2009 will go down as a “green” year for many parts of our region. Watching recent news stories about the 80 plus inches of rain hitting the Far East causes us to pray for God’s peace and understanding to those people affected as well as reminding us what a tremendous and powerful event the Flood must have been.

**Creation and Life issues in the news: KATMANDU, Nepal** — The world's smallest deer, a flying frog and catfish that stick to rocks — as well as more than 350 other species — have been discovered over the past decade in the Himalayas, making it one of the world's most biologically rich regions, an environmental group said Monday. To read more click here:

[http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,538783,00.html?loomia\\_ow=t0:s0:a4:g4:r8:c0.0000:b0:z5](http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,538783,00.html?loomia_ow=t0:s0:a4:g4:r8:c0.0000:b0:z5). (Editor’s note: More evidence of a wonderful God who has created a world full of diversity and flexibility.)

**New York City, N.Y., Aug 11, 2009 / 02:36 pm (CNA).**- Health care reform is hitting a wall, claims Catholic League president Bill Donohue, and if you want to know why, the answer is opposition to coverage for abortion.

According to Donohue, President Obama has thus far refused to ask Congress to pass an amendment to exclude abortion coverage from public funding because Obama is so committed to making the procedure more available. To read more click here:

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/new.php?n=16813>

**Nature Watch:** What we think is a Cooper’s hawk has been making his presence known on the Island. They swoop through trees and other vegetation and grab small birds (often sparrows) right out of the air. One took a sparrow out of the air less than five feet away from this writer. Turkey young have been coming out in recent days. Wild turkeys raise up to 16 young, laying one egg a day. Eggs take at least 28 days to hatch. While geese have nearly attained adult size, young turkeys will take at least another month or two to get to independent stature. Turkey populations have exploded, nearly tripling in the last few years.

#### **Program Information:**

We want to remind you of the upcoming Creation-Science events. October 2-4 we’ll have our Creation Falls Back retreat. October 16-18 will be our retreat with Brian Young called “Responding to Evolution” and on October 18 our Reformation for Today event. You can find out more about any of these events by visiting our website.

**From the Task Force:** Bill met with an attorney last Friday concerning moving forward with the Limited Liability Company that we plan will purchase Christ Serve Ranch and hold it until we have the rest of the funds raised. Members in the LLC will purchase units. There will likely be 30-34 units sold for about \$30,000 each. If you are interested in the LLC, please give Bill a call.

Tours are available for anyone who would like to come out and visit the property we hope to purchase for the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. We call the property Christ Serve Ranch. It's located 3 miles from Lutheran Island Camp and is an excellent place for us to develop great learning for youth and adults. Just give us a call at 218-583-2905 and ask for Bill.

**God's Word:** By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33: 6,9

Prayer List: 1.) Please remember the efforts to establish the LLC; 2.) Give a prayer of thanksgiving for a great summer of camp including 4 excellent events in our Creation-Science programs; 3) Remember those who have been so terribly affected by the rains and typhoons; 4.) Keep Pastor George Sagissor, chair of our Task Force, and members of his congregation who have traveled to Guatemala; 5.) Please pray that God would continue to raise up volunteers, donors, and investors to help us move forward with our efforts.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.sixdaycreation.com>

**Resource of the week:** Bruce Malone DVD. This DVD shows how many of the theories of Geology and old earth were turned upside down when Mt. St. Helens blew up. This DVD is available from us at no cost.

Question and Answer:

Question: Tell us more about the LLC

Answer: If you, your congregation, group, or organization would like to own a unit of the LLC, you will also own a part of Christ Serve Ranch. This is an investment not a gift and it will help us move forward with programming at Christ Serve Ranch. To get more information, please give Bill a call at camp.

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