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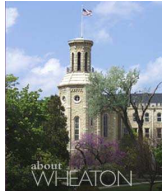
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Free public screening of, *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*, is attended by pairs of evangelicals and Mormons in Salt Lake
- Area Christmas lunches are held in December to encourage pastors
- Yorba Linda Friends Men’s Ministry in CA host ST for Men’s Breakfast
- Dr. Jerry Root invites ST to Wheaton College, and sets up ministry presentations at the Graham Center and at Willow Creek Community Church
- Canadian based Miracle Channel program “Insight,” which airs across Canada, host two day TV special with Greg and Dr. Bob Millet of BYU. A Dialogue was also hosted at College Drive Community Church in Lethbridge, Canada

New Introductions are Made During Chicago Trip



In early January, Dr. Jerry Root, co-editor of *Quotable Lewis* and Wheaton College professor, invited my colleague, Erik McHenry, and I to visit the campus of Wheaton College along with Dr. Robert Millet of BYU.

Wheaton is one of the finest Christian colleges in America and we were thrilled that Jerry wanted us to come to campus to share some of what has been going on in the area of Mormon/evangelical dialogue. Frankly, I could not have been more amazed at the opportunities Jerry provided us. First, we met with Dr. Chris Mitchell, the current Director of the Wade Center, which houses literary collections of such greats as C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and G.K. Chesterton. Dr. Mitchell gave us a tour of the Wade Center and inquired about the attitude of Mormon General Authorities to the growing evangelical/LDS interactions. Jerry then arranged for the three of us to meet with Dr. Lon Alison, the Director of the Graham Center. Our meeting was to last about an hour and half but went closer to three hours. Dr. Alison was quite intrigued to know that Mormons are seeking to engage evangelicals at a theological level, and was able to ask a lot of penetrating questions as to the ultimate hope of these interactions. The time he shared with us and the prayer he prayed over us was most affirming. I would hope that Dr. Alison might be able to become more involved in our efforts in the days to come. The next day, Jerry drove us up to Willow Creek Community church, one of the largest evangelical churches in America, where we met with several of their pastors and interns. As with our time at Wheaton, there was great intrigue and interest in the unique approach we were sharing with them regarding a missional and dialogical effort to engage the world view of Mormonism. We hope these introductions, for which we were so appreciative, would open new doors for a larger percentage of evangelicals to hear how God is working in Utah. Each time, we have the chance to share what God is doing among the Mormons through relationships and dialogue, I find more and more the response to be one of gratitude and great hope. I truly believe God is working in the hearts of evangelicals, that we might be open to His transformational power working among our Mormon friends. I believe real momentum is building for something big to take place in our culture sooner rather than later, and for this we rejoice and pray!

Miracle Channel Opens Doors in Canada

Paul Arthur, the host of *Insight*, a Canadian television show which airs on the Miracle Channel network, had invited me to be a guest of his daily program earlier last year. I was able to call in and field a number of live phone calls from across Canada as to how we are approaching Mormon outreach here in



Utah. As a result of that experience, Paul invited Bob Millet and I to travel to Lethbridge, Canada in late January to join him live on his show to discuss the similarities and differences between Mormonism and evangelical Christianity. Our program received so many calls that we were invited to reappear on the program the following day. While in Lethbridge, we were also held a dialogue at the College Drive Community Church which was attended by about 300 evangelicals and Latter-day Saints. Not only do these experiences give Bob and I a chance to model convicted civility, but they give members of each faith group a chance to ask important theological questions about God, salvation, and Jesus. I must admit that I am awed and humbled by places God has taken our dialogue and how it has helped individuals carry on important conversations with their theological other.

Upcoming Events & Prayer Needs

Please pray for our **Standing Firm One Day Ministry Conference**, March 23rd, @ The Fellowship in Sandy. Also, on April 8th @ the U of U we will sponsor **A Night with the NFL** with special guest, Coach Tony Dungie of the Colts giving his testimony. During Easter week we will sponsor a **Palm Sunday Community Service @ Thanksgiving Point** & a **Good Friday Service**. Additionally, please pray for strategic meetings on March 3rd and 10th with Mormon General Authorities and local and national evangelical leaders. Both of these meetings, in Denver on the 3rd and here in Salt Lake on the 10th, need much prayer! Thanks for the prayer cover!