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## God's Great Outdoors — 10 Years on The PATH®

*July 6, 2006, marks the 10th anniversary of God's Great Outdoors, a weekly radio program that takes you on a journey to meet a variety of outdoorsmen. Founder Gerry Caillouet discusses how, through God's faithfulness, God's Great Outdoors began as an idea on The PATH and later became a nationally recognized ministry:*

While attending outreach programs of a chapter of Christian Bowhunters of America in 1993, I began to reflect on all the Christians who made their living in the outdoors and all of the different outdoor ministries.

Soon, I came to feel strongly that the Christian community needed to know about those who have made sacrifices to reach unsaved outdoorsmen. Men, women, and children who will not attend church, listen to Christian radio, or watch Billy Graham on television are finding Jesus Christ because of these Christians' efforts.

With all this in mind, the idea for a Christian radio program about God's great outdoors became a burning desire of mine.

And to that end, in 1994, I approached my friend, Jon Skillman, who was working for the CDR Radio Network. Jon encouraged me to present my idea to the station manager, Paul Gathany, and also introduced me to Jim Leightenheimer. Jim's time, expertise, and ideas are the reason someone like me, who knew nothing about radio production, is producing a nationally syndicated radio program today.

With answered prayers and Jim's gifted help, the green light was given from Paul. The fledgling program's first flight was July 6, 1996, airing on The CDR Radio Network. At that airing, two sponsors began committing to the program's ministry: API Outdoors and Black Widow Custom Bows.

Less than a year later, we saw an opportunity at The National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Convention to partner with the outdoor ministries with which we actively work. We've learned that when we include the local church and the Christian media, we multiply our effectiveness. That is what the adventure of the ministry is all about: lifestyle evangelism.

Shortly after the NRB Convention, I lost my job of 15 years as my employer downsized and relocated. Seven months later, my wife, Cyndi, also lost her job, and suddenly we were plunged into a walk of faith. Cyndi and I felt God was moving us toward full-time ministry.

So, what can I say about how *God's Great Outdoors* came into being? To God be the glory! It has been through the working of the Holy Spirit that has made the program as successful as it is.

*Along with a radio program, God's Great Outdoors is a ministry to men and women, serving as a local and national facilitator for using the outdoors as an evangelism tool. This ministry has been instrumental in publishing gospel tracts for the outdoors person. God's Great Outdoors conducts "Game Dinner Outreach" seminars and has produced instructional videos.*

*Join Gerry in Jackson, Ohio, July 22 for Deer Camp in the City. To learn more about the Caillouet family and God's Great Outdoors, visit their Web site at [www.ggoutdoors.org](http://www.ggoutdoors.org).*



*Gerry Caillouet and Eric Johnson at the Sidney Grand Opening Event in April 2006*



*Tom Rakow of The Christian Deer Hunters Association and Gerry Caillouet in Canada at the Fishers of Men Retreat in 2005*

"My name is Bledar, and I'm from Albania. I want to say that my favorite radio station is The PATH."  
—With love, Bledar from Albania

## Personally Speaking



One of the many blessings of being associated with The PATH® is the opportunity we have to witness how God uses people who are yielded to Him step out in faith to engage and reach people for Christ.

Gerry Caillouet is an example of one of those people whom God is using. Gerry's passion is to see believers reach family and friends for Christ via outdoor ministries. In 1996, he established the *God's Great Outdoors* radio program here at The PATH; he is now heard on 200 stations. The growth of Gerry's program occurred even while he was working a full-time job and handling the many details of his ministry.

I commend Gerry's vision to you and extend congratulations to him and his wife Cyndi for their faithfulness on this 10th anniversary of *God's Great Outdoors*. We at The PATH count it a privilege to be part of this outreach.

For His Pleasure,

*Paul Gathany*

Paul Gathany  
General Manager

## The PATH Welcomes Gary Smalley to Springfield

Relationships! We all have them. Would you like to learn to strengthen yours? Join The PATH on Saturday, August 26, to hear best-selling author and speaker Gary Smalley for a full-day seminar for couples, parents, singles, and anyone else in a relationship. You'll learn about new communication methods, how to resolve conflicts, dealing with anger, understanding what pushes our "fear buttons," and much more. After all ... life is all about relationships, and the rest is just details.

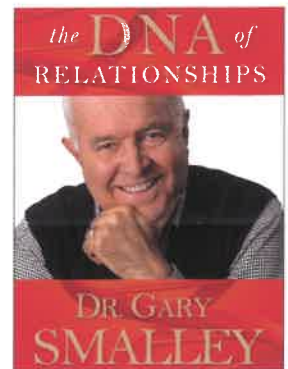
There will be six seminar topics:

- Discovering the DNA of Love
- Eliminate the #1 Cause of Relational Conflict
- Create Harmony Through Communication
- Create a Safe Place for Love
- The Power of One
- God's Fuel for Your Soul

Empower all of your relationships ... including your relationship with God!

The DNA of Relationships seminar will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fellowship Christian Church in Springfield, Ohio.

Group reservations are available. In addition to the seminar, there will be a pastor's Q&A breakfast from 7:30-8:30 a.m. with Gary. Visit [www.ThePath.fm/events](http://www.ThePath.fm/events) for more information.



## Michael W. Smith in Columbus for Biker Sunday

The PATH, Leave a Mark! ministries, and the Crew Stadium are pleased to announce a special concert by Michael W. Smith at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16. This special event will benefit The Buckeye Ranch, a nonprofit organization that provides hope and healing to children and families by offering mental health treatment services for children with behavioral or psychological disorders. Leave a Mark! is a ministry of Grove City Church of the Nazarene and its members believe in reaching out and giving back to the community — they expect over 10,000 motorcycle enthusiasts for this evangelism event! Also, earlier in the day, a biker ride will begin at the church and end at the Crew Stadium. The theme for this Ninth Annual Biker Sunday is "Against all Odds — Defeating the Giants in Your Life." Visit [www.ThePath.fm/events](http://www.ThePath.fm/events) for more information or call Grove City Church of the Nazarene at 614-875-2551. And be sure to stop by to visit The PATH's display at the Michael W. Smith concert!

"As I listened to The PATH, I wanted so much for my son to attend a Christian college with daily chapels. As I prayed one day, I knew I was praying against all odds — knowing finances were not sufficient. But God heard the desires of a mother's heart and answered that prayer. My son just finished his junior year at a Christian college! Thank you for inspiring me to pray for my son's future."

— Pamela in Portsmouth

"Thank you for coming to Sidney. We are so thrilled to have you here! The PATH® is on all day in our home, and we pray that you will touch many lives in this area. God bless you all."  
 —Jo in Sidney

## Ride & Walk for the Nations

Help support international friendships by cycling or walking in the Ride & Walk for the Nations on Saturday, July 22, at Homestead Park in Hilliard, Ohio. This outreach event is hosted by International Friendships, Inc., (IFI) — a student organization and Christian community group at The Ohio State University. IFI seeks to promote relationships with international students by providing services that address the social, cultural, and spiritual interests of the students. IFI staff members work closely with volunteers from churches to provide hospitality and encourage friendships.

Ride & Walk for the Nations is composed of two activities: a 10, 25, or 50-mile bike tour for cyclists and a one or three-mile fun walk for those who prefer to walk.

The PATH's Brad Hulls will be participating. Consider joining him! Registration begins at 7 a.m. at Homestead Park on Cosgray Road in Hilliard. If you are interested in participating, call Jason Pinschenat with IFI at 614-294-2434. If you can't ride or walk, you can sponsor Brad by calling his cell phone at 614-312-4841.



## The 2006 Ross County Fair



*The Ross County Fair's beautiful night skyline*

Join The PATH in celebrating the Ross County Fair August 5-12. Once again, our staff will set up a booth to greet longtime partners and make new friends — we'll also have a few giveaways! The Ross County Fair is rich in history and tradition and gets bigger and better with each passing year. It offers the entertainment fairgoers have come to expect along with interesting booths and talent exhibits. This year's lineup includes a junior fair night, monster truck mania, truck and tractor pull, a demolition derby, and country gospel music featuring the CCMA Vocal Group of the Year, The Fox Brothers of Nashville.

Season tickets are \$16, and daily gate admission is \$3. The Ross County Fairgrounds are located five miles north of Chillicothe on state Route 104; they are easily accessible and have ample parking. For more information go to [www.ThePath.fm/events](http://www.ThePath.fm/events). Make plans now to attend, and be sure to stop by and visit The PATH's booth.

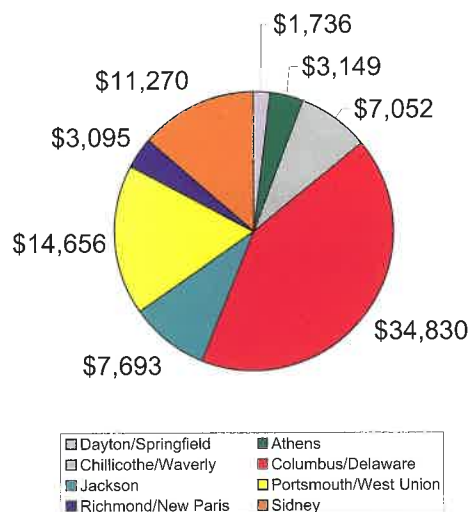
## Finishing Well Report

Thanks to the generosity of many listening partners, The PATH finished well as we wrapped up our financial year! The PATH regards your investment of prayer and finances as a way to strengthen family values in this area. Lives changed for Christ, daily encouragement, and a healthy alternative to the world's entertainment are great returns on your investment!

Your regular support of The PATH enables us to stay current on accounts with tower leases, phone bills, program delivery fees, maintenance costs, and personnel expenses, just to offer a few examples. In addition, when we are financially strong, we are in a position to respond to opportunities — like when Women of Faith invites us to extend their messages to a greater audience. Events like these involve stepping out in faith with our resources. When we see people coming to know the Lord and others being strengthened in their walk with God, the effort is worth it.

We are thankful for the expressions of partnership during this time of growth for The PATH. During the summer, your gift means a lot when ministry continues at a quick pace but income generally slows down. Many friends are standing with us to provide 24/7 spiritual encouragement. Those partnerships are vital. For additional partnership options, visit [www.ThePath.fm/support](http://www.ThePath.fm/support).

### Remaining Need as of June 27, 2006



## Joni and Friends' Ministries to Ohio Continues and Expands



*Joni enjoying some friends at one of her Joni and Friends Family Retreats*

Since 1991 Joni and Friends Family Retreats has hosted five-day summer programs across the United States, where families affected by disability can find hope and get a break from the challenges of everyday life. The following is a testimony from Missi Pollock, of Xenia, Ohio, and how the retreat has touched her life:

“We have two children with autism. My husband and I have a wonderfully close relationship but very little support. My family and I first attended Joni’s retreat in 2004 and were amazed that someone cared enough about our situation to offer us a week of relaxation, help with our children, and deep spiritual nurturing. This retreat is a reminder to us about how the body of Christ can function with everyone’s weaknesses and strengths exposed, needs being met, and gifts being used. Experiencing a family retreat, either as a family member or a volunteer, is the only way to understand what I’ve described.”

Missi and her family are returning for this year’s retreat in Friendship, Ohio, at Shawnee Resort and Conference Center during July.

The PATH® would like to congratulate Joni and Friends on their new extension office on the Legacy Center Campus in Xenia, Ohio. Their primary work will include: assisting churches with training and programs, curriculum, and special projects to minister to individuals and families affected by disability; evangelizing and discipling people affected by disability; mobilizing volunteers and churches to participate in ministries such as Family Retreats, Wheels for the World, and Special Delivery (ministry to the institutionalized and homebound); and providing resource referrals and assistance to those affected by disability. *Joni and Friends* can be heard Monday through Friday at 10:55 p.m. on The PATH.

## Nearly Two Decades of Underwriting

While Phil and Connie Watson’s daughter was a student at Cedarville University in the late 80s, they became part of The PATH family. It was also at that time that they made the decision to become a business partner with the radio network through underwriting. Listeners hear the State Farm Insurance agent’s spot during *Insight for Living* with Chuck Swindoll, weekdays.

Phil and Connie say, “Our day starts everyday with the friendly sound of CDR. The morning crew carries us through breakfast ... our dinner hour is usually spent with CDR News and programming. Our favorite programs are *Focus on the Family* and *Insight for Living*. We really appreciate the music of current artists — they’re always upbeat.”

Phil served for four years in the United States Marine Corps. He and Connie have been married for 42 years and have three daughters, 11 grandchildren, and another due in early January. So, naturally, Phil and Connie’s favorite activities revolve around their grandchildren! Our many thanks to the Watsons for nearly two decades of partnership support on The PATH. You may reach Phil at his State Farm Agency office in Huber Heights (937-236-9950).



## The PATH Welcomes David Phelps

Over the last eight years, David Phelps’ artistry has echoed off the walls of Carnegie Hall and vibrated the chandeliers in the White House. His masterful melodies have been burned into six award-winning Gaither Vocal Band CDs, five critically acclaimed solo offerings, and well over 40 Gold and Platinum Gaither “Homecoming” collections.

Join The PATH as we welcome David to the Shelby County Fair in Sidney, Ohio, on Saturday, July 29, at 8 p.m. The price of the fair includes his two-hour solo concert and all of the exhibits. Listen to The PATH to find out how you can win tickets, and while you’re at the fair, stop by The PATH display and say hello to our staff! For more information about the fair, concert, and other events, visit [www.ThePath.fm/events](http://www.ThePath.fm/events).

“Thank you so much for airing the Women of Faith conference. I could not afford to go and so wanted to. It was really a blessing to me to get to hear it all. Thanks again.”

—Long-time listener and supporter, Cathy in Lebanon

## Russ Lee To Visit Xenia's Old Fashioned Days



Russ Lee will be the special guest at Xenia's Old Fashioned Days Festival on Sunday, September 17, at 2 p.m. Featured on more than 10 #1 hit singles over the years — including songs recorded during tenures with two of Christian music's best-loved groups, NewSong and Truth — Russ' distinct, soulful voice is instantly recognizable. *Pictures on Mantles* captures the best of the Dove Award nominee and honored songwriter's career to date. The collection features Russ' Top 5 hits "Live What I Believe" and "I Smile" from his 2000 solo debut, *Words in Time*, as well as several career-spanning signature songs.

Regarding committing his life to the Lord, Russ says, "It's almost like a suspense movie where at that crucial moment when you're in trouble and you don't know what to do, someone suddenly gives you the answer to a life-threatening question, and that answer comes just in the nick of time. That's the way the gospel came to me. That's why I'm so passionate about my call to take it to others!"

The Old Fashioned Days Festival will start on Friday, September 15, and end Sunday, September 17, in the evening. Other features will include a craft court, food court, parade, balloon glo, field day events, paddle boat rides, classic car show, strongman contest, 5-K run, and carnival rides.

Visit [www.ThePath.fm/events](http://www.ThePath.fm/events) for more information.

## Day Sponsorship — Choose Your Special Day and Support The PATH®

Did you know that you can sponsor the cost of a day of broadcasting? Each year many listeners of The PATH choose to sponsor a specific day that is personally special to them — such as an anniversary or a birthday. Others sponsor a holiday that has special significance, such as Mother's Day or Memorial Day.

After you've chosen a day, The PATH staff will work with you to prepare a short announcement that will let fellow listeners know about your day sponsorship. This is a unique way to encourage a friend or loved one and support Christian radio at the same time!

For pledges of at least \$40 per month, we will air your special announcement eight times throughout the day on all 12 affiliate stations of The PATH. For pledges of at least \$80 per month your special announcement will be aired 16 times throughout the day.

With The PATH Day Sponsorship program, you can write your own 30-second message. Or if you prefer, you may choose to use all or part of our standard message. Here is an example of a day sponsorship message:

*The Wilkerson family takes time to remember Jean Wilkerson of Ada, Ohio, and to praise God for His faithfulness. They remember how difficult it was for her to raise eight children by herself. Even with all the demands on her time she managed to make every child feel special. She returned to the Lord late in life; now she is with Him for eternity! Proverbs 31:27-28a says, "She looks well to the ways of her household; and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her (NASB)."*

*A unique way to encourage a friend or loved one and support Christian radio at the same time!*

For more information about The PATH Day Sponsorship, call Emily Bonsell, media advancement assistant, at 1-800-333-0601.

## The PATH Welcomes Eddie Taubensee to Chillicothe



Home Plate Ministries, The Chillicothe Paints, and The PATH have teamed up to welcome Eddie Taubensee, former catcher for the Cincinnati Reds, to the VA Memorial Stadium on Saturday, July 15. Eddie and his wife will share their testimony, and eternal salvation through Jesus Christ will be the overarching theme. Be sure to invite a friend who needs to hear the good news!

The program will take place before the baseball game between the Chillicothe Paints and another Frontier League team. Each Home Plate ticket includes the program, an autograph session, a meal voucher, and the evening Paints game. It's a fun day at the ballpark and a great opportunity for churches to share the gospel. Also, be sure to listen to The PATH to find out how you can win a Home Plate Family Package, which includes five tickets, five meal vouchers, a baseball card and a baseball signed by Eddie Taubensee, and a family photo with the Taubensees!

Visit [www.ThePath.fm/events](http://www.ThePath.fm/events) for more details.

*"I enjoy hearing Sports Spectrum. Good, clean sports talk is hard to find! Keep up the good work."*  
—Jonathan in Springfield

## Upcoming Events

### Ninth Annual Biker Sunday with Michael W. Smith July 16, 2006, 2 p.m.

This is a fund-raising event with proceeds to benefit The Buckeye Ranch. Tickets are available at Grove City Church of the Nazarene or Ticketmaster.

*The Crew Stadium • Columbus, Ohio*  
614-875-2551

### Deer Camp in the City with Gerry Caillouet July 22, 2006, 9 a.m.

Join The PATH®, *God's Great Outdoors*, and Christian Outdoor Fellowship of America for this evangelistic event.

*OSU Extension Center • Jackson, Ohio*  
740-667-3519

### International Friendships, Inc. (IFI) Ride & Walk for the Nations

July 22, 2006, 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

IFI promotes friendship and hospitality for international students. Join the bike tour or walk, or sponsor The PATH's Brad Hulls.

*Homestead Park • Hilliard, Ohio*  
614-294-2434

### Larnelle Harris Concert

July 23, 2006, 8 p.m.

This is a free event sponsored by The PATH and the Springfield Arts Council.

*Veteran's Park Amphitheater • Springfield, Ohio*  
866-324-2712

### David Phelps Concert

July 29, 2006, 8 p.m.

Join The PATH as we welcome David Phelps to Sidney, Ohio. The price of the fair includes his two-hour solo concert.

*Shelby County Fairgrounds • Sidney, Ohio*  
937-492-7385

### Gary Smalley ... The DNA of Relationships August 26, 2006, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Best-selling author and speaker Gary Smalley will be teaching this full-day seminar for couples, parents, singles, and anyone else in a relationship.

*Fellowship Christian Church • Springfield, Ohio*  
937-322-5381

### The Revolve Tour September 8-9, 2006

This is a new event for teen girls presented by Women of Faith. Join Natalie Grant, ZOEgirl, Tammy Trent, and more.

*Nationwide Arena • Columbus, Ohio*  
877-9-REVOLVE

### Xenia's Old Fashioned Days Festival September 15-17, 2006

Russ Lee will be the special guest on Sunday at 2 p.m. Other activities include a food court, paddle boat rides, and much more.

*Shawnee Park • Xenia, Ohio*  
937-372-3591

### Dr. Walt Larimore to Visit Springfield October 20, 2006, 6 p.m.

The PATH welcomes Dr. Walt Larimore, award-winning medical journalist, best-selling author, and family physician to Springfield for a fund-raiser for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

*Marriott Hotel • Springfield, Ohio*  
937-525-3781

### FamilyLife Weekend to Remember® Conference December 8-10, 2006

Weekend to Remember® conferences provide instruction toward the goal of oneness in marriage. This year's theme is Peacemaker Marriage and will address a better understanding of marriage roles, while promoting godly conflict resolution.

*The Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel • Columbus, Ohio*  
1-800-FL-TODAY

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