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Reaching Out with **OUTREACH**

Everyone appreciates a "win-win situation" and that is exactly what has developed between Creatures of Creation and a company located in San Diego County called Outreach. Outreach's slogan is "Reach More People for Christ" as they help churches find creative ways to reach out and share the gospel in their communities. It wasn't long after Outreach discovered Dan Breeding's unique form of creation evangelism that a ministry partnership was established.

In 1 Corinthians 9:22, Paul said, "I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some." This verse best describes what this partnership is all about — reaching out to communities, showcasing God's amazing creatures and sharing the gospel.

Outreach has a team of professional event planners that assist churches and organizations interested in hosting a community outreach event. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in hosting an event in your area, please call (866) 400-2036.



Young volunteer training Dan and kookaburra

Creature Rescues

Many animals that find their way to the Creatures of Creation sanctuary have been rescued from a bad environment, illegal handling, or some form of adverse circumstances. For example, "Peanut", Creatures of Creation's squirrel monkey, was rescued as an illegal pet after being attacked by a dog. Peanut suffered injuries to his lower back which resulted in two fractured vertebrae. Most of his tail and two of his toes were completely bitten off. After several regimens of antibiotics and steroids, his condition improved from near death to stable. Now Peanut is enjoying a safe new respite at the ranch among the other Creatures of Creation animals.

While Creatures of Creation ministries rescues many animals from temporal adversity, we have been given a much greater calling to rescue souls for eternity. Ultimately, we are motivated to reach the only creatures created in our Creator's image, sharing the greatest and most important message for mankind — that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

In Romans 7:24, Paul asks "who will rescue me from this body of death?" Paul rightfully understood that he had inherited a sin-nature from Adam and was separated from a perfect, holy and righteous God. In the next verse, Paul exclaims, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Paul recognized that Jesus Christ is the only answer for lost sinners. By repenting and turning to Jesus Christ by faith, sinful man can be rescued from the wrath of God and inherit eternal life in heaven.

One might say then that Creatures of Creation is in the rescue business, and therefore, we aspire

"Peanut", Creatures of Creation's squirrel monkey

Agile Alligators

If you have been keeping up with the news lately, you are undoubtedly aware of the recent alligator attacks in Florida. Fortunately, these regrettable attacks aren't as prevalent as the recent rate would seem to indicate. Previous records show there have been only 17 alligator-related deaths in Florida since 1948. Nevertheless, this reptile should never be taken lightly as its jaw of 74–80 teeth can generate up to 2000 pounds per square inch of biting pressure!

The formal name for the American alligator is *alligator mississippiensis* which comes from *mississippi* (as in the Mississippi River) and *ensis* (meaning "belonging to"). These reptiles are typically found in the southeastern United States, with a range as far north as North Carolina, as far west as Texas, and as far south as Florida. The alligator became the official reptile for the state of Florida in 1987. This seems appropriate since this once almost extinct animal has now reached a population of over a million in Florida alone.

Like other reptiles, God designed alligators to be ectothermic, which means that this animal maintains its body temperature by absorbing heat and controlling its body temperature from outside environmental sources like sun, shade, and water. Essentially, the alligator becomes the same temperature as its surroundings. The alligator was also designed to live in water, and was created with the ability to close its ears, nostrils, and a special valve in the back of its throat so it can open its mouth under water without drowning. This valve makes it possible for the alligator to hunt fish, its favorite staple food. Its mostly seafood diet allows the alligator to grow up to a foot per year.



"Spike" showing off his teeth (with a little help)

Another amazing design feature of the alligator is its unique eye. God not only designed the eye with a binocular style of vision, but He also equipped the alligator's eye with its own built-in pair of swimming goggles called the nictitating membrane. This membrane is like a second clear eyelid that magnifies underwater vision when the alligator is submerged.

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If the alligator's powerful jaw isn't intimidating enough for you, let's take a closer look at the other end and see how its incredible tail performs like a powerful outboard engine. The alligator's brawny tail in conjunction with its webbed feet enables it to swim up to speeds of 25–30 miles per hour!

Statistically speaking, alligators face very difficult odds in their early years. Most of the 30–70 eggs laid by mother alligators don't stand much of a chance of surviving as only 50% actually hatch. To make matters worse, of those baby alligators that do hatch, 80% of them fall prey to predators in the first two years of their lives. Once the surviving alligators get past this perilous phase of life, they typically live 55–60 years on average and reach a length of 13 to 15 feet. Females typically weigh 160–200 pounds while males can reach between 400–500 pounds. According to our research, the largest alligator ever recorded measured 19 feet 2 inches and was found in Louisiana (for you Guinness Book of World Records types).

Incidentally, Creatures of Creation has three growing alligators —

American Alligator	
Scientific Classification	
Kingdom	Animalia
Phylum	Chordata
Class	Reptilia
Order	Crocodylia
Family	Alligatoridae
Genus	Alligator
Species	Mississippiensis

Auggie, which is 7 feet long, and Ramma and Joe (which are 4 feet and 1 foot long respectively). Auggie is the most "famous" of the bunch as he has appeared in front of many crowds and has been featured in several magazine and newspaper articles. Fortunately, the notoriety hasn't gone to his powerful head.



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to glorify God through His Creation and seize every opportunity to point people to the Great Rescuer of souls — our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul prayed, so do we: "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Children at recent San Diego outreach event

Monkeying Around

Some of you might remember our last newsletter article entitled, "Pilot Video Slated", where we announced our goal to release our first video on primates this fall. While we will be grateful when we reach this benchmark, we must also recognize that its completion hinges on God's timing and His provision of resources.

When Creatures of Creation was first established just over a year ago, we agreed that the Biblical basis for planning is submissive, not presumptive, meaning that our plans flow out of a submission to God and

Wise Old Owl



"Tootsie" displays her wings

*A wise old owl lived in an oak;
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard;
Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?*

While there is some debate about the origin and history of the wise old owl, most people will recognize this popular nursery rhyme. They say that this poem has been used as a tool to teach young children to be quiet. This idea is probably derived from one of the owl's most common behaviors of quietly and patiently waiting for its prey.

The fierce and powerful great horned owl is an incredibly skilled hunter which capitalizes on this trait as it patiently roosts and listens for certain sounds from its prey. Once the owl locates the sound, it silently swoops down and snatches its victim with its powerful talons. This is commonly referred to as the "perch and pounce" hunting method.

The great horned owl typically targets mammals for its prey (such as raccoons, rabbits, opossums, squirrels, skunks, cats, mice, rats and foxes). Its eyes are larger than humans' eyes and are designed with a binocular style of vision which enables them to zero in on prey with pinpoint accuracy. In fact, its eyes are so large that they are fixed in place and cannot move. What is most amazing is that this precision hunting takes place at night!

The great horned owl has a wingspan of 4-5 feet and is the second largest owl in North America. (The gray owl is the largest.) It gets its name from the feathered tufts on its head that appear to be horns. Like most birds of prey, the females are bigger than the males. Great horned owls typically have a lifespan of 25-30 years.

God designed the great horned owl with very special vertebrae called axis vertebrae which allow it to turn its head 270 degrees in one direction. Another very special design feature of the owl is its special silent flight feather (Say that ten times really fast!). Of all the 10,000 different species of birds in the world, the owl is the only bird that is designed with flukes on the inside and outside of every feather that actually stifle the noise from the friction of feathers moving. Any other bird flapping its wings would sound like many pieces of paper shuffling together.

Great Horned Owl	
Scientific Classification	
Kingdom	Animalia
Phylum	Chordata
Class	Aves
Order	Strigiformes
Family	Strigidae
Genus	Bubo
Species	Bubo virginianus

Some of you have met Tootsie, Creatures of Creation's very own great horned owl. For those who have not, we managed to include her passport photo for this article.

His leading, with an understanding that He has the divine privilege to edit our plans. Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps." Ecclesiastes 3:17 tells us that "there is a time there for every purpose and every work." These and many other verses in Scripture make it very clear that God is in charge, and we are to submit and cooperate with His timing and purposes. This applies to video projects and every other Creatures of Creation ministry endeavor.

What we can share with you is that most of the rough video footage is "in the can" and we're continuing to chip away at the script and storyboarding. While video projects take tremendous

time, patience, and resources, we are encouraged by the progress. Regardless of whether this first video is released this fall or sometime in 2007, we are committed to making this a quality video production which will honor our Creator by presenting His creatures from a Biblical perspective. We look forward to seeing how God will use this resource to tear down strongholds and glorify Himself by proclaiming the truth of Creation!

Please pray for us as we work through the production process, and if the Lord should put it on your heart to support this project financially, we would love to hear from you.

COC ~ Goes on Safari!

If you haven't visited our website lately, we encourage you to do so soon. Keep an eye on what we're calling our "Safari Map to Heaven" page. Visitors will be guided through a spiritual journey where the Gospel will be presented in a very stimulating and engaging manner as we walk them through the Biblical accounts of creation, the curse and Christ at Calvary. Through creative audiovisual effects, we take them back to the beginning and show how perfect things were after God created everything in six days, pointing out that the Garden of Eden was like heaven on earth.

The sharp contrast between the pristine garden environment and the dire aftermath of sin's curse set the stage for the only solution for mankind to be reconciled to his Creator — Jesus Christ! We invite you to visit our site and give us your feedback on this unique Gospel presentation. We would love to hear from you. And please pray that God will use this tool to bring many people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!



Testimonies

I just found out about you guys, and I just wanted to say that I'm glad that this type of organization exists. My kids just LOVE learning about animals, and I love that they are able to learn about them in a biblical point of view. God Bless Creatures Of Creation!

Sarah Guadarrama
Hemet, CA

We would like to thank you for your ministry and ask God's blessing on it in the years to come. You have a powerful message and a great platform to spread the gospel throughout the world!

Andy Ehlers
Founding Pastor
High Tide Church
Dagsboro, DE

What a wonderful ministry. I read every word of your website... I am excited about this ministry. I will pray daily for Creatures for Creation.

Cheryl Evans
Livonia, MI





Seek Ye First

Do you ever feel like you are too busy? I sure feel that way. Between juggling Creatures of Creation ministries, Wild Animal Encounters animal sanctuary (feeding and caring for 45 animals), my family (and all their extra-curricular activities), and attending seminary part-time, my plate is full! The real challenge is prioritizing my time so that it lines up with God's Word. First and foremost, I want to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). God promises that when we put Him first, He will provide for our needs. Secondly, I want to love my wife as Christ loved the church (Matthew 6:25) — a very tall order, and only achievable by His strength. Thirdly, I want to train up my children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6) and pray for them daily as they grow in Christ. Finally, I want to apply 1 Corinthians 10:31 to these priorities and my ministry calling — that whatever I do, I do it all to the glory of God!

If you are like me, keeping your priorities in perspective is a daily struggle. But if we seek the LORD and His strength (1 Chronicles 16:11), trust in Him, and acknowledge Him in everything we do (Proverbs 3:5-6), He will direct our paths.

Please pray for Creatures of Creation as we continue to seek God's counsel on furthering this ministry while still maintaining our commitment to God, family, and our full-time job commitments.

Dan is the volunteer Wildlife Educator for Creatures of Creation and the Director of Wild Animal Encounters animal sanctuary in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Chosen in Him

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" (Ephesians 1:3-4).

The first three chapters of Ephesians have been referred to as the "Alps" of the New Testament because of their breathtaking view of our spiritual inheritance in Christ. Any faithful student of the Word will be ushered through a spectacular heavenly perspective and reminded that this inheritance is all about God — His will, His good pleasure, His glory, and His workmanship.

God intended that we understand His divine plan "which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Ephesians 3:11), so that we "may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height... to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" Ephesians 3:18-19).

The more we grasp "the riches of the glory of His inheritance" (Ephesians 1:18), the more we should fervently long to give God the "glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages" (Ephesians 3:21). May we be challenged each day to devote all of who we are and all of what we do to the glory of Jesus Christ!

"To Him be the glory both now and forever" (2 Peter 2:18).

Mark serves as the volunteer Administrative Director for Creatures of Creation Ministries. Mark also serves as the Director of Outreach and Resource Development at the Institute for Creation Research in San Diego.



Creating for His Glory

Recently I went to an art exhibit and some of the displays were pretty good, but some — well let's just say "beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

Now when you think about it, we have all been given the ability to create for God's glory. Even though this thought may seem a bit unconventional, if you take a moment to digest this concept, it will begin to make some sense.

We, in one way or another, are all artists. And if the truth be told, some have a bit more talent than others, but nevertheless, we all create! Why? Because we were designed that way!

King Solomon found the secret to creating when he wrote, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Now let's think about this for a moment; He said, "With all your might" — like a coach encouraging his players to play with all their heart when he tells them to "go for it!"

Again, we all are creators. For some it may be the innovative way you handled a problem at work, or you could be the mom who has learned to manage the household bills so there is still some left over for a fun family outing. And you may have the child with an incredible imagination that takes him from the deep jungles of Africa to a clandestine meeting with the Knights of the Round Table, even though he has never left his own backyard.

I believe God appreciates it when we go for it, especially when we go for it for His Glory.

Besides his duties as volunteer Creative Director for Creatures of Creation, Al Magallon continues to run Ten 31 Productions and serves as the Pastor of Missions and Outreach at Pico Rivera Bible Church, both in Los Angeles, California.

Prayer Requests and Ministry Needs

Once again, we want to thank everyone for your prayers, financial support, and encouragement. We are thankful for the many blessings and opportunities God provided over the last year and a half of ministry, and continue to pledge our commitment to glorify God through His Creation and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please know that we are totally committed to carefully and prayerfully managing all tax-deductible donations given to further this ministry. The following is an updated list of tentative plans established for 2006 and 2007, subject to the prayers and financial support of our faithful friends and ministry partners.

- Continue to increase our community outreaches (ongoing)
- Release our pilot video on primates (Goal: Fall 2006 release)
- Continue developing COC's educational website
- Release our first series of "Critter Cards" (Goal: Fall 2006)
- Begin developing Creatures of Creation evangelistic tracts
- Begin developing Creatures of Creation publications

For detailed information on Creatures of Creation ministry plans for 2006 and 2007, please contact Mark Rasche (toll free: 800-926-7955, or email at mark@creaturesofcreation.org).

Dan's Event Schedule

June 1, 2006	Bunn Middle School, Bunn, NC
June 2-5, 2006	New Hope Baptist Church, Orangeburg, SC
June 7, 2006	Latham Springs Baptist Encampment, Aquilla, TX
June 10, 2006	Pierce Baptist Church, Zebulon, NC
June 21, 2006	Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, IN
June 30, 2006	West Albemarle Baptist Church, Albemarle, NC
July 8, 2006	Village Church, Holly Springs, NC
July 11, 2006	Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
July 14-15, 2006	SAM Convention, Louisville, KY
July 26-28, 2006	Live w/ Regis and Kelly, NY, NY
July 31, 2006	Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
August 5, 2006	Memorial Baptist Church, Crossville, TN

September 15-16, 2006	Goddard School, Apex, NC
September 8-9, 2006	Southern Baptist Convention of OH
September 10, 2006	Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, Washington DC
September 12, 2006	Bunn Elementary, Bunn, NC
September 14-16, 2006	Grace Baptist Church, Morristown, TN
September 21-23, 2006	Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, Manassas, VA and Washington DC
October 5-8, 2006	Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Boone, NC
October 22, 2006	Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX
October 31, 2006	Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Raleigh, NC
November 10-11, 2006	Providence Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
January 2007	Southern Baptist Convention, AK
February 2007	Southern Baptist Convention, TX

To schedule Dan for a Creatures of Creation experience, or inquire about existing events, call:

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For all other states, call **OUTREACH EVENTS** @ (866) 400-2036