



Eastern Oregon youth baptized



Eastern Oregon volunteers and youth with the donated water trough in which the baptisms took place.

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Volunteers from Faith Baptist Church of Harney County conducted a baptismal ceremony at Eastern Oregon YCF Nov. 9 during their weekly Bible study session. Twelve at-risk youth were baptized after sharing their testimonials. Seven volunteers from the church and two family members of youth were present to support the young men and to celebrate their decision.

Longtime facility volunteers Cliff and Peggy Asmussen arranged the baptisms, which required much scheduling, staffing, and communication. The Asmussens also persuaded the management of the local Big R store (a farm and home supply business) to lend a water trough for the ceremony. The Asmussens, along with church volunteer Jess Wenick, delivered the trough to the facility and returned it to the Big R store afterward.

Cliff and Jess performed the baptisms. The testimonies and displays of emotion made it obvious that this was a very special and memorable day for the youth and volunteers alike.

“It was awesome, magnificent!” said youth Jessee after his baptism. “The reason I did it is because spiritually I’ve already accepted Jesus Christ and this is a physical representation of that to the Christian community.”

“I was reborn at the hands of Cliff Asmussen and Jess Wenick with fellow members of the church and other brothers who were being baptized,” said youth Ian. “I felt at peace after accepting Christ Jesus into my heart.”