

# SMALL CLOUD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS ... CANDLE LIGHTS

"With God all things are possible." - Mark 10:27.

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Dear Newcomer,

Your name has been placed on our mailing list to receive *Candlelights*, our school newsletter. Thank you for allowing us to tell you a little bit about us.

Small Cloud Christian School began in January of 1996 when two young women, who had a burden to bring a Christian education within the reach of *all* children, dedicated their talents to God and determined to open a Christian School. Knowing the dangers inherent in the public school system and realizing the great need for all children to be taught about God, they prayed that God would open the way for them to do what they felt He was calling them to do. They especially felt the need to help children who could not ordinarily afford a private education. God heard their prayers and provided a location.

School began in a converted workshop, with a wood-burning stove for heat in the winter and a fan for cooling in the summer. (A fly swatter was an essential tool, since the other half of the building was a barn to house cows!) A recycled piece of carpet covered the floor. An old chalkboard and some second-hand desks were donated. The teachers were ready to begin.

Six students came that first day--a family of four children plus two other students. There was no playground equipment, as there was no money for that. So the children had to use their imaginations to come up with something to play with, and they had good imaginations!

In 1998 it was decided that an addition to the school was an absolute necessity, as enrollment had increased. The addition evicted the cows and provided another classroom, as well as two bathrooms, a lab, a kitchen, and an office. Donations of supplies continued to arrive--chairs, desks, tables, computers, a fax machine, a microwave, and many other things. We experienced the fulfillment of God's promise found in Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Small Cloud exists because of faith in the promises of God. It is easy to read *about* faith in the Bible. The life histories of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and many other mighty men of faith have been recorded for our learning and encouragement. But we do not receive faith by osmosis. Each of us



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needs to experience God for ourselves, to "taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Psalm 34:8). This is only learned by practical experience.



As stated in each of our newsletters, Small Cloud "is dedicated to leading children of every race, color, nationality, ethnicity, gender and creed to the knowledge of a living God." We have had students from a variety of religious, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. Each is welcomed and becomes part of the Small Cloud family.



At Small Cloud we use good, solid Christian curriculum for our students. Each student progresses at his or her own rate based upon his/her level of ability. Although we do encourage excellence in the area of academics, character development is of utmost importance to us. That a student learns to be truthful, obedient, honest, helpful, kind, etc. is our highest goal.

Financially, Small Cloud operates on the "manna principle." This means that we trust God to provide for our needs on a day-to-day basis. We are totally indebted to Him for meeting our financial needs. In addition to the tuition we receive for students, God also supplies our needs

through the generous donations of many persons whose hearts He has touched. Other methods of raising money for the school include the Scrip program and Box Tops for Education. If you find it in your heart to help us, please inquire as to how these programs operate.



Graduation - June, 2002

We would like to welcome you to our Small Cloud family. Since our "family" includes not only our past and present students, but our newsletter friends as well, we look forward to hearing from you some time. We solicit your prayers for Small Cloud and hope *Candlelights* will be a great blessing to you.

In the service of the Lord,

Small Cloud Christian School Staff