

THE GREENWOOD REPORT

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In 32 years of being on staff with Cru I have never done a Halloween themed newsletter. I just don't see any value in decorating for, or dressing up for, "celebrating", or otherwise calling attention to Halloween. I do think I understand some of its basic appeal, though. I mean, I like candy as much as the next person, and it can be a good excuse to display one's creativity in making a costume or laying out a themed newsletter. But I believe for some people an attraction of Halloween is the supernatural themes it promotes – not that they necessarily believe them, but find it entertaining to ponder "what if".

Evidence for our fascination with the supernatural can be found in the media which a large part of the population seems to be drawn to. I read through the TV Guide listings for the 7:00pm to 10:00pm time slots last week and found 12 shows which deal with paranormal powers or involve spirits or otherworldly entities. An examination of movies released this year revealed 13 which would be classified likewise. (For a detailed listing of these findings you can visit www.GreenwoodMinistry.info)

You probably already know the Blaise Pascal quote:

"There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus."

I believe that many people who are enamored with supernatural themes are really seeking to fill that "God vacuum", as He is the ultimate source of the supernatural.

It is this high degree of interest that so many people have in supernatural subjects which motivated us to tap into these themes as a hook for the documentary movie about Andre we are working on. It is our hope that it will lead people to interact with us after the credits roll; where we can expose the counterfeit, supernatural fictions, and present a relationship with our Creator as the one supernatural pursuit with eternal satisfaction.

On an unrelated note, Sheila is leaving October 31 for Guatemala with a 10 person team from our church. They will be gone 10 days to help with Vacation Bible School at 5 different churches there. Please join us in praying for their safety, health, and effective ministry both to the children and the leaders with whom they will be working.

Living in The supernatural,



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