



# DOWN ON THE FARM


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# ROAD Warriors 2011

by

Karen Wiler  
-Community event  
volunteer



Have you

ever watched the popular television show The Amazing Race? I have always thought how cool it would be to travel around the world competing in activities against several other teams to try and win the grand prize. Although they did not travel around the world tons of kids traveled Hillsdale County on a similar quest called Road Warriors put on by Crossroads Farm. It was a fantastic evening of

fun and competition. Several teams raced (abiding by the speed limit of course) around the county using clues to guide them to the next destination. At each site a task awaited the team in order to earn their next clue and get them closer to the final destination. I was thrilled to be asked to help out at one of the sites cheering them on and snapping photos of the teams as they changed the tires on a vehicle and raced around it lugging the tire with them as



they went. It was quite a sight! After completing as many sites as they could in a set amount of time the teams ended at a secret location with pizza and a concert! It was a blast to be able to participate in such a well organized, way too much fun event! It made me wish Crossroads Farm had been around when I was a teen! What a great way to reach out to friends and show them that being a Christ follower doesn't mean you give up on fun!!!



Daniel (6th grader - home schooled)  
Laser tag

--"I liked shooting Gus all the time. Paul & I kept shooting him and shooting him and he couldn't find us."

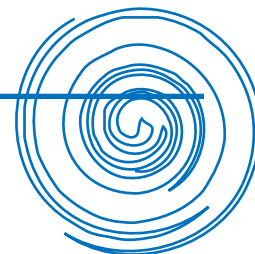




# "Immersed In Faith"

by  
Kayla, Reading High

Being baptized is something I have always wondered about. When I heard Doug was going to be doing baptizing I knew I wanted to sign up. I met with Doug and he explained everything so well, then I knew I was ready to take that next big step in my faith. **Being baptized** was truly an amazing experience and I'm so glad I was able to share that moment with so many extraordinary people! 🌊



## From the Board

Crossroads Farm,

Matthew 6:33  
**Pray for our  
seniors...**  
we send them  
out...

**W**hat is the most important moment of your life? Although you probably have many, hopefully making the decision to give your life to Jesus Christ is the single most important act you do. Crossroads Farm strives every month, every day, and every hour to impact kids to make this important decision. Fortunately, **Crossroads Farm has had the opportunity to lead many to Christ**, but even if only one person would have been saved through this

ministry, it would be a success. As you know Crossroads Farm does many other enriching programs to develop the teens of Hillsdale County. **Learning to have good character and strive to do well in every area of your life** is so very important. I John 3:18 says, "Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth". This type of love is what we at Crossroads Farm like to display to the teens of Hillsdale County.

As chair of the

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**Graduates!!!**

some ready to  
what's next...some  
we wished for more  
time...



all we were privileged to love. 🌊





Berean Baptist held a youth outreach, sealed the BOUNCE course, and cleaned the Barn.

Highland Park Baptist 8th grade student leaders and their great dads build a fence.

Countryside Bible youth pulled corn for an evening for the maze.

Pastor Mark Medley and assorted CRF volunteers built a bridge for the maze.



**THANKS!!!! THANKS!!!  
THANKS!! THANKS!**



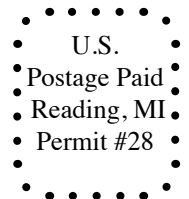
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Loving The Rural Teenager



***\*\*Can you find the bolded prayer and praise hidden in this newsletter?\****

## Could it be that you missed our bat signal?!

We sent it out a few weeks ago!  
Holy Procrastination Batman!

Call us at: 517-283-3982 to reserve  
your spot for the annual  
Crossroads Farm  
**"I NEED A HERO" banquet.**

Save the world.  
(Aug. 20 2011, at the Farm!)



(From the Board, cont'd)

board of directors  
of Crossroads Farm, I would like to  
say **Thank You to all of you who  
continue to support our ministry.**  
We are so thankful for the opportunity to  
impact the teens in a positive way. We  
strive to be good Stewards of any gifts  
that you give to this ministry, and will  
continue to do this in the future.  
Being a teenager is not easy. Being  
a teenager in Hillsdale County is not  
easy. Hopefully being a teenager and  
belonging to Crossroads Farm makes it  
a little better.

Jeff 