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JOHN MITCHELL TOLER

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OBJECTIVE

My goal is to love God by investing in the youth through Bible Study, fellowship, mentorship and worship; to grow closer to the teens by growing closer to God.

SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS

I was not raised in a Christian home, but my parents played critical roles in my upbringing, instilling in me good morals and a hard work ethic. I was educated in a public high school system, where I was introduced to the love of Jesus Christ at the age of sixteen. I believe that God used my youth pastor and mentor to not only recognize my call to ministry but to also affirm it. From that point on I dedicated myself to furthering my knowledge and understanding of God and what it looks like to live a life for Him. After high school I went on to attend Indiana Wesleyan University, where many people from professors to mentors invested precious time and wisdom into my life. From these relationships I came to realize how vital a role they were to my growth and inspired in me to now create relationships similar to those. Leading me to invest in others the way these men of God invested in me. I am committed to furthering my education and knowledge of God so that I can form meaningful relationships with those to which I minister. My relationship with Christ is a growing one that is a daily process.

EDUCATION

Majors: Youth Ministry and Biblical Literature

Indiana Wesleyan University - Marion, IN

August 2005 – Present

- Anticipation of graduation December 2009

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Resident Assistant

Indiana Wesleyan University - Marion, IN

August 2007 – May 2008

- Was in charge of a wing of 29 men
- Had to delegate to unit leadership
- Regularly attended meetings dealing with organization, discipline, and mentoring

- Administered spiritual and emotional counsel to the men in the residence hall
- Often gave bible studies and was always ready to share my testimony
- Tried to maintain a fun, easy going atmosphere while still being disciplined
- Constantly helped residents resolve conflict

Camp Counselor

Deerfoot Lodge-Speculator, NY

May 2007-August 2007

- In charge of looking after mostly Jr. high boys
- Lead hiking trips to different mountains and lakes in the Adirondacks
- Trained in wilderness first aid, life guarding, and CPR
- Lead nightly devotions
- Learned and then taught the boys about wilderness camping
- Learned to relate to God through his creation and then shared my experiences with my campers.
- Learned patience in dealing with Jr. high students

Unit Chaplain

Indiana Wesleyan University-Marion, IN

August 2006-April 2007

- Lead weekly bible study
- Helped organize a small accountability group
- Cared for the spiritual well-being of 30 men

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST