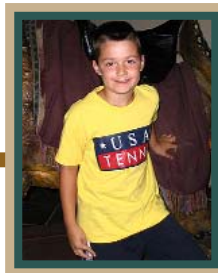


# Making a DIFFERENCE



Timothy Rata

**L**AST YEAR at the end of AWANA (Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church) they brought in Mickey Weston to speak and he shared with the kids how he surrendered his life to Christ when he was 16. Timothy shared that with me the next morning as he was leaving for school. I asked him, "When are you going to give your life to Christ?" He shrugged his shoulders and said, "I don't know." That evening, instead of reading the Bible story with Timothy (9) and Nicholas (5) (they are now 10 and 6), we went over the card Mickey gave the kids. On the back of the card, the gospel message is clearly outlined. After going over it, I asked Timothy the same question I asked him that morning. "When are you going to give your life to Christ?" His eyes got filled with tears and he said, "Now." We prayed together and he accepted Jesus as His personal LORD and Savior. It was May 15, 2008. The day meant a lot to us since exactly a year before, May 15, 2007, our house got hit by lightning and caught on fire. May 15, 2007 represented a day of misery, while May 15, 2008 represented a day of MERCY.

So, thank you for your ministry. **It DOES make a difference!**

Blessings,  
Tiberius Rata

From the desk of Tom Roy



Simon Guehring, German National Team player, teaches some campers hitting techniques.



Left to right... Tom Roy, Bill Curtis, Marc Roth, Simon Guehring, Andy Janzen and Alex Dix. (not pictured, Brian Hommel)

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## Rimini Report

**W**ITH NEARLY PERFECT WEATHER the entire week, 53 German campers showed up to the 11th annual UPI Baseball Camp in Rimini, Italy. Some highlights of the week together were the morning testimonies told to the campers by the staff, a study by Brian Hommel on church history, 7 games played against Italian and German teams during the week, great fellowship times at night and Gelato every day!! Thanks to Alex Dix for his work on the European side in making arrangements as well as to the staff of Bill Curtis, Marc Roth, Brian Hommel and German National Team Players Simon Guehring and Andy Janzen. We are already praying and preparing for year 12 in 2010!

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## SCRIPTURE

*“And when I came to you,  
brethren, I did not come with superiority  
of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to  
you the testimony of God.  
For I determined to know nothing  
among you except Jesus Christ,  
and Him crucified.”  
–I Cor. 2:1-2 nasb*

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## June 2009

### UPI Alumni Gathering

Ball Park at Arlington, Texas  
June 30, 2009  
5:00 pm til after game between  
Rangers and Angels.

- ▶ All invited who have been involved with UPI on International trips, Military trips, Bible studies.
- ▶ Free evening of telling stories and encouragement!
- ▶ If interested in attending, please contact Tom Roy at [troy@upi.org](mailto:troy@upi.org) or 574-376-0162

## Schedule

May 26 - June 2 .....*Mickey* in Japan  
 June 7 .....*Mickey* – Chapel – Indians/White Sox  
 June 7 .....*Tim* – Chapel – Brewers/Braves  
 June 10-21 .....*Tom* – Hilton Head Week of Champions  
 June 10-13 .....*Hommel* – 9th Inning Ministry clinic and speaking at FCA Prayer Breakfast for the College World Series  
 June 14 .....*Hommel* – Chapel – Astros/D’Backs  
 June 19-21 .....*Hommel* – In Seattle with D’Backs  
 June 22 .....*Mickey* – Speaking at Pleasant View Bible Church T-Ball/Softball Finale  
 June 27 - July 4 .....*Hommel* – Maranatha – Muskegon, MI  
 June 28 .....*Mickey* – Chapel – Cubs/White Sox  
 June 28 .....*Tim* – Chapel – Orioles/Braves  
 June 30 .....*Tom* – UPI Alumni Gathering at Texas Arlington Stadium

**A**s you pray for our scheduled events (see above), please remember that each of our staff is involved in discipleship, Bible studies, leading chapels, visiting, writing, etc., throughout the entire year. Please pray for each of them.

## Prayer... Praises

- PRAYER**
- First Alumni outing in Texas June 30th
  - Mickey's eye needs continued healing
  - Kayla Weston's medical mission trip to Nicaragua June 19-28
- PRAISE**
- Successful move of UPI Warsaw offices
  - Bible studies with White Sox players and wives are going well
  - Strength in keeping up with all of our kids activities
  - Visits with several players as they come through Chicago
  - Successful Father/Son Retreat and ministry to teens of deployed soldiers in Germany

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