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Your NFC



LIVING OUT LOVE —> LOCALLY...GLOBALLY

by Todd Brand

Rwanda 2014 Snapshots

• *Hearing from pastors and church leaders about how Discipling for Development has impacted their lives and churches was a powerful experience. Years of building relationships has resulted in stories of the shift from dependency on foreign assistance to a healthy dependence on God and interdependence in congregations of the Rwandan Friends Church. Stories of God transforming people from desperation and despair to functionality and moving to wholeness. It was a blessing to see God at work through the D4D program and the years of work of David and Debby Thomas and Brad and Chelsea Carpenter.*



• *After attending a Rwandan Friends church service—cut short to three hours because the muzungu (white visitors) don't like long services—we enjoyed a meal provided by the church leaders to honor us as visitors. The meal was delicious, and I particularly enjoyed the fried fish (sardine-like) that were served whole. Crunchy and delicious, a local treat. It was sobering to hear their concern, hoping we would enjoy the meal. It was delicious. A highlight occurred spontaneously as we left the meal and a group of young girls from the church were playing rope-jumping games. Erica joined in and asked them to teach her how to do the routines they were practicing. They were very gracious and patient*

with Erica as they laughed through her attempts to follow the routine. Laughter transcends language to connect people. I could hear God laughing with us.

• *Our team had the blessing of working with MKs (missionary kids) each morning as they enjoyed the beauty and relaxation of Kumbya, a retreat and conference center designated for missionaries in the region to connect and recuperate. Many of us worked with the younger kids, allowing parents to have time in teaching sessions and small-group processing time. Alan Akins and I got to work with the older*

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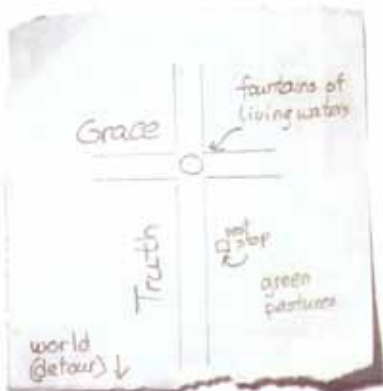


youth to discuss Bible passages about God's calling in our lives and how we respond. It was a blessing to work with such amazing youth and children. I am used to working with a variety of youth that have varying levels of motivation and willingness to cooperate. It was a pleasant switch to work with youth who were very interested in collaboration and applying the learning to their own experience.

- *Visiting Benimana, our sponsored Compassion International child and his family.* After a two-and-a-half-hour drive, we pulled into the school and church grounds to look at the records for our child. We discovered that we were the *first* sponsors to visit a child at this center. Compassion partners with local churches to help deliver assistance to families in need. We were delighted

to discover that Benimana is a part of a Friends church. He attends the church-affiliated school in his community. After looking at his records in the office, we got back in the car and drove a little way until the "road" became an undrivable path. We then had the honor of walking through a beautiful area between a lake and a volcano. People in the area were drying sorghum and working in their fields on various crops. The soil was rich but riddled with volcanic rock that needed to be laboriously removed from the field and stacked to the side. It was easy to see the beauty of God's creation in the landscape and the families as we walked.

After about 20 minutes of walking, we arrived at Benimana's home. It was such a joy to give gifts to Benimana and his family. In return they honored us with a framed family picture and a giraffe carving. At the conclusion of our visit, many of the neighbors poured into the small front yard of Benimana's home and sang as three of the women from the community began dancing in celebration of our visit. It is difficult to describe my response to this spontaneous dancing, but I welled up with joy from the celebration. It is such an honor to worship the same God with people from such a different geography and culture.



*Meet Me at the
Crossing of Grace
and Truth*

Friends Women Retreat

**Twin Rocks Conference Center
Rockaway Beach, OR**

September 26-28, 2014

Questions? Contact **Terri Bowen** / 503-550-1364

Your **NFC** THIS WEEK

READ AHEAD FOR AUGUST 17

Matthew 5:33-37 linked to biblestudytools.com

TODAY

Summer Sunday school for children! Nursery care provided during 9am and 10:45am services. Pre-K (Rm 124) and K-5th grade (Rm 121) large-group Sunday school class provided at 9am only. Regular schedule for middle/high school and adult Sunday school. See an usher or greeter for specific class information.

9am | worship gathering
10-10:45am | Community Time | on the lawn or inside
10:15-10:45am | library staffed
10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, August 18

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C
Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, August 20

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Thursday, August 21

WBF steering team meeting | 9am | Barclay C

Friday, August 22

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, August 23

Men's prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room
College-age BBQ and Pool Party | 4-8pm | for any college age people | Koskela home / 1225 NE Chehalem Dr. | drinks and burgers and veggie burgers provided; bring snacks to share if you can

Sunday, August 24

Read ahead: Matthew 5:38-42

Plan Ahead

August 25 | children's ministry orientation 7pm | Room 132 | for parents, grandparents, volunteers, all NFC attenders | review of procedures and policies in place for the safety of our children and volunteers; discuss the importance of children; celebrate the opportunity to serve and worship with children | alternate opportunity September 4 at 10am

August 31 | reminder for families: nursery care only during both services
September 7 | Kick-Off-the-Fall Potluck Picnic | noon | on the lawn | hamburgers/vegieburgers and drinks provided! (\$ donations accepted) | Bring a side dish or dessert to share. If possible, also bring your own tableware to help cut down on disposable products. Visitors and college students, just bring your appetite.

September 7 | congregational business meeting | 6pm



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NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Bailey Sherwood, an NFC 8th grader, would like to invite you to a fun run / walk she is planning for Mercy Corps.

Run For Relief



3K fun run/ walk supporting Mercy Corps

Thursday, August 21 ~ 7 p.m.

Heirloom Rose Gardens

\$20 race entry includes T-shirt

503-476-6282 or ssherwoo@georgefox.edu to register

HEAVEN'S GAIN



Fern Faye Savarino died on August 6, 2014, at age 84. She had attended NFC for around 17 years. Family

members at NFC include her husband, **Phil**; daughter **Diana** (and **Steve**) **Gulley**; granddaughter **Kari** (and **Ryan**) **Libby**, and great-grandchildren **Joel**, **Emma**, and **Kylie Libby**. A service to celebrate Fern's life is being planned for October 18, 2014. Details to come.

Kick-Off-the-Fall Picnic

September 7, 2014

@ noon

Burgers/vegieburgers and drinks will be provided!

Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

(\$ donations accepted)

Please bring your own tableware to help cut down on disposable products.

Visitors and college students, just bring your appetite.

men's retreat



September 12-14, 2014

For information about the Twin Rocks men's retreat, pick up a flyer at the welcome center on Sunday morning or [click this link](#) for full information and registration.

Dear brothers
and sisters in
Christ Jesus—

Thank you
for all the
prayers on
behalf of my
great-grandson
Andrew Mykal,
of Pratt, KS, who entered this world and
was immediately whisked away to the
embrace of Abba on August 1, 2014.

I know it has been both a blessing and
comfort to my family, as well as to me,
to know God's presence in a very real way
of which you have been an important part.
I would appreciate continued prayers for
those who grieve.

Blessings, Penny Koffler



Night Labyrinth Walk

North Valley Friends Church

August 22, 8-10 pm

Contact Debbie at d.headley@comcast.net
for more information.

North Valley Friends 4020 N. College St, Newberg

Margaret Fell Friends Women
kicks off their 2014-2015 season
with a potluck picnic. This first
meeting will be at 6 p.m., August
25, at Spaulding Oaks, 1100 N.
Meridian Street, Newberg.

Dan Cammack, EFM director,
will share news and challenges of
Evangelical Friends Mission. *All*
women *and* men are invited to
this event. Want more informa-
tion? Contact [Phyllis McCracken](#)
or Phyllis Morse.



Want a Small Job With a Huge Impact?

The NFC wood ministry team is looking for a
delivery coordinator. Responsibilities include mak-
ing weekly matches between delivery workers and
orders, beginning Oct. 1 and going through early
spring. The time commitment is small but requires
someone who has access to a computer, is a good
communicator, and can follow through and do a
little problem solving. The delivery team is in place,
so we just need the matchmaker! Contact Colleen
Sump if you are interested or have questions.

fivesumps@msn.com or 503-476-6842



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