

November 2011 Newsletter

By Pennie Kellenberger

When I was in Africa, I was privileged to serve along side a couple from the Quad Cities – Dave and Beth Jolly (you might have heard Dave on WDLM in the mornings). One of the first days in Kenya, Dave led our morning devotions. He quoted from James 1:27. “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.” He went on to remind us that orphans are a result of various circumstances. Many have lost their parents due to sickness and disease (such as AIDS, TB, and malaria) or other failed health related causes. Many children become orphans because of war or abandonment. Many are living in child-headed homes and are in desperate need of help. We view these children, who are left to wander the street homeless and hopeless, as God’s most precious. Dave continued and reminded us that not all orphans are completely without parents or someone to protect and care for them. It might only be for a season. Regardless, God has called us to care for those without anyone to care for them.

That is what THE CENTER is about – caring for others every day.

Please join us Sunday, November 6, 2011 at The Center(1411 Brady St.) in Davenport from 5-7pm to hear about the Jolly’s ministry in Romania, and how you can be a part of what God is doing there!



Dave & Beth Jolly

Dave and Beth Jolly are moving to Romania to serve God in a unique way. Please come to listen and learn about their ministry!

If you'd like to be redirected from our mail list to our electronic e-mail list, please contact Jolene at 563-323-5295

The Center is:

- A community whose purpose is found in Jesus Christ and exists to live like he did.
- A community that stands up for justice and speaks against oppression .
- A community where if you show up you belong.
- A community where it's not about what you do, but who you are. You are a child of God, born to manifest God's glory, not defined by appearance or actions.
- A community where people gather because there is no other place they would rather be.

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Thanksgiving Baskets

The Center is working on our Thanksgiving Food Baskets giveaway coming up in November. We are looking for volunteers to help assemble and distribute boxes to families in our neighborhood.

A contribution of \$35.00 will sponsor a family for Thanksgiving.

Please contact us at The Center @ 563-323-5295.

There are many families who receive Thanksgiving baskets that require extra food to feed large families. Therefore, any financial contribution or donation of boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, boxed cornbread, corn or green beans would truly be appreciated!

SkateChurch is in need of **compassionate adults that care about kids to volunteer on a Friday or Saturday night.**

We are also in need of used game systems and 12 packs of pop. Check us out on our Facebook page and on The Center's website.

Street Team needs your HELP!

As we are getting ready for the fall and winter weather Street Team continues to partner with Kings Harvest and Davenport Community Schools working with overflow emergency shelters for families and our homeless youth. We are always in need of socks, blankets and gas cards.

What's happening in Kenya?

Kenya New Life In Christ - Graduating Class at Mailisaba



FOM Discipleship Training—"New Life In Christ" had its 1st graduating class in August of this year. The 12 lesson series is part of a yearlong program to prepare the church to "Go and make disciples" Matt. 28:19 These 29 will now move on to the next series - Growing In Christ. They are part of over 100 in our 7 churches who are stepping out to be what Jesus has called us to be...
...His Disciples

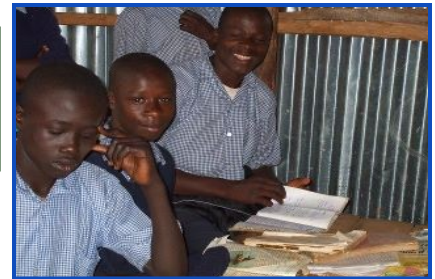
Kenya Food Distribution

Our mission team traveled to Muamba Village in eastern Kenya, an area that has not seen any rain for more than 3 years. We distributed food to 920 families, some walked for 20 miles to receive beans, rice, corn, sugar, cooking oil and salt. "Being able to give was such an unforgettable experience...seeing their faces!"



From city streets in Kenya sniffing glue to school and a pen!

It all started "we stopped to buy some bottled water and saw all these children falling down in the street from being high from sniffing glue" when we asked each other what can we do for these children. Then, after speaking with Pastor Joshua, the decision was made to meet with as many as would come that night. The "deal" was you turn in your glue bottle, listen for awhile about what Jesus has done for you and then you will eat. No one knew what would happen that night, but as we came to the meeting place (a small dimly lit vacant lot) there stood 23 "chokora" street children. It was hard for some to give up their glue bottle, but after a lot of pleading our congregation of girls and boys ages 7-16 listened as we shared Jesus. Some raised their hands and we prayed with them. As we handed out bread and milk it was not hard to tell... many had not eaten recently. Cleophas (above: he has the big smile) lifted his hand that night to accept Jesus as his Savior and Lord. Cleophas is in school now with a good future and is being discipled at our Mailisaba church. He will win others out of the same lifestyle.



He knows... "Why do you sniff glue? It helps me not feel the pain" He knows... Jesus can set you free!!!

The Friendly Thrift Center

is looking for a few more volunteers to help work in the back room with donations and on the floor with miscellaneous activities. We hope for a 4 hour commitment, but are very thankful for any help we get! All volunteers share in great fellowship with each other and with our customers. Please consider joining our mission. Just call and ask for Thiara or Nancy...324-2235 Monday - Saturday 9AM - 1PM.

Alive! Children's Theater



*November 19, 2011
Show starts at 7pm
The Center
1411 Brady Street
Davenport, IA*

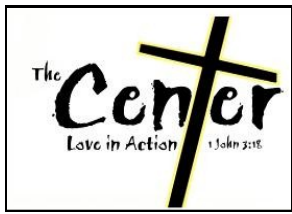
No admission charge! Donations accepted!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—BRING FRIENDS & FAMILY

Comedy Relief is an Improv team comprised of students and adults.

Improv Comedy is an interactive performance by a team of players who use suggestions from the audience to play out a scene or sketch on stage totally unscripted..

Improvise is to compose, perform or deliver without previous operation. So, in short, you—THE AUDIENCE controls what we do. The outcome is unexpected, hilarious and good, clean family fun!



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**\$5.00 Donation!
Drinks & Snacks
Will be
provided**

Kids Against Hunger - Your Quad Cities packaging events are great projects for local organizations that are looking for a way to give back and have a fun-group building activity.

The Center and Younglife Capernaum are sponsoring a Kids Against Hunger event to be done by **STUDENTS with Special Needs** on **November 12, 2011, from 6-8pm!**

This is an event where the kids will be measuring three different things into bags, sealing it, and placing it in boxes. We will have two tables of 12 students.

**MUST RSVP TO ATTEND
563-323-5295!
RSVP BY November 4, 2011!**

Special Needs Students – Please Help!

Please give us a call at The Center to let us know if you'll be attending upcoming events. The number of students on our attendance list continues to grow, so leaving a message on the answering machine will be extremely helpful in determining final event plans!

Special Needs Events (6-8pm)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- November 12 – Kids Against Hunger
- December 10 – Christmas Party
- January 14 – Carnival
- February 11 – Valentine's Dance
- February 27– Club– Call for details
- March 10 – Club (Bingo)
- April 14 – Club
- April 28 – End of Year Dance
- May 7 – Club
- May – BOWLATHON FUNDRAISER



Students had a great time on October 22, 2011 at the Costume Ball @ The Center with Young Life Capernaum! The Center would like to thank all the volunteers that continue to make these events a huge success!



Davenport Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) “Safer Shack” a Success

On Friday, September 30th, Davenport YEP students had the opportunity to test out their entrepreneurial skills by operating a hotdog stand in collaboration with the Solid Rock Café located at the Center. The exercise was designed to instruct students on the many aspects of opening and running a small business including the creation of a business plan, marketing and promoting, setting the price and implementation. The students were divided into teams encompassing the various functions of a small business – while learning teamwork, leadership and fiscal responsibility.

In all, the Safer Shack was a great success! The students met their goal of raising \$300 which will fund employment related items (e.g., haircuts, work shoes, uniforms, etc.) for students - both past and present who may have a need. Congrats to the students and to the Davenport YEP staff for affording this unique opportunity to our youth.

DINING TOUR BOOKS FOR SALE

"Good for Buy One-Get One Free Meals at Many Area Restaurants"

\$35

(Good Now through November 2012)

To Benefit QC Safer Foundation

To Order Call: **(563)322-7002**

Please Make Checks Payable to:

"Safer Foundation"

Thanks for Your Support!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	2 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm	3	4	5 Davenport Central Musical Cast party 10-12pm
6 Improv 2-4:30pm QCPC Café 1-5pm Jolly's Open House Harvest Bible 5-7pm	7 Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Rie's Bible Study 7-9pm Ministry Meeting 6pm	8 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am Safer Board Meeting 3-5pm	9 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm Home Visitors 12pm Safer Board 3-5pm	10 Maximize 4:30pm QCPC Clergy Prayer 7:30-8:30am	11 Maximize Blanket Drive	12 KAH— Spec Needs 6-8pm
13 Improv 2-4:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	14 Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	15 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am Center Management Meeting 5:30pm	16 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm Lay Leaders 4:45pm	17 Maximize 4:30pm	18 Maximize Big Event 3:30-8pm	19 Alive! Children's Theater Improv 7pm
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Street Team : Homeless Outreach
Monday-Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm

Safer Foundation
Monday-Friday
8:00am-3:00pm

Food Pantry @ The Center
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00am-11:30am

Table Tennis
Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

The Friendly Thrift Center
Monday-Saturday
9:00am-1:00pm

Solid Rock Café
Monday-Saturday
9am-2pm
Sunday Closed

Living Faith
Sunday 7:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday 6pm

Skate Church
Wednesday-Saturday
6:00pm-10:00pm

Call 563-323-5295
for reservations and questions!



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Living Faith
Neighborhood Connection
Quad City Prayer Center
SHIIP
Kids Against Hunger
Solid Rock Café @ The Center
Alive! Children's Theater
Young Life Quad Cities

Our Mission:

The Center is a collection of ministries focused on being a beacon of light to the voiceless, powerless, and the marginalized members of our community by providing assistance to meet human needs and by providing a place where people can grow in their relationship with **God.**