

## September 2011 Newsletter

*By Pennie Kellenberger*

### What I Learned in Africa

In August, I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Africa with Fishers of Men Ministries. Everything there is different – different smells, different sights, and different sounds. I learned so many new things. Here are three of them.

#### #1 Finish strong and complete the task.

**Acts 20:24**

“However I consider my life worth nothing to me, my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”

I spent more than 12 days with new tasks, new food, and new sights. I rearranged my sleeping pattern while devoting all my energy to a task the Lord had set before me. All in all, I think I did ok. At the end of the 12 days, the race was nearly finished and I was flying back into Washington DC. I learned there that my last connecting flight had been cancelled, but that I could catch a different flight 5 hours later. Let’s just say “I lost it!” Even after speaking with a supervisor and DEMANDING an earlier flight, I sat there with my daughter sleeping on my lap for the next five hours. With time to reflect, I began to feel disappointed in my reaction. At that point I hoped that those I had tried to share the love of Jesus with hadn’t heard what I just said!

#### #2 Love is the same in any language

**1 Thessalonians 3:12**

*“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other.”*

I met a young boy who revealed more to be about God’s love than any sermon I’ve heard (no offense Pastor!). We met by accident. I was busy at my task when his 9 year old friends pushed him into me from behind. He was scared thinking I would be angry. I smiled at him and he offered me his hand. We didn’t speak the same language but we both understood his actions. His smile will forever remind me of the love God has for us that overflows to others.

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#### 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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### #3 My heart is home. 1 Corinthians 3:7

“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,  
but only God who makes things grow.”

I feel that giving of your resources to a cause such as Fishers of Men Ministries is worthy! Your resources of physical, emotional, and financial support are valuable. While I was in Africa, I was in contact with people here at The Center. I realized that I didn't go a day without talking to someone here about something that had to do with our community. I enjoyed my mission abroad but my heart is home. It has been said that we should 'grow where we're planted'. I have been planted! I can't wait to go back, but God is "growing" love here too!

### The Big Picture

Finish strong, speak love, and grow where God plants you!

African Night @ The Center  
September 15, 2011  
6pm



*Come to The Center to hear about Pennie's trip  
to Kenya. Enjoy some African food and  
learn what is happening in eastern Africa!*

# NEW AT THE CENTER!

## LOAD IT UP POTATO



- BUTTER
- SOUR CREAM
- CHIVES
- BACON
- HAM
- TURKEY
- TACO MEAT
- DICED CHICKEN
- CHILI BEANS
- BROCCOLI
- DICED TOMATOES
- ONIONS
- SHREDDED LETTUCE
- SHREDDED CHEDDAR
- MELTED CHEDDAR SAUCE

- DRESSING OR SAUCE

(CAESAR, RANCH, RED FRENCH, BUFFALO SAUCE,  
SWEET CHILI SAUCE)

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**PUNCH meets the third Saturday of each month  
at 10:00am at Sacred Heart  
(Educational Building—just north of the church)**

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# ***TALENT SHOW***

*For Students  
with Special Needs!*

**September 10, 2011  
6-8pm**

**\$5.00 Donation  
At Door**

**Call  
Jolene  
to Sign  
up!**

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*Join us for an evening of fun for the family.  
Please let us know if you would like to participate  
in the talent show—or use your talent of  
encouraging others on their talents.*

Can you play an instrument?

Can you tell jokes?

Are you good at making something?

Can you dance?

Can you act?

Can you sing?

Can you draw?

Are you good with a jump rope?

Can you do magic?

**PLEASE RSVP BY September 1, 2010**

**Students with special needs had a  
“HO-DOWN” of a time at the western  
back to school party on August 27th!**



**A special  
“THANKS” to  
everyone that  
made this event a  
huge  
success!  
The students  
had a  
great time!**

**Next event is the Talent Show—September 10, 2011**

# Special Needs Events (6-8pm)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September 10 – Talent Show

September 24 – CLUB

October 8 – CLUB

October 22 – Halloween Dance

November 12 – Kids Against Hunger

December 10 – Christmas Party

January 14 – Carnival

February 11 – Valentine's Dance

February 25 – Club

March 10 – Club (Bingo)

April 14 – Club

April 28 – End of Year Dance

May 7 – Club

May – BOWLATHON FUNDRAISER

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# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maximize 4:30pm	2	3 ACN 9:45am-12:15pm Shower 2-6pm
4 OBF Dav 6pm	5 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	6 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	7 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm	8 Maximize 4:30pm	9	10 Special Needs Talent Show 6-8pm
11 Seek & Soak 6pm	12 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Ric's Bible Study 7-9pm Ministry Meeting 6pm	13 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	14 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm Lay Leaders 4:45pm	15 Pennie & Joshua African Night 6pm	16	17 No Alive! Improv Will Return In October
18 OBF Dav 6pm	19 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	20 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am Center Management Meeting 5pm	21 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Home Visitors 12pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm	22 Maximize 4:30pm Ellen—Schools Break & Lunch 8am-12:30pm	23	24 Reception 2pm Special Needs Club SkateChurch Side
25 OBF Dav 6pm	26 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	27 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	28 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm	29 Maximize 4:30pm	30 Maximize Big Event 3:30-8pm	

**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  
Saturday of the month 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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The Friendly Thrift Center  
Street Team  
Fishers of Men Ministries  
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**.**