

Jamestown Jottings

Summer 2013



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Stay Hydrated

It almost looks like summer is finally here! It's time to play outside, swim, boat, camp and of course work in the yard. When the day is at it's hottest and you are working up a sweat, remember to always stay hydrated! I don't know about you, but a pop, a Coke, Pepsi or a Mountain Dew doesn't really do it for me. I can have one, but soon I'll be thirsty again and the second sweet soda drink leaves a funny taste in my mouth without really quenching my thirst. What works for me is a tall glass of ice tea! Not too sweet and lots of ice.

Sometimes summer does the same thing to our spiritual lives too. We get busy and seek to quench all kinds of needs while we dehydrate our relationship with Christ to dangerous levels. And just like sweet soda pops leave us seeking for the next unsatisfying drink after another, we need to stick to that which we know is good for us, that which truly quenches our thirst.

Jesus says to the woman at the well:

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life (John 4:13-14).

As you set off to enjoy the summer and all the activities that go along with that, don't go too far from the well for too long. Make sure you keep your connection with Christ and with his people! Have a blessed summer!

Blessings

Pastor André



Summer Birthdays

June

2	Mia-Marie Batt
3	Ray Steigenga
4	Allison Slattery
7	Terry Mast
11	Marissa Hammersmith
	Ashlynn Jones
12	Bart Bartley
	Mart De Jong
	Jon Huyser
	Naomi Mason
14	Cheryl Warners
	TJ Simmons
15	Carly Mast
20	Sara Jones
21	Alyssa Lewis
25	Katie Biebrock
	Heather Slattery
26	Morgan Mast
27	Tara Johanson
28	Tami Bassler
29	Jayne Mast

July

1	Shawn Van Portfliet
2	Katie Henry
4	Jen Huyser
	Linda Lamers
5	Mike Baker
	Erin Johnson
6	Trevor Ikerd
7	Ben Jones
8	Kennedy Nienhuis
	Ashton Rodenhouse
11	Pam Diekevers
	Wes Wiggers
12	Jane Bykerk
	Tom Vierzen
14	Kayla Vis
15	Adyson Hubach
16	Taylor Biesbrock
	Kristi Nichols
	Ava Gardner
17	Janet Oskin
23	Bonnie Mast

August

1	Tonya Butler
	Ashley Lewis
5	Eric Biesbrock
	Marge Wiggers
6	Mike Vis
	Tyler Nichols
7	Kole Bassler
	Kelly Vierzen
10	Teri Hubach
11	Evan Vander Lugt
	Chase VanPortfliet
13	Spencer Hammersmith
14	Norma Kruithoff
	Michael Mahaney
15	Todd Ikerd
	Anna Viezen
16	Andy Simmons
17	Dave Kronemeyer
	Paul Lamers
	Linda Vis
	Sam Harkema
21	Mel Vanden Berg
22	Sofia Wolters
	Stacy Van Portfliet
24	Arie Harkema
28	Marcia De Jonge
	Rachel Huyser
29	Becky Dawson
31	Kaitlyn Warners



thank you!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make KHUSA a success this year! You have truly lived out JRC's purpose of being the presence of Jesus to our community and have made a huge impact on twenty-four lives this year!

Mentors

Cindy Smith
Erin Wolters
Magda Batt
Amy Kruithoff
André Batt
Terry Warners
Gary Bladeau
Carrie Flokstra
Beth Hassevoort
Anne Brouwer
Marcy Postma
Irene Brouwer
Jami Alferink
Mary Pater
Ed Berghorst
Peg Camfferman
Sheila Mahaney
Clint Mast
Mike Gerrits
Julie Biesbrock
Lisa Boogard
Diane Pater
Norma Kruithoff
Milt Teunis

Prayer Partner

Kelsey Smith
Peggy Slattery
Mary Knuth
Lorriane Vanden Berg
Gerry Hoezee
Cheryl Warners
Sherri Harsay
Jen Huyser
Dean Hassevoort
Marcia Poll
Jeff Postma
Keith Knuth
Scott Brouwer
Gina Pater
Wilma Boersen
Bea Berghorst
Angela Rodenhouse
Jayne Mast
Diane Gerrits

Sub Mentors

Janet Oskin
Margi Bladeau
Marcia De Jonge
Gail Ikerd
Linda Lamers
Alice Teunis



Our Mission:

KIDS HOPE USA builds caring relationships...one child, one hour, one church, one school.

prayer requests™

Praise God for...

- A great staff this year at Jamestown Elementary School.
- All of our mentors, prayer partners and substitute mentors who were so faithful in their commitments this year.

Pray for...

- God to work in people's hearts to be a part of the 2013-2014 KHUSA team next year.
- Our two fifth grade graduates from KHUSA as they prepare for middle school.

scholarships for curious kids

We would like to provide the opportunity for our eligible KHUSA children to attend JRC's Curious Kids faith based enrichment program for a week. For many of our families scholarships will be needed so that they can attend. Would you be willing to offer a \$45 scholarship to a KHSUA child? If so, please see Jami so she can pair you with a student that is attending. Thank you for caring!

Vacation Bible School



JUNE 10-13, 2013

Thank you to all those who have signed up to volunteer and make this year run just as smoothly in years past. We are still looking for more volunteers, so if you haven't had a chance to sign up yet, please stop at the Information Desk to check out the ways you can help. It cannot be done without all of you who volunteer to help out during VBS, those who donated snacks and supplies, and those that lifted us up in prayer. We are looking forward to all the students here again in a couple week!

Pre-registration has begun. If you would like to invite your friends and neighborhood families, we would enjoy seeing them here! Registration forms can also be found at the Information Desk.

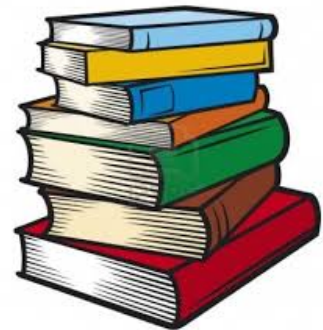
Please have items in to the church office by Sunday, June 9.

Your VBS committee is: Jami Alferink, Mary Hammersmith, Sara Jones, Kelly Vierzen, Lori Warsen.

Women's Book Club

Join us at 7:30pm for refreshments with a book discussion to follow at 8:00pm.

June 18: *Orphan Train* by Christian Baker @ Sheila's House



Camp Geneva Day

Is your child attending Day Camp at Camp Geneva this year? If you are attending the week of June 24-28, the bus will be stopping at the church to pick students up and will return them at the end of the day. You are welcome to use this transportation if it works with your schedule! The bus will pick up campers at 8:00am and return them at 5:15pm each day.



Sonseekers Mission Trip Update – June 23-29

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

We are getting SO close!

The excitement and anticipation is building as we are less than a month from our Chicago mission trip! I want to extend a HUGE "Thank You" to our JRC family as we could not pull a trip like this off without your love, support, encouragement, and most of all- prayers. -Sherri Harsay, Director of Student Ministries-

Site Visit = Affirmation

On May 3 & 4, I took my team of leaders down to Chicago for the weekend to visit the neighborhood and organization that we'll be working with. We will be staying in the Logan Square neighborhood and the building that we'll be staying in resembles a big youth center. The building has a kitchen, classrooms, and best of all... a huge gym right in the middle. ☺ We are thrilled to be able to partner with such an established organization. Our students will have the opportunity to not only love on many inner city children and introduce them to Jesus Christ perhaps for the very first time.



Grocery Wish List

This year, we have to bring & prepare our own food for the group. On the next page, you'll see a list of items that you can donate to our trip. If you would be willing to donate an item(s), please sign up on the bulletin board near the nursery or email Sherri with the name of your item(s). Please bring them to church the week BEFORE (June 16-22) the trip- you can place the food items in the youth room.



Keep up with us on Facebook

You can keep up with us while we're in Chicago by going to the JRC facebook page. I will post updates throughout the week and I'll do my best to post pictures too. I am excited to see what God will be doing in and around our students and leaders.

Prayer Requests:

1. Opportunities to share Jesus Christ with those we come into contact with 2. Our own hearts would grow more in love with Jesus Christ 3. Safety 4. Health 5. Weather

Chicago Trip Participants:

Leaders:

Sherri & Alex Harsay, Scott & Tara Johanson, Phil & Trisha Bassler, Greg Vander Kolk

Students:

Taylor Biesbrock, Alayna Ikerd, Katie Livingston, Morgan Mast, MacKenzie Segard, Allison Slattery, Taylor Smith, Samantha Voet, Hannah Weeldreyer, Nick Boyle, Kyle Johanson, Seth Karopczyk, Sam Macy, Tyler Ripley, Jarrod Tuinstra, Nate Tuinstra, Tanner Vandenberg

Sonseekers Grocery Wish List

Here are the items that we need for the mission trip. If you would like to donate an item(s), please sign up on the bulletin board by the nursery or email Sherri Harsay (sherrih@jamestownrc.org) to let her know which items will be donated. Thank you SO much for helping us out!

Please bring items to church during the week of June 16-22 and place in the youth room. If the items need to be frozen, place in the youth room fridge/freezer.

Items Requested for Mission Trip:

Taco Soft Shells (10/pk)

**Taco Meat, beef (frozen in a zip-lock bag with "TACO MEAT" written on it)

Cheddar Cheese (2 lb. bag)

Lettuce Heads

Salsa – Mild

Tortilla Chips

Sour Cream

**BBQ, beef (frozen in a zip-lock bag with "BBQ" written on it)

Hamburg Buns (8/pk)

Fresh Fruit

Spaghetti Noodles

**Browned Hamburg, beef (frozen in a zip-lock bag with "HAMBURG" on it)

Cereal

Frozen Bagels

Loaves of Bread (white/wheat)

Vegetables

Hot Dogs (family packs)

Hot Dog Buns (8/pk)

Ketchup

Mustard

Mayo

Pickles

BBQ Sauce

Butter

Ranch Salad Dressing

Thousand Island Dressing

Italian Salad Dressing

Croutons

Kool Aid/Lemonade Dry Mixes

Applesauce

Bars/Cookies

** = items need to be frozen and labeled in a zip-lock bag

CELEBRATE!

Community

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the 7th CELEBRATE! Community a big success! A special thank you to the CELEBRATE! Community Committee: Cope Oskin, Luke Rodenhouse, Shawn Van Portfliet and Keith Wolters. We appreciate all your hard work in planning, organizing and implementing such a great event!



SUMMER FUN at Jrc

BE SURE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR JRC FAMILY THIS SUMMER AT ONE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS! WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS. REMEMBER IF YOU ARE ON VACATION THE BULLETIN IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.JAMESOTWNRC.ORG.

JUNE 22

BERLIN raceway :: KIDS NIGHT :: FUN FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

JULY 10

SOFTBALL Tailgate :: SUNRISE PARK :: SUPPORT OUR JRC CO-ED SOFTBALL TEAM :: YUMMY DESSERTS

JULY 18

SANDY PINES PICNIC :: GRILL OUT & POTLUCK :: ACTIVITIES AND SWIMMING AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES

AUGUST 5

WHITE CAPS game :: FUN FOR ALL AGES

AUGUST 25

NIGHT AT THE BEACH :: GRILL OUT & POTLUCK

****HAVE A POOL? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HOST A POOL PARTY AT YOUR HOUSE THIS SUMMER TO HELP FAMILIES STAY CONNECTED? IT CAN BE DURING THE DAY OR NIGHT? LET JAMI KNOW (896-9732 OR JAMIA@JAMESTOWNRC.ORG)****

Families in the Spotlight

Meet the Nykamps

Ward and Karen have been married for almost 52 years. They met at the Hudsonville Fair! This fact helps us conclude that they are both from the Hudsonville area. In fact, they have been attending JRC for 40 years. Since they have been attending here for many years, they enjoy knowing so many people.

Although Ward and Karen are both retired, they stay busy with their own two children, three grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren! Their grandchildren range from age 1 ½ to 14 years old. When they are not with the family, they enjoy going for walks, traveling, and attending ballgames. Their favorite place to travel is to the ocean side at Myrtle Beach.

Did you know that their brother in law is Eugene Leenheer?



Meet the Steigengas

Ray and Joyce have been attending JRC for about 2 years now. You may see them around helping out as greeters, serving coffee after the morning service, attending your small group, or Sunday School, or even Wednesday night Bible Studies.

They both grew up in the area, Ray in Borculo, and Joyce in Standale and Hudsonville area. Ray now works as a part time semi driver, while Joyce spends time at Calvin College as an Administrative Assistant. In their spare time, they enjoy traveling, camping, walking, eating out, movies, and activities with their grandchildren.



As you can see from the picture, they have their hands full with their children and grandchildren! Their dream vacation would be to go to Hawaii or Australia with their whole family.

One thing you may not know about Ray and Joyce is that after attending church together sometimes, Joyce decided to ask Ray out during Sadie Hawkins week and that is how their relationship began!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS UPDATE

Progressive Dinner

Food, food and more food! Thirty people from JRC enjoyed a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 26, 2013. The group first met at the home of Mike and Diane Gerrits for beverages and a huge variety of appetizers. Following that, the group moved just a few houses over to Dave and Sheila Mahaney's home where there was a large selection of sweet treats and desserts. Of course, as always, the best part of the evening was the fun time spent chatting and laughing with friends and family from JRC!



MOTHERS and OTHERS

Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, and friends enjoyed an evening of pampering at the Booker Institute of Cosmetology in Hudsonville on Thursday, May 16. All the services that the institute provides were available that evening, including manicures, pedicures, and facials. A good time was had by everyone who attended as we were able to visit while our hands and toes were beautified!

Meet Kayla...

Jamestown Reformed Church-

Thank you for your willingness to serving as a mentor church for seminary students. I am excited about the opportunity to be an intern at Jamestown during this next year, and have enjoyed worshiping with you these last few weeks. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I am going to be a Senior at Western Theological Seminary in the fall. I grew up in Holland, attended Holland Christian Schools, and Hope College. My home church is Trinity Reformed in Holland. I am the oldest daughter of Ed and Beth Borgman and have one younger sister, Kristy.

I graduated from Hope College in December of 2010 with Bachelor of Arts degree emphasizing in Religion, Ministry, and Spanish. My time at Hope College further clarified my call into pastoral ministry through experiences at Good Samaritan Ministries (Holland, MI), and the influence of my professors and mentors at Hope.

My husband, Josh, is a 2011 graduate of Grand Valley State University, and a 2007 graduate of Hudsonville High School. Joshua and I have known each other for many years. But we became best friends after serving together at Camp Geneva in 2008, and began dating two years later. We have been married since July of 2012. He currently works as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department at Spectrum Health's Butterworth Hospital. Josh's previous ministry experience includes being student leader and intern for Campus Ministries @ GVSU, KidsClub Leader at Fourth Reformed Church, and 4 years as Summer Staff Member/Program Intern for Camp Geneva.



I began seminary in January 2011 at Western Theological Seminary. There I have been offered many opportunities to explore my call to ministry blending both intriguing courses and internships. In addition to a study abroad experience while at Hope College I have had the blessing to serve internships at Fair Street Reformed Church (Kingston, NY), New Community Fourth Reformed (Holland, MI), and Resthaven: Warm Friend (Downtown Holland, MI).

I am eager to follow God's call for my life, and excited to see how Jamestown will become another place of formation for me during this final year of seminary. I am looking forward to being in a congregational setting once again. My hope is that Jamestown will be a place where I can continue to learn about leading a congregation, have opportunities to preach and lead in worship, and to continue in a ministry of pastoral care.

God has blessed me with incredible opportunities for learning and growth, and I am excited to see what lies ahead. Thank you again for the opportunity for me to spend the next year in the community at Jamestown

Grace and Peace,

Kayla Fik

Electronic Transfer Funds

Did you know that you are now able to tithe to JRC electronically? It is very simple to do and will take only a few minutes of your time to set up. Go to www.jamestownrc.org and click on the Electronic Offering link. This will direct you to the webpage where you can set up an account. If you are a first time user, please register. When you register and get asked what your member number is, please put in your offering envelope number so that your tithe can be properly recorded. All information you add is confidential and can only be changed or managed by you. Your entire tithe is given to Jamestown Reformed Church. If you have any questions, please see Keith Ykema or Cope Oskin.

CELEBRATE!

Community Sunday

10-13-13

Who will you invite to

CELEBRATE!

Community Sunday

This will be the perfect opportunity for Jamestown Church to **connect** with our community after a long summer! In true **CELEBRATE!** style there will be food, fun, friends and even lots of prizes to be won! Invite your neighbors and friends to join you here at JRC at our regular Sunday morning worship time!



JUNE EVENTS SCHEDULE

Greeting Schedule

June 2: Paul and Doris Lamers
 June 9: Mike and Linda Lamers
 June 16: Wes and Marge Wiggers
 June 23: Chad and Gina Pater
 June 30: Ray and Joyce Steigenga

Children & Worship Schedule

June 2: Sarah Weeldreyer, Kaylie Ykema
 June 9: Lisa Voet, Max Niemann
 June 16: Emily Ellens, Nick Biesbrock
 June 23: Angela Rodenhouse, Tyler Van Order
 June 30: Jen Huyser, Trevor Johanson

Little Lambs Schedule

June 2: Sara Gardner, Sam Harkema
 June 9: Lisa Boogaard, Jorin Weeldreyer
 June 16: Laura Kruisenga, Heather Slattery
 June 23: Trisha Bassler, Grace Weeldreyer
 30: Sara Holwerda, Sam Postma

Nursery Schedule

June 2: Linda Vis, Sherri Van Order, Annette Bos, Hannah Weeldreyer
 June 9: Anne Brouwer, Mary Hammersmith, Sam Voet
 June 16: Stacy Van Portfliet, Janet Oskin, Peggy Slattery, Kourtney Ykema
 June 23: Marcy Postma, Katie Hnery, Leah Vander Lugt, Marissa Hammersmith
 June 30: Tami Fifer, Kristi Nichols, Taylor Biesbrock

Valet Parking

June 2: Terry Van Order
 June 9: Steve Fifer
 June 16: Scott Johanson
 June 23: Eric Alferink
 June 30: Ed Berghorst

JULY SCHEDULE

Greeting Schedule

July 7: David and Sara Gardner

July 14: Rob and Laura Kruisenga

July 21: Steve and Tami Fifer

July 28: Al and Norma Kruithoff

Children & Worship Schedule

July 7: Magda Batt, Leah Huyser

July 14: Amy Kruithoff, Carolyn Slattery

July 21: Sarah Weeldreyer, Kaylie Ykema

July 28: Lisa Voet, Max Niemann

Little Lambs Schedule

July 7: Katie Biesbrock, Abby Boogaard

July 14: Sara Gardner, Sam Harkema

July 21: Lisa Boogaard, Jorin Weeldreyer

July 28: Laura Kruisenga, Heather Slattery

Nursery Schedule

July 7: Tracy Harkema, Kelly Vierzen, Dee Malloch, Kayla Fifer

July 14: Tara Johanson, Bonnie Mast, Margi Biladeau, Anna Huyser

July 21: Julie Biesbrock, Diane Gerrits, Becky Coffman, Nikki Mast

July 28: Chris Butkus, Teri Hubach, Linda Lamers, Allison Slattery

Valet Parking

July 7: Jon Huyser

July 14: Terry Van Order

July 21: Steve Fifer

July 28: Scott Johanson

AUGUST SCHEDULES

Greeting Schedule

August 4: Mike and Helen Baker
 August 11: John and Peg Camfferman
 August 18: Nick and Katie Henry
 August 25: Craig and Jane Bykerk

Children & Worship Schedule

August 4: Emily Ellens, Nick Biesbrock
 August 11: Angela Rodenhouse, Tyler Van Order
 August 18: Jen Huyser, Trevor Johanson
 August 25: Magda Batt, Leah Huyser

Little Lambs Schedule

August 4: Trisha Bassler, Grace Weeldreyer
 August 11: Sara Holwerda, Sam Postma
 August 18: Katie Biesbrock, Abby Boogaard
 August 25: Sara Gardner, Sam Harkema

Nursery Schedule

August 4: Linda Vis, Sherri Van Order, Annette Bos, Hannah Weeldreyer
 August 11: Anne Brouwer, Holly VanKlompbergen, Mary Hammersmith, Sam Voet
 August 18: Stacy Van Portfliet, Janet Oskin, Peggy Slattery, Kourtney Ykema
 August 25: Marcy Postma, Katie Henry, Leah Vander Lugt, Marissa Hammersmith

Valet Parking

August 4: Eric Alferink
 August 11: Ed Berghorst
 August 18: Jon Huyser
 August 25: Terry Van Order

CURIOUS KIDS

Faith-based, Summer Enrichment Program



LET THE FUN BEGIN!

The second year of Curious Kids is underway! Registration has begun and it's great to see the forms coming in. Unlike last year, there is a large discount on the class rate this year. This has greatly increased attendance and we are excited to see children of the church and community come together for loads of fun.

If you haven't registered your children yet, pick up a form today and begin filling it out! If the forms are turned in before June 19, there is even a larger discount. Many children ages 4-7 have already signed up, so if you have children between those ages, be sure to have them attend and make new friends.

If you have any friends or family that may be interested in joining us this summer, direct them to our website for the full list of class descriptions and other documents that will give them all the information they will need.

Looking forward to a great summer filled with great fun!!

JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME." MATTHEW 19:14

THIS YEARS CLASSES:



CHILDREN DIG FOR THE BEST TREASURE OF ALL: GOD'S LOVE



WE'LL LEARN WHAT WE CAN DO WITH GOD'S POWER



GOD BECOMES THE ULTIMATE DESIGNER OF OUR ART.



WE HAVE THE BEST TEAM OF ALL - GOD'S TEAM!

ALL CLASSES AND DESCRIPTIONS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE!

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Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium

1 N Harbor – Downtown Grand Haven, MI

Sunday Evenings 7:30-8:45 p.m.

W.O.W. 2013

No cost!

No tickets!

JUNE

23 FFH

Jeromy and Jennifer Deibler will share their journey through the good times and the challenging times in an evening of song and testimony

30 JOSH WILSON

An artist who has made a mark on Christian music with his catchy and emotional songwriting, his heart for God, his entertaining live shows and his one-of-a-kind skills

JULY

7 PHIL STACEY

This 2007 American Idol finalist has the rare ability to inhabit a song, delivering the lyrics with an intensity that brings the message to life

14 CURT DYKEMA & FRIENDS

Talented local singer/songwriter will be joined by some of West MI's finest musicians to lead us in well known & original contemporary worship songs

21 ARK HARBOR BUOYS (Jim Novak, Paul Cerny, Dale Johnson)

Music by a veteran folk guitarist with a unique blend of soft rock, blues, folk, and hauntingly beautiful ballads that will touch your heart

28 POINT OF GRACE

Celebrating 20 years this group of women will offer an evening brimming with beautiful harmonies, encouraging lyrics, and graceful melodies

AUGUST

4 JASON GRAY

As a person who stutters, Jason's work emphasizes finding strength in weakness. His beautiful melodies express the truth of the Gospel

**11 GAITHER STYLE HOMECOMING SING-A-LONG
with the DOWN HOME HORNS & CHOIR**

Come ready to sing those hymns and gospel songs we all love with this toe-tapping band and inspiring choir under the direction of Chris Hansen

18 SARAH MACINTOSH

As a worship leader, Sarah is not just making worship music, but music that is worshipful, and is indicative of a worshipful life

25 PEDER EIDE

Always a crowd favorite, Peder leads in celebrative and creative worship that excites, energizes and draws an audience closer to God

An Opportunity for You!

Unique Teaching Opportunity through GEMS Girls' Clubs

Unique Headmaster Opportunity through GEMS Girls' Clubs

The Esther School, located in Chongwe, Zambia, in Africa, is a Christian day school for orphan & under-resourced children. GEMS Girls' Clubs began construction of the school in 2009 and in the fall of 2012, it opened its doors to the first preschool and kindergarten classes. In the years ahead, one classroom will be added each year until the pre-k through Grade 12 campus is complete. North American and Zambian teachers team-teach in every classroom to maximize learning. Faculty and administrators live on the campus with housing provided. Teachers raise their own support with assistance from GEMS Girls' Clubs, when needed. A two-year commitment is required.

For the fall of 2013, a dynamic, enthusiastic, capable teacher is needed to become the first, **First Grade teacher** at the Esther School. He or she will be responsible for helping children gain skill in reading and writing, and grow in their understanding of math, natural and social science, personal hygiene, music, art, literature, and the Bible. He or she will introduce the 1st Grade sustainable, life-skill concept (raising laying hens) to students and ensure that students fully participate.

This is an exciting, cross-cultural opportunity for a person hoping to live out Micah 6:8 by investing in the lives of children. PLEASE Note: Couples are also encouraged to apply. Skills in agriculture and construction are likewise needed as the campus develops and grows. For more information, email: jan@gemsgc.org, and/or visit www.estherschool.org

Also, for the fall of 2014, the position of **Headmaster** will open up at the school. This is a great opportunity for an administrator to continue growing the Esther School campus, developing the faculty, and cultivating relationships with the community. Couples and families are encouraged to apply. Housing is provided. For more information, contact: jan@gemsgc.org .

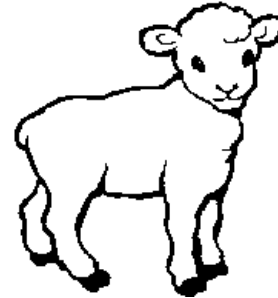
We appreciate so much your help with this communication. We are grateful to be a part of the family of God with you.

Serving Christ together,
Jan Boone
International Ministries Director

Just For Kids

All We Like Sheep

Complete the Scripture verses by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.



Isaiah 53:6-7 (NIV)

6 We all, like _____, have gone _____,
each of us has _____ to his own _____;
and the _____ has laid on him
the _____ of us all.

7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not _____ his _____;
he was led like a _____ to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is _____,
so he did not open his mouth.

astray	lamb	mouth	sheep	turned
iniquity	LORD	open	silent	way

Mission Update

Reformed Church in America

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The first couple months of 2013 have held a few unexpected challenges, but also some great opportunities for ministry in Mozambique. The first two weeks of January saw an odd weather pattern settle over the region which produced 12 straight days of heavy rain. By the third week of January we were hearing warnings of flooding, especially along the Limpopo River, which runs right through Xai-Xai. Mandatory evacuation orders were given in the town of Xai-Xai partially lies on the flood plain of the river. Fortunately, our studio was never threatened as it is built on high ground a few miles from the river. The flood waters did come and caused a huge humanitarian crisis that most of the world knew nothing about. 200,000 people were forced from their homes and over 100 people died in the flood waters. The waters also destroyed many crops including the corn, which is a major staple, and was almost ready for harvest. Hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless, hopeless and hungry. The need was so great around us and we didn't really know what we could do to help since relief work is a little outside of what we have thus far done at the studio. The RCA came along side of us and within days of hearing about the humanitarian crisis, they had made funds available to provide food relief for 125 families directly impacted by the floods. Audio Scripture Ministries also provided 125 audio Bibles so that each family would not only receive physical nourishment, but spiritual as well.



Aside from the flood relief we have also been busy distributing audio Bibles in the Shangaana language in the area around the studio. We have distributed over 400 since January and have a plan to distribute another 400 in the next month. We are receiving a fantastic response and continue to get far more requests for audio Bibles than we can meet. Please continue to pray with us that funding would continue to flow in for this project. The studio is also staying busy with the continuation of the Chwabo New Testament recording.

In March I had the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks back in the states for a time of refreshment. It was a great time, but it is good to be back in Xai-Xai. There are many little projects still to work on around the studio building, but little by little it is getting done. I'm looking forward to having that project wrapped up so I can get back to spending more time on the recording side of things.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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