

Youth Newsletter

April 2011

Youth Go Hungry, Participate in World Vision 30 Hour Famine

At 12:00noon on Friday, February 25, fourteen junior and senior high youth and leaders began their participation in this year's World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

Until 6:00pm the next day, the youth pledged to eat or drink nothing but clear liquids, to challenge themselves personally and spiritually, to gain a better understanding of what children living in poverty face on a daily basis, and to raise money for World Vision's Christian relief efforts.

The group met in Graham Hall at 6:00pm, then went to Lunar Golf at Chesapeake Square Mall for their fellowship activity.

After returning to church later that evening, the youth watched an opening video about the problem of poverty and hunger all over the world, and discussed how we as Christians are called to help others in need.

Throughout the Famine, the youth participated in the game of Tribe. Created by World Vision, Tribe engages famine participants in a number of "Survivor"-like challenges, simulating the real challenges children in poverty are faced with every day. Each tribal challenge is followed by a topical devotion and time of discussion.

This year, the focus was on learning about the plight of children in Haiti. On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at about 4:50 in the afternoon, an earthquake rocked the tiny island nation. Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital city, was devastated, as was much of the surrounding area. In just a few minutes, nearly 300,000 homes, businesses, and other structures were severely damaged or destroyed. Over 300,000 people were killed, about

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8** Alphas/Omegas Soul Surfer Movie Trip, time & details TBA
April 10 Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm
April 17 Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm
May 1 Closing Picnic, 3:00pm-7:00pm
Bennett's Creek Park

For more information about your club's schedule, including any special events planned for your individual club, please see your club's leaders.

300,000 more were injured, and over 1 million people throughout the area were left homeless. During the tribal challenges, the youth learned about the challenges of finding shelter, food, and clean water after the earthquake in Haiti, and how World Vision was on the scene helping in the days and weeks following the disaster.

Between the tribal challenges and other activities, the youth watched movies, played video games, read books, and played board games to help pass the time and forget about their growling stomachs.

Around 11:45pm on Friday, the youth held their Candlelight Devotion, and then spread their blankets and sleeping bags to rest for the night.

On Saturday, in addition to the Tribe challenges and other activities, the group also took part in two service projects.

Early in the morning, the youth cleaned and washed the church bus. Then, around 3:00pm, the group prepared meals and delivered them to six area shut-ins and other church members. While fasting themselves, the youth helped to prepare the

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plates of chicken, potatoes, and green beans, and spent time visiting and talking with the shut-ins while delivering the meals.

Finally, around 5:30pm, the group gathered for their closing Bible study. The youth watched a video about contentment, and encouraged to keep a proper perspective on life, as Paul describes in Philippians 4:11-13. The group learned God's model for our lives found in Isaiah 58:3-10, James 2:14-17, and 1 John 3:17-18. Lastly, the Famine participants were challenged to make their 30 Hour Famine experience count, and to make a difference in the world around them, not for their own personal gain, but so that others can see Jesus alive in them (Matthew 5:16).

After a group prayer at 6:00pm, the hungry youth were treated to a dinner of steak and lasagna, baked potato, and tossed salad, prepared by Johnny and Becke West.

Thanks to the support of the congregation, \$300 in pledges was raised to help World Vision's Christian relief efforts, enough to help feed and care for a child for 10 months.

Thanks to everyone who made pledges to the youth and contributed to World Vision. Special thanks to Becke West, Paula Thornton, and Ashley Barber, for all they did to make the Famine happen, while also fasting alongside the youth.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who supported the youth during our annual Bible jeopardy Dinner and Game Night. It was a great night of fun and fellowship! The event raised \$200 for the youth's ongoing activities and projects. Thanks for your support!



Alphas/Omegas Opening Night Movie Trip
Friday, April 8
time & details TBA • invite your friends!



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Relay for Life

May 13-14, 2011

Bennett's Creek Park



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Bethlehem Christian Church



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"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

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