



News From Colleen

Moblizing & Training Laborers into God's Harvest Field!

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Performing Arts Discipleship Training School



The next step in pioneering our performing arts department has just begun. Our spring quarter began a couple of weeks ago and we are running our first performing arts track in our spring DTS. We have 5 students in the track. After their 12 weeks lecture phase they will be going on a two-month outreach, where they will be using the performing arts to share the message of Christ. Our

desire is to teach them how to use their talents to glorify God, as well as how to stand strong and be a light in the performing arts industry.



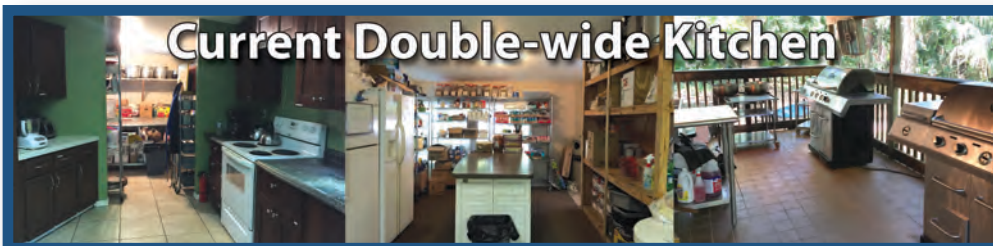
Open House

We had our 2nd Annual Open House in March. It is a great way for the community to see what we do! We had a bunch of fun!



Campus Update

It is always exciting to see how much work gets done here in the winter, because we have a lot of volunteers who spend part of their winters here working. We are just days from getting occupancy on the cafe' and are planning on having a dedication the last week of the month. It will be our first industrial kitchen on campus. We have been cooking for a couple hundred people out of a double-wide trailer kitchen and our kitchen staff are very excited to have a "real" kitchen!!! We also made progress on our cabins, which will increase our housing capabilities.



Current Double-wide Kitchen



New Kitchen/Cafe'

Winter Outreaches - Sharing the Peace of Christ

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace.

Our Fall schools returned from their outreaches the end of February with some amazing stories of God's power. They were able to share the love of Jesus with over 8,400 people. They saw 46 people healed and 106 salvations. Here is a story from one of our students who was on an outreach to the Middle East.

"During our time in the Middle East we have been distributing food, mattresses, blankets, and warm clothing to refugees. Each day we go to 2-3 homes - and usually end up spending 1-2 hours in each home, just building relationships and sharing testimonies of what God has done in our own lives. It's been an honor to be able to meet and connect with these families who have gone through so much distress. I've meet people who have been shot, people who have seen half their family die in a bombing. I met a woman who fled her home country while pregnant, and she was so affected by the war that she wanted to have an abortion. I've met people who weep for their family members left behind in their home country.

It's hard hearing these stories everyday, wishing there was a way I could relate to and reach them in their sorrow. At the end of each visit we ask if we can pray for them and if there is anything specific we can pray for. Everyone says, "yes," and sometimes they ask for specific prayers. Sometimes they ask for healing, sometimes they ask for provision, sometimes they ask for prayers that the war would end, but the one thing that almost every refugee asks for is peace. Peace that the war would no longer affect their mind, the peace of knowing their family is alive and well in their home country, and the peace that comes with knowing that they will be OK and not have to worry about the future anymore.

Peace... It's what everyone wants. It's what everyone needs. This nation - this region - needs peace. Not just an earthly peace that fades away, but an eternal peace that passes all understanding. When God sent His son to us He said He was to be called the "Prince of Peace". God knows that this world desperately needs peace! When we go into these homes we are bringing peace with us, because Christ is in us, and we can pray to our Father to pour out His peace. We have had many people tell us that they have felt peace when we are with them. God is yearning for these people who are so close to His heart to feel His peace.

My team and I are so honored to be used by God to show His love and His peace to our new friends."

By: Joanna B., School of Ministry Development student

God Bless,
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Prayer Requests

- **I have gone through a pretty exhausting season, but have moved into a more restful season. Please pray for God to meet me and strengthen me for He has next.**
- **Please pray for safety and for God to move in power with our Spring outreach teams serving in the Middle East.**
- **I am in need of a vehicle in good condition that is made for the "off roading" involved in driving on dirt roads of the YWAM campus where I live and work. Please pray for God's provision for a nice truck, jeep or small SUV.**

Thank You!

Everyone in YWAM is considered a volunteer and does not get paid, we live off of donations. I want to thank each and every one of you who have supported me financially. You have a part in all God is doing through me and YWAM Orlando! I could not do this without you. I so appreciate you and pray God's blessings over you.

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