



Life Lines...

June- July, 2011

Building Lives, Growing Relationships, Imparting Hope

MISSION TEAM.....

WOW! What an amazing week. I'm almost speechless when I think about the sheer amount of work accomplished at Clear Waters Life Center-Gonvick with the help of the City Hill Fellowship Mission Team of 22 youth and eight adult leaders. Add CWLC staff, Country Faith youth, Mustard Seed residents, plus more adult volunteers, and you've got one large group of people. There was never a dull moment.



The rainy days didn't dampen anyone's spirit. The team worked inside on projects including painting "Little Italy", demolition of the old office area, building raised beds for the community garden, and preparing for the community picnic and fun day events.



Once the sun shone the youth were excited to get outside and weld sculpture art, work on the community garden and start a rock wall outside the apartment window. Ecclesiastes 9:10 instructs us, " *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...*", and this group did just that.

Besides the work projects, the team put on a free community picnic including kids games. There was a great turn out and everyone had lots of fun. On Thursday they played a full game of Nerf Wars, and Friday, the team pulled off an exciting game of Aqua Base, a combination of kickball, swimming pools, and mud. It was hilarious to watch and athletically challenging to play. Special thanks to the Gonvick Volunteer Fire Department for supplying the water. To end the week, the team spent Saturday having a fun day at Itasca State Park and joined Country Faith Church for worship in the evening.



Whew, are you tired just reading about all the team accomplished? We were blessed to have a variety of people with different gifts working in each area. All that spent energy required lots of food; the Samhold and United WELCA groups helped by providing lunch on Thursday. I have a much greater understanding of 1 Corinthians 12:12-19 now than before. *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ...But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.* ¹⁹ *If they were all one part, where would the body be?* I am so thankful for each and every person who helped pull this week together. We could not have completed that much work, nor had that much fun by ourselves.

Submitted by Jen Forsberg

CWLC Gonvick Community Engagement Project



The main goal of our project is to bring the community together to use the much needed space for the benefit of many organizations and individuals. It is our desire to see Gonvick bustling with activity. The building is open and available. The community is welcome to use the gym for walking, basketball, etc. during business hours. We have hosted card making classes, Art Mondays, garden teas, a spring community garage sale, pie and coffee, and much more. The Gym, Tuscan Room, Coffee Coop and Little Italy are available to rent and are the perfect spot for your party, reunion, shower, reception, etc. The possibilities are endless.



We've had several community members express ideas for the use of space: walking in the gym, rummage sale, carnival, farmers market, jam/jelly making class, basketball/open gym, crusades, mini golf course, and more. We have implemented a number of these ideas and are currently working on opening a local farmers market, hosting a fall com-

munity rummage sale, and collaborating with community members to construct a portable mini golf course.



How can you help? We are always open to new ideas; let us know what you would like to see happen in Gonvick. We have several volunteer positions available. We are also looking for partners to give financially to sustain the building and programs offered.

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Businesses at CWLC

The businesses developed and operated by Clear Waters Life Center help support the on-going programming and maintenance of the facilities. The needs continue to grow and ideas continue to generate as CWLC actively participates in our communities. Shopping at our stores -Shop at the Top, Clear Waters Bookstore, Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center, and Restore It! Furniture Shop- are just one more way that you can support the ongoing ministries of Clear Waters Life Center.

If you are a Facebook user, keep up-to-date on our latest happenings and items available for sale by visiting our Facebook page, Clear Waters Life Center. On our page you will also find links to Grow It! and Restore It! pages. Watch for Clear Waters Bookstore's page coming soon. If you live in the area or know someone who will be visiting, let them know about our businesses, and please consider adding Clear Waters Life Center as "a friend" on Facebook and help us spread the word.

Shop at the Top: Monday-Saturday, 10:00- 4:00

Clear Waters Bookstore: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30-4:00

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center and Restore It! Furniture Shop:
Monday & Wednesday, 9-4; Friday, 9-6 and Saturday, 9-2

Summer Youth Connection



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All summer youth programs are FREE! Registration is required, call 218-776-2789.

You've Got Talent!

Join us at CWLC-Convick

Friday, July 8

6:00 PM: Hotdogs/BBQs

7:00 PM: Talent Show
in the gym



Testimonies

Volleyball Camp

At CWLC Clearbrook

August 9 - 11th

9 - 11am

For girls

You will learn the game of volleyball,
how to volley, set, dig kill skills,
good sportsmanship and fun for ALL!

For those going into 4th - 9th grade

Minimum of 5 people needed to hold this class

One Day Fishing
Trip for Boys & Girls
to Pine Lake with

CWLC

Saturday,

July 16th

For 6th - 12th graders

FREE

Basketball Camp

At CWLC Clearbrook

August 16th - 18th

9:00 - 11am

For Boys and girls

Learn dribbling, shooting, passing and free
throw skills

For those going into 4th - 9th grade

Art Mondays in Gonvick



Classes are offered Mondays from 1:00-4:00 PM. 7th Grade to adult.
\$5.00 to cover cost of materials. Free for youth.



These activities are funded, in part, by the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4th, 2008.



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Pottery Class

July 11, 18, & 25

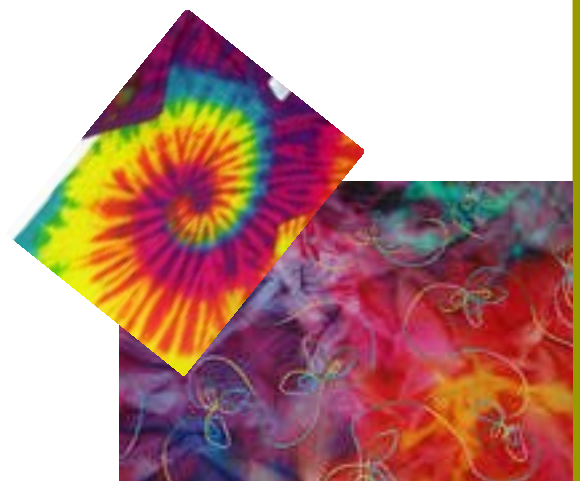
1:00-3:00 PM & 7:00-9:00PM

Join local artists in this pottery voyage. They will be demonstrating throwing pots, raku firing, hand building and more.
Come for afternoon or evening class or both!

Dye & Dye Again

August 1, 8, 15, & 22
from 1:00-4:00 PM

Join artist Donna Carlson & Becky Dorman in this colorful hands on activity as you learn techniques for:
Tie Dye, Batik &
Silk Hoop dying.



A Moment Missed...

His eyes are dark and empty, moist with futile tears. Though the tears cannot bring him forgiveness, sorrow alone is not enough; his eyes show longing for something more. Anything to curb the misery of a life spun out of control, but something else is apparent, showing through the regret and distress.

Resentment.

A raw rage courses through him. As the man tells his story, curses spill from his mouth in unabashed hate. He rants about an unjust God, an abstract description of the very One who gave him life. It is clear his pain is real, desperation and anguish are thick in his words, but even in this torment his pride is as strong as the hurt. He talks of the "bad breaks" that have occurred, the acts of "fate". His emotions run higher with each slanderous comment about a God he has made no effort to know. The God he claims doesn't exist.

I can feel myself becoming angry, offended by the attack on the Savior. How can he say these things about a God who he knows nothing about?

Tell him.

I hesitate.

There are moments such as this that stay ingrained in my memory, when the Lord is speaking clearly, answering my prayer to use me to do His will. Telling me to step out of myself to reach someone for him, I remain frozen in my seat...

Faith without works...

The meeting is over. I didn't say a word. In the days that follow, I am desperate to relieve my conscience. I ask forgiveness for faltering, failing in the moment He handed me. I promise to do better next time, that I will use the faith I've been given. I begin to feel a little better as I justify my actions, rationalizing against the conviction I feel.

Who's to know if he will listen anyway? After all I barely know him, who am I to ask him if he knows Jesus. I'll make a better effort when I am more prepared.

Next time...

A few weeks later I hear of his suicide.

Tell him...

by Rich Morrison



We Could Use a Helping Hand

Clearwater County Fair
August 3-7

Clear Waters Life Center's Food Booth will be open 3:00-10:00 PM each afternoon and evening. If you are able to help, but for only a short time, opening and closing are our busiest times. We need cooks and servers!

We will also need volunteers to help before and after the fair with setup on Monday, August 1 and final Clean-up, Monday Aug. 9.

*Thank you
to all who came to my graduation party.
As the Mustard Seeds' second graduate.
I am grateful for all that everyone has done for me.
The food that everyone prepared,
the cards and gifts that were given to me.*

My life was changed because of the way I was accepted by everyone.

*God is definitely moving in this community of Clearwater county.
I had hopes of staying in Clearbrook to give back what was given to me.*

But because of the dramatic change in my life, my brothers and sisters want me closer. My older sister has invited me to live with her and her husband in Brainerd.

*God bless everyone for the prayers prayed for me.
They are giving me the strength I need, to make the decisions I need to make.*

Love, Brad Larson

If you would like to become a financial supporter of the Clear Waters Life Center, please complete and mail to the address below. All donations are tax deductible.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ I want to become a monthly financial donor and will commit to giving \$_____ per month.

I understand I will receive a monthly donation coupon book for this purpose.

_____ I want to make a one time donation of \$_____.

Please return to: CWLC, PO Box 155, Clearbrook, MN 56634

_____ I would like to receive your newsletter by email. My email address is: _____



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