



Pella Teen Challenge Women's Home Newsletter

January 2009

Dear Friends,

I recently heard this statement by a speaker "We have more fear driven by need than faith driven by love." This statement seems to be true in my life. Too often I come to God out of need and fear instead of coming to him out of the love and faith that he has shown to be true. It seems that I am not the only one affected by fear and need...it has gripped many of us as well as our country and world. How much of our world has become motivated by fear? Look at economics, politics, even churches and at a glance it looks to me that fear reigns.

In this home we also have been dealing with the reality of fear in particular. Last Friday one of the women shared during devotions and asked each of us if there was anything that was creating fear in us...everyone responded. What was so refreshing though was that in the face of real and valid fears we had some place to go...and we could go there together in prayer. I love that in the face of fear, Christ offers His faith (where ours fails), His peace (when we shake), His strength (when we grow tired) and His love that not only sustains us, but ultimately can move us to places that could never be seen when our fear blocked His vision.

I pray that this New Year you will be challenged to begin to operate out of His faith and love instead of the fear and need that can so often overwhelm us. May He surprise you with His provision in every area of your life.

THE JOURNEY

A couple of the women and a staff member were able to attend The Journey to Wholeness Conference recently. The Journey looks to bring deep inner healing through the power of God. Each individual who attended came back with some remarkable

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Prayer Requests

Pray for families of women, many have children and need prayer as they deal with being away from their mothers.

Pray that God will continue to work for restoration in both the women and their families.

Pray for continued financial support from individuals and community support financially.

Prayer for staff for wisdom, discernment and peace in the midst of some challenging situations.

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stories of God bringing His healing and freedom, some more so afterwards than during. Unfortunately we don't have the entirety of their stories in this newsletter, but do have an excerpt on The Journey...

"I would definitely go again. I went forward a lot and prayed all the prayers, but I didn't have an instant healing or deliverance there. It was several weeks later that I started feeling freedom and truly believing that God had brought some true restoration into my life." ~Tina

"It was a very emotional and in-depth experience where I felt Jesus touched me in a way that brought healing and deliverance from generational sin. I was amazed at how strong sin can be, but even more amazed that He is so much stronger." ~Shantell



FALL CLASSES: ALPHA & HOPEMAKERS

This past fall the women were able to participate in Alpha at First Reformed in Pella that allowed them to explore more of the Christian faith as well as build new relationships through discussions and plenty of fabulous food (pictured above right). Here are some of the comments that the women shared from the experience:

Drivers for student appointments (Iowa City/DM).

Mentors

NEEDS

Toilet (high efficiency)

Paper Products (Toilet paper, Kleenex, Paper towels, etc)

Laundry Detergent / Dishwasher Detergent

Fresh Fruit (oranges, bananas/apples) Vegetables/ Meat

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January/February Events:

January 10: KC Teen Girls Visit

February 22: New Sharon Assembly of God

"I really enjoyed all of it. I met some awesome new people and had great fellowship-and the food was great too." ~Kim

"I loved the food and the fellowship. Alpha weekend was also fun and I learned a lot about the Holy Spirit." ~Andrea

"I liked the fellowship and food, also the discussion times." ~Shantell

**"I really enjoyed the people and the discussions."
~Deb**

They also took part in a 13 week course called HopeMakers that was run by two volunteers; Joy Martin and Kristin Sullivan (pictured above left). During HopeMakers the women received personality assessments, career counseling, and planning/assistance in creation of a resume. They also developed a vision and a plan to realize that vision.

"I learned a lot about how to use my passions and gifts in choosing a future career." ~Andrea

"I learned how to carry myself at a job interview. It gave me a more positive attitude towards going back to school." ~Tina

**"Some insights that I gained were the different paths that I can go down with the gifts God has blessed me with and in the end have a career."
~Kim**

Both classes were great opportunities and we want to give a special thanks to First Reformed for inviting us to participate and really portraying a beautiful

picture of the body of Christ. Also special thanks for Joy and Kristin for their many hours preparing and time in the classroom with the women. THANK YOU!

If you have questions on how you can help the women of Teen Challenge by volunteering or donating, please contact me at (641) 628-2808 or email me at c.wilson@tcmid.org

Blessings,
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Pella Teen Challenge Women's Home

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