

Heart & Soul News

Fall 2013

A Lesson in Generosity

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The Summer weather was suitable to be active and on the go. During the summer Heart & Soul was very active with different ministry opportunities. The Youth Ministry celebrated various activities such as a lock-in, pool party, and a camping trip. Through Adopt a Block we were able to build relationships with many families on the street we Adopted, Burbank St. It has been a special blessing every time we go out and are able to talk and pray with our Block families. We also celebrated baptism at the lake during a wonderful joint service with two sister congregations.



Praying on our adopted street

Even though all those opportunities were a blessing I have to say that there was a lesson that we all learned from the youngest from our church and community during Vacation Bible School (VBS). We celebrated VBS Kingdom Rock during August. It was an amazing experience! We averaged 50 children, half of them from unchurched families from the community. During VBS we partner with the ministry Bridges of Hope to help free enslaved children and youth from Sudan. We learned more about Sudan and listened to horrible situations that many children and youth go

through in Sudan on the hands of radical Muslims. Originally we thought that the children could raise funds to free 2 children, but the children got so passionate about freeing other children that by the second day we have reached our original target. They continue to bring offerings from their piggy banks and extra chores and by the end of the week we have raised funds to free 5 children from slavery. What a lesson of generosity!

Sometimes we see the reasons why we can not give to help others: we don't have a lot or what we have would not make a difference. Our children taught us that if we are passionate about making a difference we will greatly impact the lives of others. Our children made a life changing difference in the life of 5 children in Sudan. Their lives would never be the same because children in the inner city of Rochester dare to give out of the little they had.

My prayer is that God will give us passionate and generous hearts like that to impact our world. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV)



Joanne Green-Colón
Pastor

Ministry Highlight: Nursery

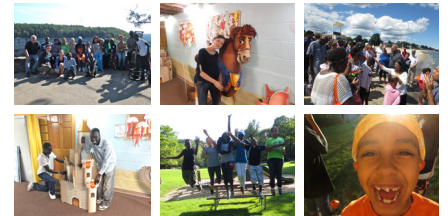
Nursery at Heart and Soul is always a blessing. We have so many new



faces! Whether it's holding a new bundle of joy, or talking politics with Silas Weber, it's always an exciting time. Not only is it a time to share God's love with the little ones of Heart and Soul, but it's also nice to catch up and chat with the moms!



Rebekah Williams
Nursery Coordinator



Want to see more?

Check out the following link for a video highlighting what's gone on at Heart & Soul this summer:

<http://youtu.be/xb5pb0KESms>

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Kingdom Rock VBS

The week of August 12-16 was an exciting one at Heart & Soul when the whole building was transformed into "Kingdom Rock," the place where we met

lots of new friends, ate tasty snacks at the King's Kitchen, played many Tournament Games, learned some pretty amazing tricks at the Imagination Station and met some Bible characters to who taught us different ways we can stand strong when life gets hard.



Church at the Beach

This summer we were again a part of church at the Beach along with several other Free Methodist churches around Rochester. It was a privilege to be able to praise God together in the beautiful outdoors! Part of the service was a water baptism. One of our teens and three children were baptized, taking this remarkable step in the life of Christ-followers. What a blessing to see!



Can you describe your favorite day at Kingdom Rock?

Oh wow, so I did the bottle experiment, sang "Get a Little Crazy," "Pray About Everything," and we met Nehemiah. We were building up a wall and he taught us, "Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything." -Daniel, 7



Regular Heart & Soul Schedule

- **Sunday Service** Sundays, 11am-12:30pm
Teen Sunday School
Children's Church
- **Youth Group** Every other Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm
- **Adopt-A-Block** Contact us for details
- **H&S Family Sunday & Potluck** Last Sunday of each month

The Vision of Heart & Soul

Building Champions through a Gospel Revolution that brings Transformation to our family, community, city and world.

Leadership

Pastors: Louis D. Colón and Joanne Green-Colón
Delegate: Julia Lenkoane-Miller
Treasurer: Carol Monnier