



# INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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## THE CHURCH AS REFUGE

Scot Headley



I have just returned from a three week visit to Rwanda. While there, it was important for me to learn about the recent history of the country and the horrifying events that occurred in 1994. My friend, Imanuelli took me for a drive to Ntarama and Nyamata, sites of two genocide memorials.

A million people were murdered in about 100 days in Rwanda in 1994. At Ntarama, about 5,000 folks, mostly women and children took refuge in the local church. They were all killed by soldiers, militia men and neighbors. This scene was repeated all over Rwanda, in churches, stadiums and other public places, where people were encouraged to go for protection. I lingered as long as I could at this sad place, a church building that remains as a memorial to those who had been killed there. When we got

back in the car, Imanuelli asked me if we could wait and pray. He began to pray aloud in Kinyarwanda, and my only recognition of his words was “Jesus”. He was visibly touched, saddened. I then prayed aloud and at the conclusion of our prayers, I felt a common bond with this man, who has three orphans living in his home as part of his family.

We continued on to Nyamata. This memorial is also a former church. About 10,000 people took refuge in this church compound and all were killed. Bones are on display there, as are identity cards and personal effects. All the benches in the church building were piled with clothing, blood stained, torn and faded. I was so sad walking around here.

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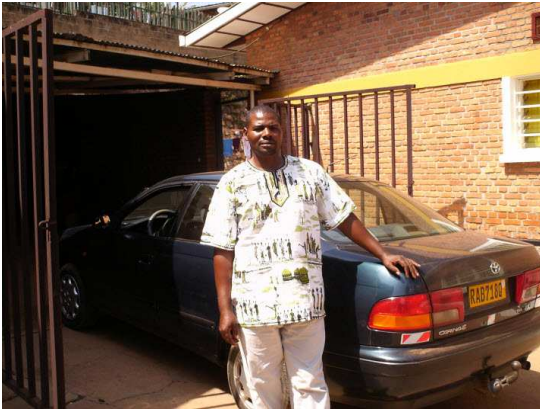
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We drove back to Kigali in silence, though at several times, Imanuelli tried to share some of the region's history with me in very poor English. A pretty river valley separated the Kigali area from the Eastern Province that we entered to get to Ntarma and Nyamata. Satan had been at work in Rwanda, Imanuelli told me. Now Jesus was at work. He told me, "You love Rwanda, you pray for Rwanda". I said yes I did and yes I would.

Imanuelli and I did not share a common language, but we are brothers in Christ. While I have not experienced the horror firsthand that Imanuelli and his countrymen have, we shared a profound sadness as we visited the memorials together. The reality of evil and grief face people the world over. Somehow, I believe that Jesus wants us to be as active in confronting evil as in grieving over it. How sad it is for me to realize that church buildings, assumed to be sanctuaries became killing grounds. I pray that we, the church, whether in Oregon or in Rwanda will truly be sanctuaries to those in need of refuge today and into the future. Let us pray for the insight, strength and courage we need to provide the refuge needed for those facing evil, hurt, hunger, injustice, abuse and misunderstanding.

*- Scot*

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT



# All-Church Retreat January 22-24, 2010

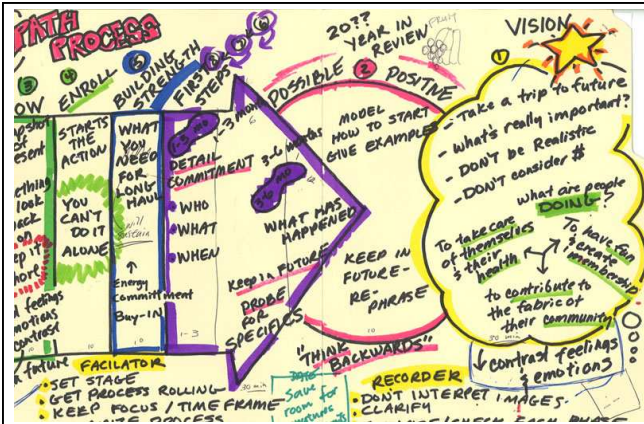
**Cost:** \$99.00 per person  
\$49.50 children ages 3-8  
Children under 3 are free

**Family Cap:** \$350.00

## Registration forms due January 10<sup>th</sup>!

Registration forms are available in the church foyer or online at [www.northvalleyfriends.org](http://www.northvalleyfriends.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## VISIONING MEETING - JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

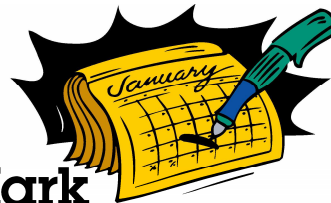
Got 90 minutes to help North Valley revision our direction and future?!

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we'll gather for breakfast and then a 90 minute creative process led by Peggy Hanson of Newberg Friends. This will be a fun, creative process - using drawings as much as words.

Together we'll dream about our future and create some initial paths and priorities to get us there. This vision will provide a foundation for a "discernment taskforce" to develop specific questions for us to consider on Wednesdays prior to a final business meeting to consider staffing and budget needs to help us be the people God is calling us to be. So plan on joining us, January 9, 9:30 to 11:00 am for an energetic and creative process. Childcare will be provided.

## PEACE MONTH

January is the first annual NWYM Peace Month. Each Sunday during the month we will be focusing on the theme: What is Peace? There is a daily reader for Peace Month that you can access through our website ([www.northvalleyfriends.org](http://www.northvalleyfriends.org))...just click on the banner on the left-hand side of the home page. There are also some paper copies of the reader in the foyer.



## Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday with Friends will start back up on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Plan to join us for dinner at 5:45 pm and Kids Alive, Middle School Youth Group and Small Groups beginning at 6:30 pm.



## MAGAZINES WANTED

If you have a pile (or even just a few) magazines that you are no longer using, please drop them by the church. There is a box in the foyer. Thanks!



## YOUTH GROUP News

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**  
Middle School will meet this Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Meet at North Valley at 6:15 pm for a ride, or meet at the Friends Center at 6:30 pm.

High Schoolers will meet for Bible Study (with guest, Paul Bock!) beginning next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm at Leslie's house. High School homework time and dinner will also meet on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at Leslie's house. Questions? Contact Leslie.

## SPRING BREAK 2010

We are planning a trip to help rebuild houses in New Orleans with St. Bernard Project during the week of March 22-26. Alan Kanne went to work with St. Bernard Project last June and saw first-hand how much more there is to do. Alan personally knows Liz McCartney, co-founder of St. Bernard Project and believes it to be one of the best organizations helping New Orleans residents return home. It has been 4 ½ years since the hurricane and thousands of people are still living in poor conditions in FEMA trailers. *An informational meeting will be held after the January 10<sup>th</sup> service in the fellowship hall.* We will have a pizza lunch provided.

### **Why New Orleans?**

In August and September 2005, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the Gulf Coast region. St. Bernard Parish, a community adjacent to New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward, was inundated with floodwaters averaging 6 to 20 feet in depth for two to four weeks. One hundred percent of the Parish's 27,000 homes were rendered officially uninhabitable. Families in St. Bernard Parish lost everything: houses were flooded; possessions were destroyed; tools and methods for livelihoods were ruined. More than 200 residents of the Parish lost their lives as a result of the hurricanes.

### **Before Katrina in St. Bernard Parish**

- Population was 67,000 and the Parish had 27,000 homes and 14,000 businesses
- Unemployment rate was 4%
- Home ownership rate was greater than 70%
- Median family income was \$36K
- Many residents worked as fishermen, in the trades, and at refineries

### **Tracking Recovery in St. Bernard Parish**

According to the April 2008 New Orleans Index, a report published regularly by the Brookings Institute to track post-storm recovery, indicates that St. Bernard Parish is beginning to show real signs of progress:

- Approximately 33,000 residents have returned to St. Bernard Parish or half of the pre-storm population
- 42% of pre-storm households receive mail (about half of these residents live in FEMA trailers or elsewhere and the other are living in their rebuilt homes)
- 4229 students are enrolled in the public schools or about half of the pre-storm number
- Approximately 50% of residents in St. Bernard Parish have received their Road Home funds

### **Still Work to Be Done**

Although much has been accomplished, there is still much to be done. Beginning May 1st, FEMA will begin removing its trailers from the Greater New Orleans area, leaving hundreds of families instantly homeless.

- 1,000 families still displaced in St. Bernard
- 13,000 families still displaced in New Orleans
- 75% of homeowners did not receive sufficient funds to rebuild their home

Families are determined to rebuild their lives; however their success is hampered by myriad barriers. Families have not received adequate reimbursements from their insurance companies or the government's Road Home Program. Many families are split up with members living across Louisiana or in other states. There is limited affordable rental property or temporary housing in the Parish and FEMA trailers will soon be taken away.

Watch the following video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5\\_DSe\\_S7cL8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_DSe_S7cL8)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Somewhere in your neighborhood, a child needs your friendship.**



Give your time and talent to a child in need. Inspire a little one with special needs to dream, laugh, and love life by becoming a Family Friend.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE NEXT

### **FAMILY FRIENDS**

### **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

January 27, 2010

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

at the Faith in Action office in Newberg

Questions? Call (503) 537-1546



Register by January 19, 2010

A program of:  
Faith in Action / 310 Villa Road, #110 / Newberg, OR 97132

### **ADOPTIVE FAMILIES GATHERINGS**

Newberg Friends Church began hosting an opportunity for adoptive families in October, and they'll continue hosting events in the coming months. Families who have adopted domestically or internationally are invited, as are those just beginning the process and those with grown adopted children.

*Here is a preview of upcoming events:*

In January, we will be hosting a panel of adult adoptees, whom we have invited to come share about their experiences and, potentially, answer any questions we might have about what it means to grow up adopted. More information about this will be forthcoming.

In February, we will be viewing a documentary, "Adopted: The Movie." You can find out more about the movie at this link: <http://www.adoptedthemovie.com/>.

In March, we will meet to discuss our reactions to the documentary.

All these events will be on the second Sunday of the month, starting at 5:30. January and March will include a potluck, followed by discussion (and child-care for those needing it). In February, we will have pizza for all—the kids will probably eat in their own space, and we in ours as we watch the movie.

Please direct your questions to Melanie Springer Mock ([mmock@georgefox.edu](mailto:mmock@georgefox.edu)).

## **LOST & FOUND**

Help us find the right home for all the lost and lonely items that have been left at the church. Please stop by the clothes rack and table in the hallway between the fellowship hall and sanctuary to be reunited with your long lost item!

## EAGLE'S WINGS MINISTRY NEWS



Our monthly Native American Fellowship gatherings have been going well. At the last one we had a lot of talk about heart issues. The meeting prior seemed to focus on the difficulties of urban Indians to keep our kids involved in Native cultural events because everyone is so spread out. Portland is the eleventh largest Indian community in the US but Portland and the surrounding areas are a huge place. Each native fellowship meeting has been a little different and we are praying about the direction they should go. Please join us in this effort.

On Dec. 4th Randy spoke to over a hundred guys at a men's fellowship breakfast in Lake Oswego. He had a very good reception to his talk on how the whole mission movement is changing and the way it is best done in the Native America. Then, Randy came home that day to do an afternoon of butchering one of our goats as a Wendell Berry class from George Fox University actively observed.

Randy just finished his teaching of Native American History and Mission at George Fox Seminary and next semester he will be teaching Native American Spirituality and American Church History. The students really seem to enjoy his unique style and the way he challenges them to think outside the box. Here is one student's reaction:

*"You have had an amazing impact on my life. The Creator has opened my heart to new ways that have brought deep healing to my soul. I have so much to discover. My soul resonates with the need to live a more balanced life with nature, which is not really the Evangelical, production minded spirituality that I have been taught for many years. It's pretty dysfunctional and I think that is why so many of us evangelicals are neurotic. We talk about seeking God, but many of us are uncomfortable with God when we are with Him."*

It has become clear that Randy's teaching ministry is part of why God led us to the Northwest. That means we will all be pretty busy during the year. We have also discovered that the best way to come to know other Native people in the area, except for hanging around the Indian Health clinic, is to camp out at the Pow Wows during the summer. To that end, we obtained a used tent camper and will spend much of our summer camping at Pow Wows during the weekends. This will be an important ministry for us as a family. Please be in prayer with us about this as well.

Other great news... Randy just turned in his Ph.D. dissertation! Yea!!! This has been a long and rigorous journey for us all...if all goes well, he should graduate this Spring.

Do-hi' (Peace, in Cherokee)

*Randy & Edith Woodley Family*

## NEWS FROM VERITAS

The Lord has blessed Veritas School with 242 K-12 students and its twelfth year of operation. This past fall, we were once again reviewed and received a recommendation for Five-Year Accredited Status from the Association of Classical Christian Schools. In its final report, the review committee said, "Veritas School is a mature, capable classical Christian school. The 'aroma' in the classrooms and hallways is cheerful and delightful. The students demonstrated an abiding love and respect for their teachers which has been reciprocated from the faculty to the students."

This past year, the school had its first girls' varsity volleyball team, and the boys will have their second club team this spring. Our Concert Choir placed second in state for 2A/1A schools and the theater department produced *The Importance of Being Earnest* last spring and its annual Festival of One-Act Plays this fall.

Our biggest challenge at this point is raising funds to continue our building campaign. We were recently blessed with a grant from the Murdock Foundation to hire a development director, but would appreciate your prayers in this area. We look forward to continuing our partnership with your church family to see the property developed for use by Veritas, North Valley, and the community.

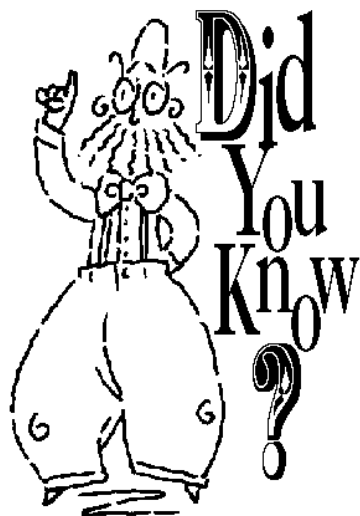
# 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	6 6:30 pm MS Youth Group	7	8	9 9:30 am Visioning Meeting
10 4 pm HS Home- work & Dinner  6 pm HS Bible Study  6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	11	12 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg.	13 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups	14	15	16 8 am Men's Break- fast
17 7:30 am Stewards  4 pm HS Home- work & Dinner  6 pm HS Bible Study  6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	18  6:30 pm Admin. Committee Mtg.	19	20 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups	21	22   ----- All-Church Retreat (22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> ) ----->	23
24 All-Church Retreat 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos 4 pm HS homework & dinner 6 pm HS Bible Study 31	25	26	27 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups	28 7 pm Social Con- cerns Committee Meeting	29	30

# JANUARY WORSHIP CALENDAR

January	3	10	17	24	31
<b>Greeters</b>	Vonnie Burton	Janine Saxton	Rob Felton	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; height: 100%; width: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">All-Church Retreat</span> </div> </div>	Verna Munn
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Rourke	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish		Daryl Burton
	Jim Allison	Jess Howell	Michael Pender		George Piper
	John Frost	Mike McBride	Jared Jones		Anna Baker
	Lukas McKennon	Terrel Smith	Alan Parry		
<b>Music</b>	Janine Saxton	Darleen Ortega	Sandi Thornton		Bryan Boyd
	Aletha McKennon	Dave Kinnunen	Lukas McKennon		Jared Jones
	Steve McKennon	Wes Cropper	Peter McKennon		Colby Spell
	Michael LeClair	Jon Holt	Emily Cropper		
	Linda LeClair	Michael LeClair	Steve McKennon		
		Linda LeClair			
<b>Sound</b>	Rawlen Smith	Mike McConaughey	Rawlen Smith		Steve McKennon
<b>Power Point</b>	Peter McKennon	Ben Kantz	Jessica Trout		Nathan Murray
<b>Media</b>	Aletha McKennon	Darleen Ortega	Sandi Thornton		Bryan Boyd
<b>Preach/Facilitate</b>	Colin Saxton				
<b>Monthly Focus</b>	Peace Prayer				
<b>10:45 Nursery</b>	Jenny Fisher	Janelle Olivarez	Heidi Pender		Valerie Lapham
	Scott Conant	Joseph Olivarez	Della Anderson		Troy Lapham
	Brenna Baker		Amanda McConaughey		
<b>2's &amp; 3's</b>	Ruth Headley	Tabatha Weaver	Beth Woolsey		Miriam Bock
	Jered McConaughey	Brent Weaver	Greg Woolsey		Jonah Harkema
	Erinn Baker	Adria McKennon	Abby Woolsey		Olivia Pugsley
	Jenna Allison	Betsy LeClair	Elsie McConaughey		Becky Headley
<b>4's - Kindergarten</b>	Kathleen Gathercoal	Kristi Longstroth	Lydia Cathers		Priscilla Lowery
	Kristen Sandoz	Angela Kantz	Shirley Kyte	Katrina McConaughey	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	Lynn Holt	Mindy Allison	Jody Jones	Kim Boyd	
	Kimberly Felton	Jim Allison	Gennie Harris		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Joel Sandoz	Leslie Murray	Amy Lutz	Leslie Murray	

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



...Grace Pender was featured in *The Club Herald* (a student newspaper) for her work raising money for various projects in Haiti. She has been raising money since she was 3 years old. To date she has raised over \$2,000 through lemonade and brownie stands!

...Kiah Harkema was recognized as a "Responsible Student" for the month of December at Joan Austin.

*Please let Jennie (office@northvalleyfriends.org) know of any of your accomplishments, special recognition, other fun tidbits of news that can be shared with the community. It's ok to brag...we enjoying hearing about our Friends!*



Please take note of the following directory updates:

### **CROPPER**

Emily's address: 414 N. Meridian St. Box #5508, Newberg, OR 97132

### **HARKEMA**

Jonah's correct phone number: 503-851-5695

### **LONGSTROTH**

no longer have a landline

Kristi's number: 503-476-5750/Tony's number: 503-476-5751

### **MCBRIDE**

Mike's new address: 113 W. 9<sup>th</sup>, Newberg, OR 97132

### **SANDOZ**

Correct email address: jsandoz@prunw.com

no longer have a landline

Kristen's number: 503-327-4419/Joel's number: 503-327-4418

### **SMITH**

Emily's new address: 714 E. Sheridan, Newberg, OR 97132



## Birthdays

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Grace Pender  
Bill Rourke
- 2 Rawlen Smith
- 7 Arthur Roberts
- 8 Lois Lehman
- 9 Kristen Sandoz  
Gracen Sandoz
- 12 Kim Boyd  
Thomas Hotaling  
Aden Woolsey
- 13 Scott Conant  
John Frost  
Doug Pugsley
- 14 Valerie Whitmore
- 15 Kjersti LeClair
- 17 Wes Cropper
- 18 Carley Kinnunen
- 21 Jared Jones
- 23 Laura Hampton
- 28 Della Anderson
- 29 Joel Holt



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Colin & Janine Saxton
- 3 Troy & Valerie Lapham
- 14 Greg & Beth Woolsey

## NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

### Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt      Education/Spiritual Formation
- Leslie Hodgdon Murray Youth
- Stan Thornburg      Pastoral Ministry
- Kim Boyd      Children's Ministry Facilitator
- Jennie Harkema      Administrative Assistant

## CHURCH OFFICE

### Hours:

Monday      9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Tuesday      9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Wednesday      CLOSED  
Thursday      9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Friday      9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Phone:** 503-538-5340

**E-Mail:** office@northvalleyfriends.org

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday:

9:30 am      Sunday School of all ages  
9:30 am      Unprogrammed Meeting  
10:45 am      Programmed Meeting

*North Valley Friends is a Quaker community of ministers who seek to follow Jesus Christ faithfully, love each other deeply and continue His ministry in the world.*

### VISIT US ONLINE:

**NVFC:** [www.northvalleyfriends.org](http://www.northvalleyfriends.org)

**NWYM:** [www.nwfriends.org](http://www.nwfriends.org)

*This newsletter is available online at [www.northvalleyfriends.org](http://www.northvalleyfriends.org)*

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