

Oklahoma City First Church of the Nazarene

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS... We will not be having Wednesday night dinners this summer, but we will still have seating, drinks & wireless internet available in the Atrium each Wednesday evening. Please feel free to use the Atrium for meetings, fellowship & socializing!

DID YOU KNOW SHILOH IS ALMOST UPON US?...

OKC First Church will once again partner with Shiloh Summer Camp (www.shilohcamp.org) to prepare a meal for their campers. This is our fourth consecutive year to participate and several people from our church have worked at this camp in the past. Shiloh Summer Camp is located in OKC on 40 acres in a beautiful campground setting that provides for inner-city children and youth. We will be cooking for the camp (about 200 people) on its closing night – July 31st. Set-up, cooking and preparation starts at 4:30, with dinner served at 6pm. Following the meal there will be the talent show and closing ceremonies for the camp.

If you would like to help, please contact Lance Schmitz. If you would like to donate supplies for this event, we are in need of the following: propane grills, someone with a truck, hotdogs and buns, hamburger patties and buns, bottled water, ice, ice chests, individual packages of chips, ketchup, mustard, pickles, cookies, brownies, plates, napkins and utensils.

GROCERY DELIVERY DAY... is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th at 8:58am at the Dorothy Day Center (4909 North State Ave., between Meridian and MacArthur, just south of NW 50th). We will sack groceries and then deliver them to an anticipated 300 families across the city. We are always in need of help – just show up and there will be something for you to do! If you have questions, please call Marcus Evans (740-0697) or Lance Schmitz (476-2633).

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!... During the summer, our college group (live_well ministries) will continue to meet at the home of Brandon & Ashley Whiteside, our college pastor and his wife, on Wednesday nights at 8pm, unless otherwise noted. Contact Brandon at brandonw@okcfirstnaz.org for directions and any info! Additionally, college students can meet at Panera Bread at 3321 NW Expressway (just a couple of miles east of the church) on Sundays during the Sunday School hour for breakfast and conversation. Please search for "live_well ministries" on Facebook and "Become a Fan" to receive weekly updates from Brandon.

GET READY, GET SET, PAINT!... The OKC First Nursery is desperately in need of painting and sprucing up and we need you! We have 4 work crews/times you can sign up for, so hurry and sign up today.

Prep Crew: Thursday, July 9, 5:30-9:30pm

Paint Crew 1: Friday, July 10, 9:30am-1:30pm

Paint Crew 2: Friday, July 10, 5:30-9:30pm

Finishing Crew: Saturday, July 11, 9am-2pm

If you cannot paint but would like to contribute, we welcome your monetary donations to help purchase the paint and any other needed items. Come to the Registration Desk in the Atrium before or after the morning worship service through Sunday, July 5, and let us know how you can help.

Also, anyone who could lend any of the following items to help defray expenses would be appreciated: paint rollers, extension poles (for rollers), paint brushes, paint trays, disposable tray liners, disposable floor covering/drop cloths, paint buckets, edgers and blue tape.

For questions, please go to the Registration Desk or contact one of our crew leaders: Vanette Bell, Susan Emrich, Becca Null or Patty Martin. Sponsored by OKC First Women's Ministries.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BE A PART OF SUMMER KIDS CLUB...

First Indian Church of the Nazarene is reaching out to the kids in their neighborhood and offering a fun, educational, and Christ-centered program each Monday and Wednesday from now through August 5th. We are looking for helpers on a weekly or bi-monthly basis! Whether you can help tutor kids or just help to show them God's love, we need you! Sessions are 12 - 3pm each day. For more information, please contact Teri Inman 204-8800 or teriinman@cox.net.

NWO DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CAMP... will be held at Camp Bond in Tishomingo, OK. **Camper Registration** forms are located on the children's information board by the Children's Church room. If you are interested in being a **Camp Counselor**, applications are located in the tray on Pastor Lisa's office door.

Camp dates & cost:

Primary camp (1st & 2nd) July 13-15, cost is \$120.

Junior camp (3rd & 4th) July 15-17, cost is \$120.

Preteen camp (5th & 6th) July 13-17, cost is \$140.

If you would like to sponsor a child to camp please note your checks: NWO District Children's Camp- your support will be greatly appreciated.

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Greetings!

I hope you have been well over the past 5 months! I know that the last time you heard from me, I was in the beginning stages of an amazing journey that I had been called to. Now I am back. I cannot thank you enough for making that experience available to me. Without your support it would not have been possible and so... I cannot express my gratitude enough. Thank you!

The things that "we" as an organization at Invisible Children accomplished over the last 5 months are incredible! Not only did the organization change a lot, and improve their credibility, so did I. I learned so much about myself and how we can all make an impact in one way or another. Living out of a van, and traveling for the last few months can help you realize what great opportunities we all have to make a difference. No matter the situation, big or small.

I would like to give you an overview of my last 5 months as I was away. It began in San Diego Jan. 11, 2009. We were introduced to the 50 other "roadies" that had been accepted to the internship for the same reason I was there. I made some amazing friends during this time. We all started training for the first month, in the office every day-sometimes close to 15-16 hours per day. Working, training, booking screenings and preparing for the next couple months we would be on the road. After the first month, my team and I headed to the "Deep South" where we screened the Invisible Children "RESCUE" documentary to hundreds of high schools, colleges and churches. We traveled through 5 different states showing the documentary for two whole months revealing the horrible story of a 23 year-long war in Africa that nobody knows about. It was amazing the stories we heard, and the apathy we encountered. In general most people have never heard of the situation. But that all changed once they met us!

Along with showing the film, we were organizing an event called the "The Rescue of Joseph Kony's Child Soldiers." In a collaborative effort, on April 25, 2009 we held an event in 86 cities and 5 countries to raise awareness and to let the stories of the abducted children in Africa be heard. We held the event and nearly 200,000 worldwide people came to show their support. It was an epic success! Students around the world came together for a cause, bigger than themselves. For the event to officially be considered successful we wanted to get it covered by the news and have a person of public authority like a Congresswoman/man or Senator to come and recognize us for our efforts and support what we are doing. We thought that if we can get them to support this cause, we have a lot better chance at ending this war. As you may know, we got Oprah Winfrey to put us on her show! It wasn't easy; we peacefully held a silent rally outside her office for almost 2 days. But in the end she let us have a segment on her live show in Chicago. You can watch it on Youtube.

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Here is the link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4noq5nGiyaY>

We successfully raised the profile of this war by using people of public authority and trust to tell the story of these children. But, just because we raise awareness, does not mean that this war is going to magically end. We have to go on to the next step, which is **Lobby Days-How It Ends**. Invisible Children has set up an event in D.C. on June 22-23rd to take this issue to the hill, to the people that have the power to change the horrible atrocities that are happening in Africa right now. This event is going to give us a chance to deliver the some 200,000 thousand letters that people all over the world have written to our decision makers.

This letter is to thank you for your generosity and to tell you what we accomplished, together. This letter is to also ask you for one more favor. Please help support me in going to Lobby Days-How It Ends. This is truly how this war will end and it is SO crucial in creating the change necessary to finally end this war that has been destroying lives for almost 23 years! How can you help? First and foremost, if you are available during Lobby Days-How It Ends. We need you there. Your voice and presence needs to be heard. You can go to www.invisiblechildren.com if you would like more information about what is going to happen. I know we all have obligations that need to be taken care of and it is hard to leave town for a couple days. That is absolutely understandable; that is why I'm going. I will be driving up to D.C prior to the event to get some things ready. Even though my internship is over and I'm back home now, I truly believe in this cause and I am determined to stick with the organization until the end.

But the only way I know how to get there is to ask, to ask you. I need financial support. I need money for registration, a place to stay, gas there and back and food to survive on. Volunteering for Invisible Children has been absolutely amazing, but I am officially broke from not working for the last 5 months. If you would be willing support me in any way, financially, or with prayer I would greatly appreciate it! It will be used to change the history of the longest running war in Africa. If you are able to support me financially, please make your check to OKC First Naz and mail the funds to:

Oklahoma City First Church of the Nazarene
4400 NW Expressway
OKC, OK 73116
Please remember to boldly memo note your check: Zack McCulloch Lobby Days

I just want to thank you one more time for providing again and supporting me in this cause. Just remember that we can change history, together! God bless!

With much love,
Zack McCulloch