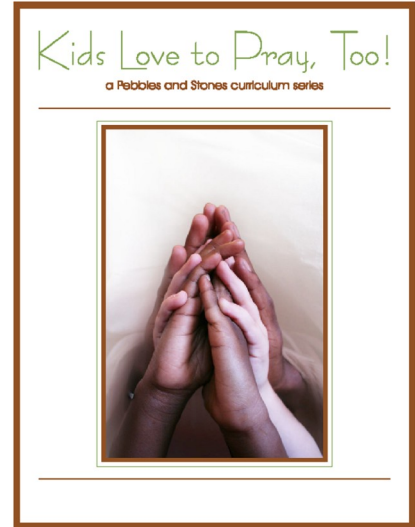




2009 NEWS

After spending a year at home writing curriculum and editing her book, it is now time, once again, for Kathleen and her teams to make travel plans. So many opportunities are opening up to share the vision of Pebbles and Stones around the world. Please pray with us that God’s word will go out, that others will come to know Him and that He will provide financially for all the opportunities He is laying in our paths. Thank God with us that Kids Love to Pray Too! is ready and that Kathleen’s book, Hiding Places, should be in print by the end of the year.

Order your copy of Kids Love to Pray Too! today, check our web site for details!



Invitations for Pebbles and Stones Training-Mission Trips

- **Mexico: January 24- February 2, 2009**
 Pebbles and Stones has traveled to Merida for the past ten years to teach the Pebbles and Stones model to pastors, students and lay leaders throughout Mexico at the San Pablo Presbyterian Seminary. This year, P&S will again conduct training at the Seminary. They will also connect with existing Pebbles and Stones groups by offering training and conducting sessions with the children and adults in other cities in the Yucatan.
- **Madagascar: March 2009 or September 2009**
 This is a new opportunity, the Pebbles and Stones Contact said, “Many people, the leaders of children in churches, are waiting for your seminar. Please come as soon as possible.”
- **Greece, Thessaloniki, Bulgaria: May 2009**
 This is also a new opportunity; here is what the P&S contact in Greece wrote: “We will most likely conduct it in my local church and send invitations to the other churches. We would like you to come to Bulgaria to offer them this training. Ideally, it would be great to have training in Athens, then travel to Thessaloniki to a group I know there, and then finish in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.”
- **Ethiopia, Kenya: September 2009**
 We are planning to expand Pebbles and Stones in Ethiopia and Kenya by offering training in several cities. We will also reinforce the existing Pebbles and Stones groups by visiting them and giving additional training. A note from P&S in Kenya: “In Kenya I have trained 150 teachers, and so far we have reached over 3,000 children country wide, we want to expand and make more P&S centers in different districts of Kenya.” We hope to add to that multiplication by more training and by bringing materials with us.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS VINEYARD CHURCH

Elgin Vineyard's Kingdom Kids Children's Ministry has adopted Pebbles and Stones as our curriculum for grades K-6th, and we are very excited and energized because of it! Yes, we love the model that Kathleen provides for, it's simple approach to spending time with children on a Sunday. (Especially in the age of so many gadgets and gizmos.) What we love even more though is what God is doing in leadership, with our volunteers, and in the lives of OUR children!

GOD IS SPEAKING! There is such a fresh breath of energy and excitement throughout our ministry, and the testimonies are amazing! The leadership is inspired, the teachers love to teach, the shepherds are...well shepherding, and the children's lives are being changed by God each time they come to spend time with him. We are thankful to Kathleen for being so faithful and for trusting a God who says "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." (Isaiah 55:8) Yet through Jesus we can have a relationship with Him, and it is His desire that we do. This desire He has to reveal more of Himself to all of us has been very evident as we use Pebbles and Stones each Sunday to minister to our children.

UPDATE FROM MADISON SQUARE CHURCH GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

A note from Cheri: We heard from a little girl who came to Pebbles and Stones for the first time the week before. In their small group time she asked God to allow her to stay with the foster family she was with that day so that she could be in their family and so she could come to Pebbles and Stones. This week she ran up to Sue, her small group leader, and said, "It worked, I can stay with this family". She then boldly shared with our large group that God answered her prayer and that prayer worked....she and her foster sister then led us in a prayer of thanksgiving!!! God is so good!

A note from Amy: God continues to bless our 11:30 Pebbles and Stones ministry. This past week we had more than 20 children - many of whom were quite young, maybe 5 years old. One boy in particular was attending for the first time. He was not more than 5 years old, quiet and held hands with his leader during opening session. Once we went to small group, it was amazing to see how the Word of God opened his heart. He shared his journal which included a cross signifying Jesus and a picture of his family. He had obviously grasped the theme of the lesson - through Jesus we are all one family. I am blessed to see our living God doing a mighty work in the lives of even the youngest of children.

This past month, **KIDS LOVE TO PRAY TOO!** curriculum sets have been sent to Ethiopia, India, Thailand, Greece, Madagascar, Canada, Namibia, Pakistan, Guinea, and various states in the US. Join in praying that thousands will be reached with the Gospel! With your financial support, of \$100 for each curriculum set many more people can be reached through the ministry of Pebbles and Stones. Will you provide for the printing of one or more sets of KLTPT, or contribute to the trips listed above? Pebbles and Stones has people ready to serve God through this ministry because of your support.

A NOTE FROM INDIA

Our training here was very good and nearly 22 kids attended it. Now we are having elders training. Nearly 10 people attend it every Sunday evening. Please pray for it. One family has expressed interest to start it in their home. Most probably we will start it this month. Please do pray for our activities. Your financial support was a great help to us. Continue to remember us in your prayers. We also started to work in a remote place of our town this month. It is an island, most of the people are very poor. But the fellowship was very good. Nearly 30 people attended the fellowship there. I need an assistant to work with me, please pray for that also.

FALL TRAINING IN GRAND RAPIDS

There were 25 participants, 17 new trainees, 5 speakers, and 10 volunteers at Madison Square Church on October 11. It was a great day to learn about Pebbles and Stones, refresh our training, and to worship our wonderful God.

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