

April
2011



“Lech Lecha!”

“Hebrew translation: go forth, go do something, get up and do it. The starting and end point of each leg of this triathlon is located right in the neighborhood of the international headquarters of Pebbles and Stones. You will be blessed to meet Kathleen Trock who lives on our street and “ministers” to our neighborhood families and families across the globe.” Thad Lubbers

This is a great opportunity for you and your P&S families! Come, join the fun and raise money for other groups.



**Lech-Lecha
TRIATHLON**

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Sprint Triathlon
June 18, 2011
(Start Time 8:05 am)

600 Yard Swim
10.4 Mile Bike
2.1 Mile Run

Registration Limited to the First 75 Registrants !
(Registration is non-transferrable.)

This triathlon is an amateur neighborhood triathlon and takes place on an open road course. It is designed for those who want to attempt their first triathlon and all triathletes are welcomed!

Location: 150 Suncrest Court SW (Suncrest Lake)
Grandville, MI 49418

Parking Available: On Street & and overflow @ Rivertown Honda

Drop Off Area: Provided

T-shirts: Provided to all participants & volunteers.

Questions: 616-893-3701 (Thad)

Registration Fee:

May 1 – June 1, 2011	\$40.00
June 1– June 13, 2011 (Closes)	\$35.00
Late Registration if available	\$40.00

All proceeds to benefit “Pebbles and Stones” a 501c3 in Grandville, MI.

Registration after January 30, 2011: thad.lubbers@comcast.net

New Opportunities!!

Partnering with OneHope (www.onehope.net), Pebbles and Stones curriculum will be introduced to the H’mong people. For centuries, the H’mong people have passed down their traditions and history through the telling of stories. Among the stories are those that correlate with Bible stories. Kathleen has been asked by Ty and Cina Silva, Asia Pacific Regional Directors, to take 17 of these stories and develop curriculum using the Pebbles and Stones model. This curriculum will be translated into Vietnamese, Green H’mong and White H’mong. The H’mong people populate the Asia Pacific region with 8 million in China, 1.2 million in Vietnam, 200,000 in Laos, and 100,000 in Thailand. There are 6 different H’mong language groups in Vietnam alone.

Cina says, “I’m excited to be able to see the P & S method incorporated into some OneHope curriculum. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit and in His timing, I believe this will have a tremendous impact on leading children to know God in many parts of the world. We’re thankful that it will start in Asia among the H’mong. As far as we have been able to determine, this is the first Christian material to be written for their children and to use the God Story correlation between their oral traditions and the Scripture. May God help us to clearly hear His voice as we move forward with this project.”

Kathleen will be returning to Asia late fall to introduce the curriculum and train among the H’mong people. She will also be returning this summer to follow up with the training she did in last fall. Please join us in prayer that God’s Word **will go out** and souls will be changed by His Holy Spirit.

February Training

On a cold Saturday in February, Kathleen lead a training at Roosevelt Park Church, in Grand Rapids. Among those in attendance, were 35 people from Roosevelt and 15 others representing 9 other ministries.



Here is an update from the church:

In the Spring of 2010 our church (Roosevelt Park Community Christian Reformed Church) started looking for a ministry that would enable us to teach children about God in the context of family. God led us to Pebbles and Stones, and we began to see how P & S could be the perfect fit for us. We started meeting in March; there are usually from 50-70 adults and children who come together every Sunday evening to worship, listen to the Word and spend time praying and sharing what God is teaching them. Every week we are blown away by the miracle of children and adults praying with and for each other, and the blessing of witnessing God’s power being poured out in the context of family.

Prayer Request

Kathleen’s trip to West Africa in April has been cancelled, her passport and visas are lost in the mail.

Isaiah 55:8

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.

[We trust in the Lord and His plans for us!](#)

San Pablo Presbyterian Seminary, Merida, Mexico, January 2011

What did you like the most about this course?
The way that a Bible passage is presented and applied to the heart. Also learning how to connect each child to what God desires in His Word.



It was very dynamic and fun. The method was very practical and easy to implement.



There was depth with each topic and I was able to understand how easy it is, with God’s help, to put a lesson together and reach the hearts of the children.

That the most important thing is to touch the hearts and we can do it in a simple way through journaling and pictures.

I received very useful information such as creating a lesson that addresses all learning styles. But what I liked the most was that I realized the importance and need of caring for the children.



I was glad to meet Sister Kathleen who brings blessings through the Word of God to the children of Mexico. These blessings will be passed on to the children through us.

Thank you for everything and may God continue to use you powerfully in this ministry. I will put into practice what I have learned.



Church Presentations

If you would like a speaker at your church to share some of what is happening in Pebbles and Stones or introduce the ministry to your congregation, we would be honored to send a representative to your church! It could be presented to a Sunday School class, a weekday meeting, a formal Sunday Service sermon or a shorter 5 minute Sunday presentation. We seek your fervent prayer as we follow God and make decisions about the future of our P&S ministry in the USA.

Pebbles and Stones in Liberia

