

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in **love**, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the **love** of Christ, and to know this **love** that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19



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A Note from Debbie;

Trainer in Merida, this year.

During the last week in January, Pebbles and Stones held a training seminar in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. The seminar was attended by theology and music students at the San Pablo Presbyterian Theological Seminary and by others interested in working with children in their churches, schools or neighborhoods. Most of the participants were unfamiliar with the Pebbles and Stones model and experienced for the first time what it means to listen to their Father through journaling and prayer. Many students shared their excitement over practicing this in a personal way and their desire to do so on a regular basis. They also shared their burden for reaching the children of Mexico for the Lord and for discipling the children and their families through prayer. We anticipate several new Pebbles and Stones groups to form in Mexico in the upcoming weeks and months. Several of the participants were also able to connect and partner with one of the existing Pebbles and Stones groups in a small village outside of the city of Merida.

Participants were asked, “What did you like most about this course?” Their answers are here:

- I liked everything. It is a format that helps us to lead and work with children and it taught me a lot.
- **It was a dynamic course; very interesting. We all participated and shared.**
- I liked everything, especially the way it was taught and the passion with which you spoke of ministry to children. It reminded me of the importance of children in God’s kingdom.
- **You have a different perspective of children’s ministry and you made me change mine.**
- I liked the teaching and method and the instructor’s energy.
- **The classes were practical and well explained.**
- I liked the teaching method and moving children towards prayer to God.
- **The ease you have of explaining the material in detail and I also liked the materials.**

Some other comments from those who attended training in Merida:

- Thank you for sharing your passion with us, I will pray for you, for your ministry, and I hope the Lord continues to use you for His glory.
- **God answers prayers in unusual ways. I had just been in conversation with the leadership at our church about the need for children’s ministry and now I am convinced.**
- Keep working hard and bringing more children to Christ. I thank God for putting in Kathleen’s heart the desire to form Pebbles and Stones.
- **I am deeply thankful for the lives, vision and mission of sisters Kathleen and Debbie.**

The Ripples of:

Kids Love to Pray Too!

Francis in Liberia says: "The work is growing. With the curriculum we can say all of the 90 good news clubs we have are implementing it. We are now dealing with 15,000 children, as you know the children are many in the clubs."

Sister Maxi in Namibia:

We have started now in February to follow the Pebbles and Stones Program and we see forth for the blessings. The little children are so happy to have this program and the group is growing day by day. Pray for me as the leader to find a partner who will join me in this regard. Pray for the provision for the children's needs physically and spiritually in Jesus Name.

Ebet (name changed) in India Writes: The answer is YES we would love to use it for the over 1600 kids we minister to in our Sunday School on a weekly basis. We also have Slum Schools where we have another 1,000 plus kids that could use it.

Mexico Mission Trip March 5-15, 2009

Sunshine Community Church of Grand Rapids Michigan is partnering with Pebbles and Stones to bring the Hope of Jesus to Mayan Families in the Yucatan region of Mexico!

This ministry of Sunshine church began 6 years ago when the first teams traveled to the villages of Xocempich and San Francisco, Mexico. We are so blessed that God has given us the privilege of developing relationships with these families by allowing us to return each year.

We are so excited this year to be sharing the Hope of Jesus with whole families through the Pebbles and Stones Ministry.

Our God of HOPE has a heart of unfailing love and a passion to bring restoration to this world full of hurt!

And what a blessing it is to witness firsthand transformation in the lives of men, women, children, and whole families, as they accept the hope of Jesus for eternity!

**Wendy Bronkema, Team Leader
Sunshine Community Church Mexico Village Outreach Team**

Wendy Bronkema and her mother Barb Ruitter, members of the Outreach Team, attended the Pebbles and Stones training in Merida in January in preparation for the above mentioned trip through Sunshine Community Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

This newsletter is now available in Spanish, please let us know if you would like to receive it in Spanish.

Do you have Pebbles and Stones stories we can share with others? We would like to print them in this newsletter.

Please email them to:

sue@Pebblesandstones.com

Prayers and Thanksgiving:

Kids Love To Pray Too! Devotional – Harvest House Publishers has asked Kathleen to write 40 children's daily devotionals to accompany Love to Pray by Dr. Alvin Vander-griend. Please pray that each devotional would capture the hearts of children. Kathleen's passion is to see the generations praying together.

Requests for curriculum have increased, especially from overseas. Please pray for wisdom as P&S develops additional curriculum.

Thanksgiving!!!! The training in Merida, Mexico was a huge success We are grateful to have Debbie Legters, a bilingual trainer among the leaders of Pebbles and Stones. Debbie will be coordinating our work in Mexico.

Also, Pebbles and Stones was able to send rent for the orphanage in Liberia under the leadership of Dorothy Mahn.

Sunshine Community Church in Grand Rapids is sending a team to Xocempich and San Francisco, **Mexico March 5-15.** Please pray that the children would be open to the change as the team brings them the Pebbles and Stones Ministry; that their hearts would be open to listen to God and to learn how to talk to him through prayer. Pray also for the safety and unity of the team.

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