

Kenya  
September 20-27, 2011



Above the din of voices, cars, goats, cattle and chickens, the words “muzungu” (white person), and “Hi, how are you?” were heard as we drove into the slums of Nairobi. They bounced and rebounded like rays of light from the mouths of smiling children curious about the strangers who had arrived.



We came to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them, to conduct Pebbles and Stones training and to do follow-up in six slum areas of Nairobi. During our week in Nairobi, approximately 300 Pastors and lay leaders were trained. I also shared the gospel with nearly 1,500 children. Each time I had an opportunity to be with the children, I asked the Lord, “What shall I teach?” and each time, I sensed Him saying, “Tell the children I am their Father.” Watching the children prayerfully respond to this truth many with tears, stirred our hearts with the knowledge that the children of the slums are our younger brothers and sisters.



Thanks to many of you who financially supported the trip, we were able to give money to several schools to purchase chickens and books. With the eggs gathered from the chickens, the children are fed and the remaining eggs are sold to help support the schools.

I am thankful for Chad Hoffman, of Christian Mission Aid, for arranging the trainings and follow-ups in Nairobi, for Sara, his wife, and his children, Sabra and Samuel, for those who translated, shared their lives, schools and churches, to those who attended the trainings and to Sue DeKoekkoek who traveled with me.



*Principle Rose shared the following,* “I hereby wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to you and the team. For sure we were blessed by your ministry, touched by your love and also felt the presence of the Most High through your prayers.”



*The following is written by Sabra Hoffman, 14, about one of our days together:*

“Sam, my dad, and I had the amazing opportunity to spend the day out with our dear friends from Pebbles and Stones, Kathleen Trock and Sue DeKoekkoek, visiting the children at Charisma Tumaini school and Provision Education Center. (Mom & Baby Aviya stayed home to rest.) We did short Pebbles & Stones groups with them, teaching them that God not only speaks – He wants to talk to and have a personal relationship with each one of us. I think that my very favorite part of the day was our “listening time” with the students at P.E.C. Over 160

children – ranging from about three to twelve – were gathered into one room, yet there was nothing to be heard but the beautiful sound of silence. God’s sweet presence so filled the room that it was nearly tangible.

When I looked at all those little blessings (as Mrs. Kathleen so fondly calls us children), each and every one of them had his or her eyes scrunched shut and hands folded neatly, expecting to hear the Father’s voice. Student after student came to the front to share what God had said to them, or a prayer that He had given them. I can’t help but think about how much the Lord must love it when His children quiet themselves before Him and simply listen.



**In the silence  
You are speaking  
In the quiet I can feel the fire  
And it’s burning, burning deeply  
Burning all that it is that you desire to be silent, in me**  
(Lyrics from Jason Upton’s “In the Silence”)

*Blessings, Kathleen*



Thank you for supporting us in the:



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Over \$2800 was raised for Pebbles and Stones!

## Fall training at New Life Christian Center

Greetings fellow Pebbles and Stoners,

The photo to the right is just a sample of the increase in fruit that has come to our ministry from the fall Pebbles and Stones training at New Life Christian Fellowship. It is vital to teach our children the things of God, but more importantly, put our agendas aside and allow God to reveal Himself to them. The Pebbles and Stones model does exactly that. I believe this model has the ability to revolutionize today's ministry to children, thus changing the course of the next generation. It allows us to be rid the "bells and whistles" and let God draw them in.

Kathleen's heart to serve God's children is truly a gift.

Blessings,  
Liz McKay  
CM Director;  
New Life Christian Fellowship



### Pine Ridge August 2011

*"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16*

**The call was to "Go and be salt and light on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota".**



Our team, which consisted of four adults, two teens and four children set out to build relationships that embodied the love and care of the Father for His children.

One day was devoted to four Lakota girls. On a cool overcast morning, with prayer that the day would improve for our first stop, swimming at Cascade Falls near Hot Springs, SD. Our prayers were answered an hour later. When we arrived at our destination the sky was clear and the temperature had risen to around 80 degrees. As an added blessing we had the pool nearly to ourselves. After our swim, we ate lunch and went sightseeing at Crazy Horse monument and Custer State Park. The best part for me was hearing all the children, who were now all sitting together in the back of the van, laughing and enjoying each other's company, just like family! God is good!

We had five nights of Pebbles and Stones meetings, with attendance ranging from 10-25 children. There were many little stories here of God working in hearts, but the two that stand out to me were of Elise and Jessica. Elise is the grand-daughter of Kate, the Native missionary we have known and worked with for many years. Kate has been trying to reach the rest of her family, who follow the Native religion, for many years. One night Elise journaled a heart with crosses all around it, she explained "it's because I love Jesus". When she said those words I could see the emotion on Kate's face. And the other, Jessica, who lives in the house next to the building we were using, appeared to be a very mean child, and she was withdrawn. The first couple days Jessica would only stay for the beginning of our meeting and maybe return at the end. But a member of our team made it a point to pay attention to Jessica, to rub her back, and to openly notice when she was being nice. By the end of the week, Jessica...was a rather nice little girl...and openly talked and shared with the group.



We also visited White Clay, Nebraska, (within walking distance across the state border of the Reservation) a couple times, to serve food and water with the street people. Our goal was to serve spiritual as well as physical food and water. The Lord opened doors for us above and beyond our expectations. We were able to use a facility where we could get out of the oppressive heat and share the Word with many people at once. There were requests for prayers from the people and also reading materials. These people were touched that we would bring our children to this place. Darrell Walking Eagle is one man that I sat and listened to for a long time one day. Darrell told me of the pain in his heart. Darrell wept as we prayed together and talked of finally feeling a peace in his heart that he had never known before. It's amazing how God works in people even when we don't do everything right. Please pray for Darrell and the people of White Clay.



We pray that the light and hope will continue to grow on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota and in White Clay, Nebraska.

Dawn Morley  
Pine Ridge Team Leader

Kathleen is in Southeast Asia, this is the first week of her 3 week trip. She covets your prayers! Kathleen is traveling with a P&S Supporter, Joan. Please pray for their health and safety, also for the training Kathleen is doing there among the H'mong People. Pebbles and Stones & [OneHope](#) are partnering again to reach the H'mong tribal people in Asia. After that Kathleen and Joan will travel to Taiwan for more training and follow up.

*Please prayerfully consider financially supporting this and future events.*

Kathleen will try to update the Pebbles and Stones Facebook Page:  
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**Thank You!**