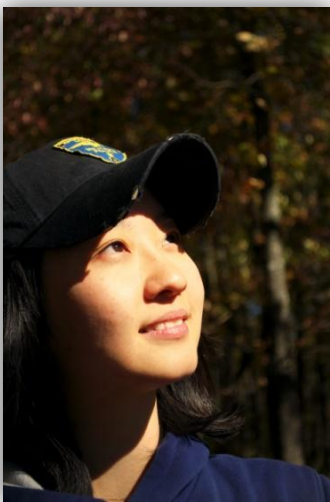


A Year in Review

Sweet Gina

We were sitting on the bank of Ozark's Lake when dear Gina began expressing, with every ounce of energy, her new revelation. *God really loves her.* The excitement grew more rapidly as her English seemed limitless! Joy filled her as she told me how she heard God's voice ever so clearly. "I love you; you are very precious." It is not common sense to think God loves us; it is life changing when we realize He does. To this day her compassion touches many where she lives with her family in Korea.



Looking back...



- *August 28th moved to Arkansas!
- * Spent two weeks hiking, camping and canoeing with DTS students.
- *Became a one-on-one for two wonderful international students.
--Gina & Elise
- *Volunteered with a wonderful youth ministry: K-Life.
- *Cut down my first tree for Christmas!
- *Learned more about gardening.
- *Learned a lot more cooking skills
- *Baked many pans of Cinnamon Rolls(!)
- *Spent two weeks in inner city Dallas where we:
 - fed four hundred a yummy turkey dinner.
 - Helped put together a Christmas program with the children.
 - Sang in nursing homes and helped 'World Vision' for a day.
- *Co-led a team to Peru for two months where we:
 - spent two weeks working with a small church in the mountains.
 - Spent five weeks in the jungle doing river trips and speaking in churches.
- * Worked with Mission Adventures where we: visited businesses and neighborhoods and prayed with them.
- *Visited family in MN to meet my new little cousin! Lizzie Pearl!
- *Watched my sister Graduate High School!

....and through it all I've met many great people and spent many hours getting to know them~

***The best of all, it was the little things God's made that made this all worth it!

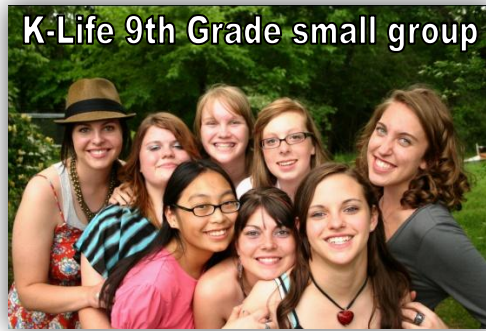


Mission Adventure



In the spring and summer we run what's called mission adventures. The purpose is to expose students to missions not only in other countries but right in their very own communities. The struggle is stepping out of your comfort zone. -- Our first team came from Joplin, MO. It is beyond anything I could describe. "God simply lit a fire within them and they took action". Several students said their lives were changed during "missions exposure." Yet, what faced them in the following weeks was life changing as well; Joplin's devastating tornado. "What we learned in Ozark has helped prepare us for this!! God is good!! He is the God of this city!!" -- Lauden Baker, 10th Grade. You can find them reaching out to their community on FB @ Faith in Action.





The Alcohol Wipe

“...The blood continued to drip from her ear. Something had to be done! Taking young Elda’s hand, we slipped away and went to our team’s first aid kit. - We had one alcohol wipe. - We sat in the shadow of the church’s lights powered by generators as I cleaned her sores. The tears burned behind my eye lids. Her smile and eyes brought such a chain of unexplainable emotion to my heart. Feeling as if eyes were watching us I looked into the dark. Shadows of men young and old, lined the only side walk in the village (and they kept coming). Then the tears came, turning into determination as realization hit...they wanted to have their wounds and sores cleaned as well. My life changed in that moment. Seeing such hard working and gruff men so vulnerable and nervous/hopeful broke my heart. And so the cleaning began with the one alcohol wipe we had left.”

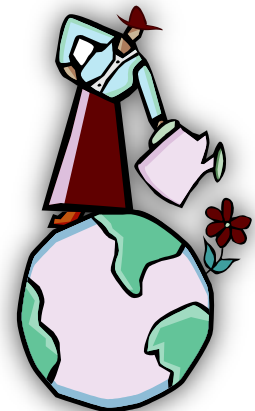
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Betty

“... Looking at her I would never have known her dear husband passed away two years ago to cancer, nor her poor living conditions or mounds of medical bills or how broken her family is or how lonely she is. I wouldn’t know that she loves everything zebra or what it means to see a happy face and open arms for a hug. She’s one of the reasons why I love what I do. Because she blesses me just as much as my time blesses her. “

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