



The 2013 PSK Mexico Mission Team at Café Justo visiting Joca Gallegos and Carmen Sanchez (l-r second row).

PSK has purchased 679 lbs of green

coffee beans from Chiapas! Through the coffee purchases from First Presbyterian El Dorado, Freeport, Garden City, McPherson, Pratt, Syracuse, Tribune and Wichita along with Grace and New Covenant, over 200 coffee farming families need not migrate and eleven employees are now paid wages at double the market rate.



Team members helped with VBS and painting the interior and exterior of the Voz del Desierto (Voice of the Desert) Presbyterian Church, Hermosillo, Mexico.

← Yes, one team member acquired a magic marker tattoo of a cross on his bald head!



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African Children's Choir

First Presbyterian Church of Newton once again hosted the African Children's Choir on May 22, 2013, as part of the choir's U.S. tour. The program featured well-loved children's songs, traditional spirituals and rhythmic gospel favorites. In spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, the children are radiant with hope, musically gifted and always wonderfully entertaining. Their performance showed the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child. A free-will offering was taken to help support the Music for Life Institute.

Presbytery Meeting

**Saturday, August 17, 2013
First Presbyterian Church
Newton, KS**



Pray for those joining the PSK Summer Mission Trip to Sterling College July 8-12th

Summer Reading List

The word *disciple*, as you probably know, means student. That tells us that a key facet of our life as Christians is “being a student.” As disciples of Jesus, we don’t go to school for a while and then graduate; instead, we keep on being disciples, keep on being life-long learners, all the days of our Christian life.

So I want to offer five books you could put on your summer reading list, to give yourself the opportunity to stretch your Christian understanding this fall. You can take them to the beach, or kick back with them on a quiet afternoon. They are all easy reads, in one sense: they are not too long, they are well-written, and they don’t get bogged down but keep the pace moving nicely. And yet in another sense they are all pretty challenging: they will push you to think in ways that you might not have considered, on your own.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*. Everyone should reread, at least every ten years, this classic exploration of serious Christian living. Bonhoeffer, hanged by the Nazis just a few weeks before the end of World War II, challenges all Christians to move beyond the “cheap grace” model and into a depth of Christian mission and devotion.

Robert F. Capon, *Between Noon and Three: Romance, Law, and the Outrage of Grace*. One of the twentieth century’s wittiest and most articulate expositors of the New Testament, Capon takes a viewpoint in this provocative book that seems, at first, to be diametrically opposed to Bonhoeffer, arguing that while it may seem outrageous to proclaim that God has simply decided to forgive sinners, that is the gospel message.

Greg Mortenson, *Three Cups of Tea*. This book is part political exploration, part cross-cultural sociology text, and part missionary biography. The author, a former Himalayan mountaineer, made the decision after a failed climb that he would build a school for an impoverished village in Pakistan. This has led to the building and staffing of several dozen schools, teaching both boys and girls, in Pakistan and Afghanistan; and changing the world for many hundreds of people. How much difference can one person’s life make?

N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*. Wright is an Anglican bishop, biblical scholar, and prolific author. Here he explains the basic appeal of the Christian faith in clear, cogent, and

readable fashion (much as C.S. Lewis did, half a century ago, in *Mere Christianity*). If you are looking for an answer to the question “What is the basis for believing the things we believe?” then this is the book for you.

Kenneth Bailey, *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*. Having spent his career in Egypt, Lebanon, and Israel, Bailey brings a life-long knowledge of Middle Eastern life and culture as he considers many passages of the New Testament. When he applies these insights to familiar texts like “no room for them in the inn,” they come out rather different from how our culture commonly reads them. The book would be well worth reading just for this; yet the strongest feature of the book is Bailey’s own literary analysis of the texts, showing clearly the power of their poetical and rhetorical features.

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www.pcusa.org/events/23419/big-tent-2013/

Congratulations to Susan Wyman, Moderator, PSK Presbyterian Women, as she was presented a Presbyterian Women’s Lifetime Membership during the PW Spring Gathering, on April 23, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, Derby.

Have you have been reading the Westminster Woods Camp blog this summer?

visit www.westminsterwoodscamp.com

The camp song list for 2013 will be posted on the above website in July.



Pray for the PSK delegation of youth and adults attending the Youth Triennium on the Purdue University campus, July 16-20, 2013