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**Summer
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at Crossroads

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**Desiree
Simon**

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Weekly Happenings

Sunday Morning

10:00am - Coffee & Friends
10:30am - Celebration Service*
*Childcare Provided

Tuesday

6:30pm - C20s @ Clod's

Wednesday

6:00pm - Worship Team Practice
7:00pm - Adult Bible Study



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9:00am - 5:00pm

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Letters



To my beloved sponsors at Crossroads Christian Fellowship,

Receive my greetings of joy in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I was very, very glad to receive your support with lots of thanksgiving. For Christmas celebration I bought for myself new clothes, a new pair of shoes, and paid school fees. That day many songs about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ were sung.

Here in our country of Congo there was a constitutional referendum which passed very well. It was voted and got 83%. God willing we shall have new parliament and a new president who will be elected democratically.

My beloved sponsors, I wish you happy new year 2006 full of blessings. My family and I pray to God for you very much. Here in our area there was an earthquake. I passed very well in our first term exams.

Yours,

Bose Balebatu

In thanks for his Christmas and birthday gifts, he also wrote:

I received this gift with lots of joy. For the spending, I bought 5 kgs. of meat, 10 kgs. of rice, 4 kgs. of beans and 3 kgs. of beans for Christmas and New Year celebrations. So

snapshots

Memorial Day

On Memorial Day weekend after Sunday Worship celebration Crossroads held an annual Memorial Day BBQ. This picture was taken of Savannah Orphan carrying Elijah Brown on her back.

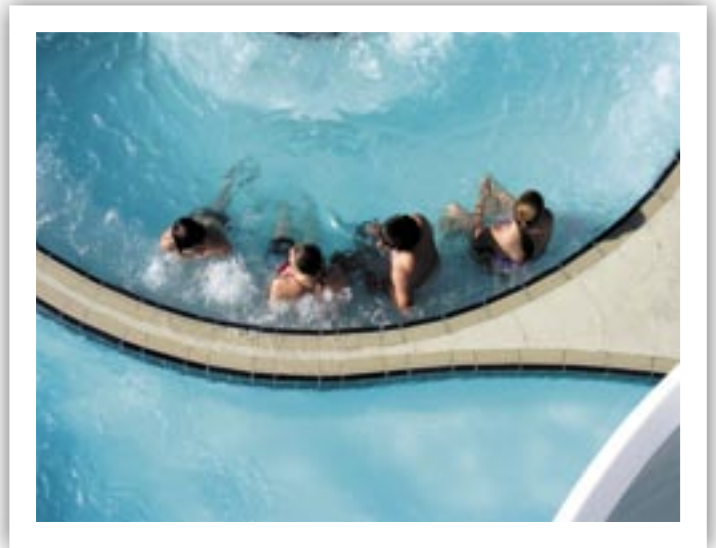


Swim Party 2006

Free Food, Good Times, and Fun for the Whole Family

It is with great anticipation that I look forward to this years Swim Party. What excites me most about the Swim Party is that it is something we give away without strings attached. It is not an activity that we charge others to attend, whether money or time where they must listen to a talk. It is a gift, a blessing, to those who attend Crossroads, those who we are building relationships with and our community. One of our intentions with the Party is for it to provide a safe place for families and friends to continue to deepen their friendships. Our hope is that this years Swim Party will be tons of fun, people will be refreshed, feel like they had a break, and people will leave feeling blessed, like they were cared for and loved, though they may never use those words.

As always, this event is entirely free for all people who want to attend: you, friends, family, neighbors...anyone! Last year, OTM published a few tips about inviting people to this awesome event. They are listed again below as a reminder.



The Preparation

This is an exciting opportunity for our church! We invite you to join us in praying for the people that God is calling us to love and minister to in our community and in your spheres of influence. Who do you know that might enjoy eating, swimming and hanging out? Pray that God will put those people on your heart, and then invite them to be your guest. Then, continue to pray with us over the next few weeks that the hearts of those coming will be receptive to the acceptance and friendship we offer.

The Invitation

If you have ever been tentative about inviting your friends and neighbors to a church activity, we have great news for you! Our annual swim party will be the most fun, the most food and the most friends you could ever hope for! There is no cost – for either the swimming or the food. So invite the people that God has put on your heart – remind them that there is no cost, no sermon and no offer to buy anything – just food, friends and fun!



The Reminder

We all know what it's like to forget important dates with our super-busy lifestyles. So we have made some reminder cards for you to give your friends to remind them about the swim party. Remember to give them out! Pick them up at Crossroads in the lobby!

upcoming events

Check out all the events that Crossroads is planning as we prepare for Summer!



24 Prayer

21-22 July 2006, 7:00 pm – 7:00 pm
at Crossroads

One of the special privileges of living in fellowship with God is the ability to communicate with God. Through prayer, we can bring ourselves, whether broken or jubilant, weary or energized, into God's loving presence. Here, the God of restoration meets with us. And in that time, we find our hearts begin to reflect God's heart as well as finding rest and renewal, and a renewed sense of calling and God's indwelling. Join us for a powerful 24 hours of prayer as Crossroads continues in prayer for a summer filled with ministry and activity. For more information check in the entry of the church or on line at www.crossroads-covallis.org



Fireworks Fundraiser

23 June – 6 July
Corner of Queen & Geary in Albany, OR

During the last week of June and the first week of July Crossroads manages a fireworks booth as a fundraiser and fun-haver. Besides raising money for our kids to go to camp and our annual Swim Party, it is also a great opportunity to for us to get to know one another better. Please talk to Cindy Nair for more information and to sign up to help, (cindy.nair@oregonstate.edu).



Swim Party

16 July 2006, 5:30 pm at Osborn Aquatic Center

The water beckons us once again to the Osborne Aquatic Center for our 3rd annual Swim Party. Join us for a Hawaiian themed party. Along with swimming there will be food and a Tiki Hut where family and friends can get their picture taken. The whole party is on the church. There will be not cost to you or your guests. So be thinking about who you know would enjoy a relaxing fun evening by the water. Questions? Call or email Debbie Ferguson or Pastor Shannon.



Fir Point

7-11 August 2006

Jr. Camp 4th – 6th grade

Jr. High Camp 7th – 10th grade

Cost: \$105.00

Glendale, OR

If you are in the 4th – 6th grade or 7th – 10th grade, plan to attend Fir Point. It is a great opportunity to be in the great outdoors, enjoy great worship, make new friends and grow in your relationship with God. See John for more information and information about scholarships. Pastor John will be taking the kids to camp, and will be Dish Boy all week long. Call or email Pastor Shannon for more details, to sign up and to learn how to earn scholarships for Camp.



Annual Congregational Meeting

13 August 2006

Every year, we come together to celebrate God's work throughout the past year. We remember where God met us and to give thanks for God's provision and faithfulness. This is also a time to look forward to the ministry God is calling us to in the coming year. We anticipate and expectantly to where we will see God at work in our lives and the lives of the people we rub shoulders with each day. At this annual meeting we will also review and approve our Ministry Finance Plan for 2006-2007, the anticipated financial needs of ministry for the coming year. Most of all don't forget the great desserts. Childcare will be provided. Don't miss out on this important time together. Questions? Call or email Pastor John.

Labor Day Picnic in the Park

3 September 2006 at Avery Park

Join us for a create-your-own masterpiece sandwich in the park. Following the morning service we will all caravan to Avery Park for an afternoon of playing on the train and playground, hanging out and eating. All sandwich makings, plates, cups and drinks will be provided. Bring a chips, veggies or dessert to add to the mix. See you there. Questions? Call or email Pastor Shannon.

mission
spotlight:

desiree simon

At the June meeting the Board approved Desiree Simon as a missionary candidate. Although we haven't totally defined what this means, yet, Crossroads will be her home church and we will help her explore her calling, pray for her, and support her efforts to become a missionary in whatever ways God directs us.

Desiree is a shy 19-year-old with a nearly lifelong desire to serve God. From an early age, she wanted to be a minister, but when she reached high school, she realized her extreme shyness would make it difficult for her to succeed as a pastor. She thought about a career in science but wasn't satisfied with that, so she prayed for direction and God called her to become a career missionary. After investigating the types of missionary work available, she chose missionary aviation.

Although they are people of faith and were instrumental in teaching Desiree to love God, the Simon family had never attended church on a regular basis. Desiree realized that she would need a church home behind her if she were to become a missionary, and she and her family have been attending Crossroads since November

When she heard in late April of an opportunity to go on a short-term mission trip to Cambodia this summer, Desiree was very interested. God was obviously with her because all the details of applying and preparing for this trip fell into place very smoothly. She will fly to Indianapolis to Headquarters on June 28, where she will meet the rest of her team



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Missions Correspondent

for some training in missionary concepts, how to share her faith, and team building. They and another team headed for Myanmar will fly to Thailand on July 2 for more training on Buddhism, the primary religion Cambodia, and on the culture of that country, with a little tourism thrown in to lighten things up. On July 8, Desiree and her ten teammates, will fly to Cambodia, where they will assist the local church with a vacation Bible school in the mornings and do home visits in the afternoons. They will return to Thailand on July 15. On Sunday, they will attend a Thai church and have a celebration dinner with that congregation, be debriefed, pack, and fly home very early Monday morning, July 17. In preparation for the trip, the team members have been reading some books and answering discussion questions. Regarding all the preparations Desi says, "I wasn't busy at all before, and now I am so busy. It's good."

Desiree is really looking forward to meeting the people of Thailand and Cambodia and learning about their cultures. And she's very excited about being accepted as a missionary candidate at Crossroads. We've already been able to give her some financial support through a love offering and \$250 from a fund that had been designated for missions trips. We've also provided references, prayer support, and encouragement.

When she returns, she will give us a presentation on her trip and she will prepare to begin school at Multnomah School of the Bible in August, where she will double major in Biblical Studies and Mission Aviation. She says the trip to Cambodia will be good preparation for her studies.

If you talk with Desiree, behind her shy smile you will see her steady commitment to serve God. That commitment will carry her through the challenges she'll face in overcoming her shyness, completing six years of college, learning to fly and maintain an airplane, and, later, raising support for her ministry. Desiree says, "I have the strongest desire to go overseas and I can't imagine doing anything else." But she can't do it alone: she needs us to pray for her, support what she is doing and let her know that we are behind her.

July

- 16 Swim Party
- 22-23 24 Prayer
- 29 Mission's BBQ

August

- 1 - 20 School Supply Drive
- 7-11 Fir Point Camp
- 13 Congregational Meeting

September

- 3 Labor Day Picnic
- 16 Fall Clean-Up
- 13 Congregational Meeting



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