



Fish House Flash

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Meet Our New Intern



Hello all,
My name is Angie Gibbons and I am currently interning for the West Georgia Fish House. I also serve as the youth minister for Bowdon First United Methodist Church. I learned about the youth ministry position through Karen, campus minister at the Fish House, as she often gets informed when these types of positions open up. Upon being hired to work for Bowdon First, I immediately fell in love with the church and the people within it. My kids (as I like to call them) are amazing. I love them dearly and we grow every time we are together. This is the kind of thing the Fish House provides for the people in the ministry. The Fish House gives us a chance to re-plug into the vital ministries of our community. It shows us callings that otherwise might have been ignored, and it opens doors to passions we might never have known we had.

SIFAT Spring Break II



Once again, Fish House students spent several days of their spring break at SIFAT, a mission training organization that helps people around the world develop appropriate technology to provide for their communal needs. Students learned about efficient cook stoves and water purification techniques, tore down an old cabin, moved a library, and painted the world's longest white fence at the SIFAT campus in Lineville, AL. They also spent an afternoon in play ministry with Hispanic children in a nearby mobile home park.

Congratulations to Graduates

Angie Gibbons, Jody Lee, Bullwinkle Alexander, Kegan Bailey, Joe Carroll, Kristen Matus, Keagon Overton, Ben Shrewsbury, Adam Elrod

Dominican Republic Mission

by Josh Parker

When you step outside your comfort zone and daily routine you are almost forced to draw closer to God! From May the 15 to 22 several college students from Georgia stepped into a completely different world. We were led by Pastor Michael Dunbar on a mission trip to Barahona, Dominican Republic. He said, "I hope you guys are ready to dance with Jesus."

We arrived at the mission house to find two smaller mission teams; they were from Georgia too. Later that night we ate and worshipped together. Several people shared their testimonies. The next day we started work early on a block building, a future orphanage. Our work together quickly turned strangers into brothers and sisters in Christ. Some mixed concrete, others hauled blocks, and a few laid blocks.

In the afternoons we traveled to local villages called *bateys* where people from Haiti work in the sugarcane fields. We would go out to worship and give food to them. It was a very eye opening experience for me to witness this poverty. Yet, these people had a smile on their face and were happy they were in the presence of the Lord. I remember Pastor Dunbar saying, "Don't tell them they're poor, because they don't know what poor is." I thought about how a lot of Americans, including myself, don't know how blessed we are, because we forget what blessed is.

The trip had a profound impact on my life! The entire experience took a while to digest. I remember that when I decided to join the mission team, I was still unclear about God's plans for us. But that's the whole point: we don't always know exactly what God has in store for us. We just have to act on faith and go.



Weekly Activities . . .

Monday

Dinner 7 PM
Worship 7:45 PM

Tuesday

8 PM
Small Group Bible Study

Wednesday

12 PM
Z-6 Lunch Fellowship

Join us for Homecoming!



UWG will celebrate Homecoming the first weekend in October. United Methodist Campus Ministry at the Fish House will host a parade watch and brunch for students, alumni, and friends at 10 AM on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Please plan to bring your families and find a place on our front lawn to watch the parade. Feel free to hang out at the Fish House throughout the day until the game. Look for details on Facebook!

Upcoming Events . . .

Mon 8/22 **7 PM**
Cookout and Worship

Tues 8/23 **8 PM**
Small Group Welcome

Thurs 8/25 **8 PM**
Messy Wesley

Sun 8/28 **6 PM**
ENGAGE Campus Ministry Welcome
(campus center ballroom)

Thurs 9/1 **8:30 PM**
Movie on the Lawn

Thurs 9/8 **8 PM**
Root Beer Keg Party

Thurs 9/15 **5 PM**
Work Concessions @ football game

Fri/Sat 9/16-17
SIFAT Retreat

Sat 10/1 **10 AM**
Homecoming Parade/Alumni Brunch

Sun 10/2 **10:30 AM**
Ecumenical Worship Service
(Campus center ballroom)

Thurs 10/6
30 Hour Famine/Poverty Awareness

Sat 10/15 **8 AM - 12 PM**
Jerusalem Day of Service

Fri 10/21-22 **8 PM - 8 AM**
Lock In

Mon 11/14 **7 PM**
Thanksgiving Dinner

Mon 11/28 **7 PM**
Christmas Party

Fish House Leadership Team 2011-2012

Alyssa Ortbal
Brittany Sherer
Brooke Woodall
Emily Goodwin
Jimmie McDonald
Samantha Stovall
Steven Mitchell

Fish House Wish List
new laptop computer
patio furniture
gently used couches/chairs
wet/dry vac
plastic chairs for worship
Easy Worship
Wii Game System and games
2 guitar stands
2 microphone stands
digital keyboard
new Bibles (Common English Translation)

Ways you can serve

Pray! Pray! Pray!
Be a board member
Tell our story in your church and beyond
Send us names and contact information of students at UWG
Bake cookies, brownies, etc.
Provide a meal on Monday nights
Share your home maintenance skills
Welcome young adults into your church
Become a fan on our Facebook page
Become a Friend of the Fish House!

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