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Fair Glen... Now in 2008-09

- Spiritual applications are our key focus supporting our Fair Havens Ministries mission “Life Changing Experiences”
- Creation Discovery & LIFE Adventure Challenges—all winter—all year!: 50+ activities
- new “Private Eye” activities applicable across the curriculum, encouraging scientific, writer’s, artist’s and mathematician’s methods outdoors!
- Our new NBA tough basketball nets on steel poles are in and ready to shoot plus two “SpringFree” trampolines with safety nets.
- Fair Glen goes digital with transition now to PowerPoint
- we’re planning new spring adventure education activities!



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I am not, but I know I AM!

Try this

On one of the many retreats at Fair Glen (& Fair Havens) there were many youth wearing name tags as I was hosting them on the weekend, but they were all the

same: “I Am Not” !!
I did not hear the talk, but found it is from the book by Louie Giglio, “I Am Not, but I Know I AM”

What thought-provoking insights for us and our students—put in perspective...(p.2)

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 I AM NOT, BUT HE HAS PURSUED ME IN HIS LOVE
 I AM NOT, BUT I KNOW THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE
 I AM NOT, BUT I HAVE BEEN INVITED INTO HIS STORY
 I AM NOT, BUT I KNOW I AM**

Louie Giglio, *I Am Not But I Know I AM: Welcome to the Story of God*, Multnomah, 2005.

"German Tots Answer Call of Nature", by Mike Esterl. Wall St. Journal. April 14, 2008

It seems that the originating people of Kindergarten have rediscovered outdoor learning. Waldkindergärten ("forest kindergartens") have been operating since 1990. They are a new, but actually old—built on Freidrich Frobel's first "children's garden" idea 150 years ago—totally outdoors 8am-1pm and now in Scotland and N.A.

▲ "If man is to attain fully his destiny, so far as earthly development will permit this, if he is to become truly an unbroken living unit, he must feel & know himself to be one, not only with God & humanity, but also with nature."

▲ "I would educate human beings who with their feet stand rooted in God's earth . . . , whose heads reach even into heaven and there behold truth, in whose hearts are united both earth and heaven."

Frobel quotes: <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Forum/7905/fblquote.html>

CLIMATE CHANGING! "Take off your tie to help the planet, Italy says"

"Taking your tie off immediately lowers the body temperature by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius," the ministry said in a statement. "Allowing a more sensible use of air conditioning that yields electricity savings and protects the environment." Tie makers, however, were left hot under the collar.

"Italy confirms that it is a strange country," Flavio Cima said in a letter to financial daily *Il Sole 24Ore* under the headline: "I, tie maker, am responsible for global warming."

"We can now happily continue with our lifestyle, using cars, consuming fuel, heating and cooling our homes at leisure. On one condition: we should not wear a tie while we do so," he wrote.

"I should have listened to my friends and become an oil producer instead."

Jul 17,2007 link <http://www.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUSL1780153820070717>

A handy guide to the PLASTICS Game. What to look for on the bottom of plastic bottles:

- * #2 HDP (high-density polyethylene): safer, as far as plastic goes.
- * #5 PP (polypropylene): safer, as far as plastic goes.
- * #1 PETE (polyethylene terephthalate): amber alert; possible antimony trioxide.
- * #3 PVC (polyvinyl chloride): red alert; may contain BPA, as well as phthalates, another endocrine disruptor.
- * #7 Other (usually polycarbonate, but can be a range, including bioplastics): red alert; likely contains BPA. <http://www.lifewithoutplastic.com>



**DRIVE
THRU
PARKING
ONLY!**

Carbon Footprint... “Drive-Thrus”

Have you ever thought about how hazardous going through a ‘Drive-Thru’ can be to the environment? I know I have not thought about it. That is until I read an article in the “ON Nature” magazine, entitled ‘Bean Count: A Trip to the Drive-Through’. In this article, it gives many statistics from the percentage of people who drink coffee, to the massive amount of energy wasted by the windows opening and closing, and the toxic waste that the coffee cups contain as most are not recyclable. A 2007 Toronto garbage audit showed Tim Hortons cups to be the most prevalent waste in more than 50 percent of all examined trash bins. That is a lot of toxin being thrown out into the waste system, when we could be drinking out of mugs inside the restaurant, or we could be having them fill our own traveling mugs. This would make a HUGE difference to the quality of God’s creation.

Did you also know that by parking and going inside the restaurant to order and then restart your car, is better for the environment than letting it idle in a drive-thru line for more than 10 seconds? Yes, that was 10 seconds, not minutes like most of us think. That is something I am definitely going to think of before I use a drive-thru again!

Chris Oldham, Fair Glen OCE Assistant

WINDOW on CREATION– Water

It’s cool, it’s clean, it’s clear, it’s bottled water...or is it? Many are aware of the growing concern surrounding our drinking water supply. Our bodies of fresh water are being increasingly contaminated by pesticide run-off and improper waste disposal. Naturally, water drinkers have turned to an alternative in hopes of saving themselves from the treachery of water pollution.

That solution is bottled water. However, is this really an appropriate solution to the escalating problem of water pollution? One in five North Americans would say that it is—drinking solely bottled water.



Unfortunately, these uneducated consumers have fallen victim to the clutches of the clever marketing of the bottled water industry, leaving them to make uninformed decisions regarding the strenuous situation. Consumers, being concerned about the quality of the products they purchase, must consider many facts regarding bottled water that the industry would be quite content to cover up.

Bottled water is regulated less than municipal water which is tested for over 350 different substances. Bottling plants are inspected just once every three to six years while municipal sources are regularly inspected.



(The city of Toronto inspects its water every four hours.) Some bottled water is simply bottled municipal water, however, some scientific studies have found traces of arsenic and mercury in the bottled water. Finally, bacteria multiplies rapidly in water that is stored in bottles for long periods of time.

Consumers must also concern themselves with the environmental impact of the product. Making plastic bottles for North America alone uses 17 million barrels of oil. Manufacturing bottles creates harmful chemicals such as benzene and ethylene, and also uses five times the bottle’s own volume of water. The bottling process produced 2.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide in 2006. Though the majority of bottles produced are recyclable a mere fifteen percent of these bottles are actually recycled, the remaining 85 percent end up in our landfills.

Simple economics is another important factor in this debate for consumers. The media’s portrayal of tap water consumes a catastrophic hole in the pockets of naive consumers. Bottled water can cost a heinous 240 to 10 000 times as much as municipal water. Dasani and Aquafina, branches of Coca-Cola and Pepsi respectively, are prime examples of the clutches the industry has on consumers. Through exclusivity contracts in schools they attempt to turn students into life-long consumers of bottled water.

Bottled water, without question, has its conveniences; however, the quality is less than that of tap water, it has a tremendously negative impact on the environment, and is far more expensive. Bottled water is indubitably not the ‘solution’ to the water crisis.

Kyle Cameron, OCE Staff 08



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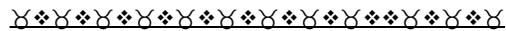
NEW! Internship in stepping stones We have 3 young men & women joining us for a life-changing ministry experience Sept-April 2009 which includes a missions trip connected to CCI Latin America, helping in camps in Central America. Contact Allan Baxter... steppingstones.fairhavens.org

Chris Oldham has been teaching in OCE and completed a very successful summer for our exciting, busy, Fair Havens Family Camp SKILLS. He also helped with our Father/Son Canoe trip. **Kyle Cameron** is back to school at York U in business.

Sheila Davis continues to look after bookings for all Fair Glen weekend retreats and all OCE bookings. We thank Serena Friesen for helping out this fall in bookings as Sheila looked after her father who passed away in September.

Interns: We have interns teaching with us from: Hamilton- Aaron Gallea; Guelph- Aaron Presley and Fanny Cano Ramos, Mexico and we have appreciated the help of Graeme McGee- Guelph.

Brian took a sabbatical this past summer, his first since teaching in the classroom. It was a great break and allowed him to visit a few other outdoor centres and with family drove out to Newfoundland. He also paddled on a solo canoe trip and took the basic Tracker course with master tracker Tom Brown Jr. in New Jersey— tick country, but he fortunately got all ticked off!! Sadly it did not cure him from 'pun'itis! —' may be terminal! BM.



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