

# Knighline

March 2010



## Principally Speaking

It has always been one of our most important goals to “educate for eternity,” so it is a blessing for us to see one of our graduates fulfilling this role in a tangible way. Brennon Bloemendaal, 2007 alumni, is at this moment ministering to children in Uganda. We would like to share a recent letter from Brennon.

*Subject: Uganda Update and Prayer Need*

*Hello friends, I hope this message finds you all well! I am writing you to update you on what we are doing here in Uganda, and what we are planning on doing in the very near future. You are all people who I love and trust very much which is why I want to share this with you. It has been so amazing to be a part of the work that God is doing here, He has been opening up so many doors and has been pretty clearly paving our way. As some of you may know, we made a trip into the Congo about a month ago. We ran into some trouble with harassment by the government, in our endeavor we stumbled upon almost 150 children living on the streets of a small town called Dungu. As we talked with these children, we discovered that they were all Ugandan escapees from the LRA. Little by little they have been escaping and fleeing to this town. Because of them being Ugandan though, they did not receive any help or care from the Congolese government, which is why they have been living on the streets ever since. We told the kids that we would be coming back as soon as we could to get them out and back into Uganda. When we got back we had to start figuring out how we would take care of these 150 kids, most of which severely traumatized by their experience in the LRA. We gave it much thought and prayer and still didn't know exactly what we were going to do, until one day we were given the name of a man who was a friend of a friend of Matt's dad. His name was Patrick and he was working up in Gulu trying to start some sort of trauma counseling center. So this last weekend we went up to Gulu and met with Patrick. He told us of his plans to build this trauma counseling and rehabilitation center on 22 acres of land he had acquired. He plans to build housing, a school for the children, a church, and he plans to plant crops to give the men jobs as a part of the process. He even has the help of the woman who ran World Vision's rehabilitation centers in the North while the war was still happening there. We continued to talk for a while and Patrick ended by telling us that he was going to have all of these things for the center but no kids to put in it. We told him that was funny because we just happened to have 150 kids with no where to take them! His eyes lit up with joy and we all knew that this was not some chanced meeting.*

*So the reason I am writing you with this is because we are planning to go in and get the kids out within the next month. I am writing to ask that you would be a part of this with us in prayer. This is something that can only be accomplished by the grace of God and by His leading. If everything goes right, it really should be a very easy operation, but there is much corruption and many evils in the Congo and any little thing can make the whole thing go wrong. So please pray with us that God will guide our steps, that He will protect our way as we travel with the children, and that He will allow us to get the kids across the border safely with no trouble from the government. Also, if you want to help physically support this rescue, we are trying to raise about \$1,000 in the next week to pay for transportation and border fees for the kids. Whatever we have left over will be put towards their recovery at the center.*

*I would not be writing you if this was not something we truly felt God moving in. Everything we have done here so far has been pointing to this, and we know it is time to move forward with it. More than anything I ask for your prayer in this; there is nothing more beautiful than the body coming together as one in prayer. I love and miss you all so much and I will try to keep you as updated as possible!*

*In Love,  
Brennon*



# College Corner

*Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.— Lamentations 3:22, 23*

## **Junior Alert! Junior Alert! Junior Alert! Junior Alert!**

SAT Registration Date:                      Test Date:  
March 25                      ▶▶▶▶                      May 1  
April 29                      ▶▶▶▶                      June 5 (SAT Subject Tests can be taken at this time also)

\*\*\*\*\* Register online at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) \*\*\*\*\*

## **College & University Spring Preview Days**

College and University Spring Preview Days are usually held in April for high school juniors. It is a great opportunity to visit the campuses you are interested in and explore all of their options such as: financial aid, scholarships, study abroad programs, and internship programs.

## **\*\*\*\*\* SENIORS \*\*\*\*\***

*Scholarships are still coming in! Please check with Mr. Gustafson on all scholarships available to you.*

**Easter Vacation:** Mon., March 29–Mon., April 5

## **April is the Month of Appreciation**

- April 7—Food Service
- April 8—Bus Drivers
- April 14—Maintenance
- April 21—Office
- April 30—Pastors & Youth Pastors

## **Senior Celebration**

First installment of \$60 is due Friday, March 5.  
Second installment of \$60 is due Friday, April 9.

## **Graduation**

for our high school is Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m. at the Vineyard Church. Admission is by ticket only.

## **Drama Production**

This year's performance will be Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It will take place at the Highlands Church in Palmdale. The performances are Thurs., March 25 and Fri., March 26 at 7 p.m. The tickets are on sale now at the high school and main campus. The cost is \$ 6 for adults, \$ 5 for students, \$ 4 for students with ASB card, \$ 3 for children 6-12 yrs., and free for children 5 and under.

## **Annual Blood Drive**

The Blood Drive is scheduled for Wed., March 17 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. We are now taking sign ups; call the high school office and speak to Rita Enos. Be a part of giving!

## **Coffee with the Principal**

Come join us on Thurs., April 8 at Camille's Sidewalk Café from 9:30–10:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Vote for Us AV's Best**

In the 2/24 Antelope Valley Press, you will find a ballot for AV's Best. Please vote for Desert Christian for best private school and The Learning Tree for best childcare. In order for your ballot to count, you will need to fill in at least 75% of the form. If you did not receive a copy of this AV Press, you can pick up a ballot, along with a sample ballot, from the main office. After you have filled out your ballot, you can return it to the AV Press or drop it off at our main campus before Fri., March 5 at 3:00 p.m. and we'll return it for you.

## **See's Candy Bar News**

Congratulations to Adrian Montano (7th grade), who won the Fun with Friends package.

## **Sports**

### **Winter Sports Teams Advance to CIF Play-offs**

Congratulations to all our winter sports teams for their outstanding performance in the High Desert (soccer teams) and Desert Mountain (basketball teams) that enabled all of the teams to enter CIF play-offs. Of the four teams, only the girl's soccer team is still playing having reached the semi-final game and will compete against St Margaret's at Lancaster Soccer Complex on Tuesday, March 2. If the girl's win they will play either Friday, March 5 or Saturday, March 6 at a site to be determined for CIF Championship. Go Knights!

### **Spring Sports**

All spring sports (baseball, softball, boy's volleyball, and track) teams will start action the first week of March. Please come and support these teams as they seek to glorify Christ with their God given athletic ability and be a testimony of His grace in the lives of their teammates and to a lost world desperately needing a relationship with Jesus.



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010**  
**11:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

**(Demonstration of the**  
**robot at 1:00 pm)**

**Present this flyer**  
**at the time of purchase to support the**  
**PHI Robotics Team in their pursuit of the FIRST**  
**World Championship in**  
**Atlanta, Georgia on**  
**April 14-17, 2010.**