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GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Families and friends,

I share with you the calling that our Heavenly Father has placed in me for our school. Though the economy is unstable and the future from a worldly perspective is uncertain, I believe our Father's plan for FCVCS "is as bright as the promises of God. . . We have but to keep the end in view and have our hearts thoroughly engaged in the pursuit of it, and means will not be very difficult" to quote the missionary William Carey.

Consistently, for the last decade I

have home-schooled six children and administered my wife's medical practice. In regards to my education, I hold degrees in Elementary Education, Practical Ministry, and a masters in Counseling Psychology. Previously I served as a youth pastor and ran my business called ALTER for drug and alcohol counseling. I have served you as a board member and coach at FCVCS. This summer, I will be using my training to direct a boy's summer camp. I hold on tight to the words of Paul in 1 Thes 2:8, "We have loved you so

much that we not only shared with you the gospel of God but our lives as well. . . " God is often revealed through our relationships with others. Two great indicators of a child's academic success are parent involvement and teacher involvement. I believe that building relationships is fundamental to a child's academic success and to the success of FCVCS.

Verily, verily I say unto you, as the principal of FCVCS, it will be my focus to educate our children with a "Biblical-World-View" for responsible service. For us here at FCVCS the words of Ralph Waldo-Emerson play a key role in understanding the direction in which we as a school are proceeding: "There is only one original and the rest are all copies." We are not to be a copy of the public schools, but something wholly different. It will be my goal to fan the flame of a Christ-Centered Facility committed to teaching a Biblical-World-View to our students that will produce not copies or echoes, but



original voices of servant-leaders equipped for responsible services. God never clones, but His work is always fresh and new and it has always produced the highest quality of leaders and workers, sons and daughters, as well as mothers and fathers.

Credentials, my experience with children and young adults, desire to serve and lead by example, as well as my educational background qualify me to fulfill this role as the principal of FCVCS. The school board also believes that I have the ability to fill this position. But above all this, I place the Father's calling to fulfill this role. My prayer is that God would teach His ways to me, to you, and to our children that we may walk in His truths.

Sincerely, Mr. Patrick Lashbrook



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FRENCH CREEK VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MAKIN' RELATIONS WITH THE HAITIANS

Love needs to be given and love needs to be seen. Love was put into action when eight FCVCS students recently made a week-long missions trip to Haiti.

Samantha Kaste, Micah Klaas, Ian Bicko, Kathryn Aylsworth, Ashley Sheldon, Bethany Lashbrook, Tanya Gillette and Matt Moyer made the trip as did adults Alison Sheldon, Dave and Neoma Mattocks and Patrick Lashbrook.

It was an eye-opening experience



for all 12 individuals who made the journey to In the Father's Hand Children's Home in Port-de-Paix, Haiti. They provided the orphaned children with 1,000 pounds of supplies, consisting of mostly food, clothing and medical supplies. They also visited Grace Children Adoption Home and Grace Christian School. All are part of the Lashbrook Family Ministry.

Lashbrook Family Ministry was started by Keith and Cindy

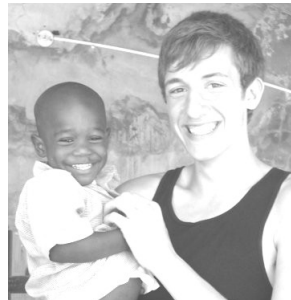


Lashbrook in 1999. Keith is the brother of Patrick Lashbrook, French Creek Valley Christian School's new principal, who put together April's missions trip to Haiti. Keith and Cindy Lashbrook started the Lashbrook Family Ministry in 1999 after what Keith's brother, Patrick, a Meadville resident, described as a calling from God. Keith and

Cindy lived in Martinsville, Ind., before deciding to move their family to Port-de-Paix, Haiti to start the ministry. They worked with two other missions caring for children before taking in their first orphan at In the Father's Hand Children's Home in 2001.

The Lashbrooks have since added a girls orphanage, Grace Children Adoption Home, and a school, Grace Christian School, which serves 250 impoverished children. In 2007, Grace Christian School was rated by the Haitian government as one of the top three schools on the northwest coast of Haiti.

FCVCS students didn't just give supplies, they gave of themselves, and that made



saying good-bye so hard that student Samantha Kaste actually considered misplacing her Green Card so she wouldn't be able to head back to the states and leave her new friend Guebison.

"The night before we left, the boys were allowed to stay up kind of late," Kaste said. "We



had all gone down to the house for devotions. We went to say good-bye to the boys, Guebi was crying and his friends were holding him. When we got back he got in my arms right away. The more he cried, the more I started patting my back. He finally fell asleep in my arms and I got to put him to sleep the last night.

"A lot of missionaries come in and out of there a lot," she added. "But the guy who stays at the compound with



the boys said he had never seen a group leaving affect all the boys. He had never seen them get so attached." Patrick Lashbrook said he has been on missions trips to Haiti 12 times, but this was the first time he had ever taken a group of kids from FCVCS along. "I wanted them to see a different part of the world and people who do not have what they have," he said. "I wanted them to open their hearts and not hide their emotions. Pull out and build a relationship."

That is exactly what Kaste did. "I learned how to love ... no matter what," she said. "You have sunburn so bad, yet you let the kids hang on you and jump on you, even though it hurts. The babies ... we were there when scabies (a parasitic disease) was pretty bad in the babies. You know they have scabies and you know there is a good chance you could get it, but



you still hold them and feed them. That's what love is."

"A big part of this trip was bringing supplies to the orphanage, the school and the boys and girls home," Lashbrook said. "We also relieved some of the staff and just gave love to the orphans." The children at the compound range anywhere from 4 weeks to 15 yrs old.



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You could get it . .

But you still hold them and feed them.

STUDENTS ACE STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Students in 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 10th grades recently took the Stanford Achievement Tests. The results were astounding and speak very highly of our students.

Third grade students are reading at a 4th grade level with their word skills at a 6th grade level. Math and Science also came in at the 4th grade level with Social Science showing a 5th grade level. Awesome job guys!

Fifth grade students did even better with Reading Vocabulary at the 7th grade level and Reading Comprehension and Mathematics showing an 8th grade level. Equally well were Language Expression and Science scores also coming in at the 8th grade level. WOW!

Eighth grade showed superior finishes in Mathematics and Language skills at the 9th grade level. Science, Listening, and Social Science scores also came in at the 9th grade level. Nice job!

Tenth grade is not to be outdone. They came in with Reading scores at the 12th grade level as well as Language and Science showing the 12th grade level also. Every other score was also above average at the 11th grade level or above. Superb!

We are so proud of our students. This is a fine example of the quality education that is taught here at French Creek Valley Christian School every day by our dedicated staff.



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HAPPENINGS AROUND FCVCS



Elementary Musical May 29th.



High School Mystery Dinner Theatre

United We Serve

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FCVCS Joins President Obama in Call to Service

French Creek Valley Christian School is taking part in United We Serve, a national effort launched by President Obama to engage more Americans in serving their communities this summer.

“In these tough economic times, we need volunteers more than ever,” said Ron Parker, Board member. “French Creek Valley Christian School is facing increasing demands for services, and volunteers can help us fill this growing need. We are pleased to participate in United We Serve and thank the President for making this call to service this summer and beyond.”

United We Serve kicks off on June 22 and runs through September 11, which will be marked for the first time as a national day of service and remembrance. The initiative focuses on four key areas: education, health, energy and the environment; and community renewal. It is being led by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that improves lives and strengthens communities through volunteering and service.

“This summer, I'm calling on all of you to make volunteerism and community service part of your daily life and the life of this nation,” said President Obama in the video. “Economic recovery is as much about what you're doing in your communities as what we're doing in Washington – and it's going to take all of us, working together.”

To make it easy for individuals to get involved, the Corporation created Serve.gov, a website that allows visitors to type in their zip code to find local volunteer opportunities, recruit volunteers by posting their organization's projects, or get ideas for creating their own projects with friends, families, and neighbors. French Creek Valley Christian School has numerous opportunities posted on the President's web site.

“Everyone has something to give, and now is a great time to get involved,” said Ron Parker, Board member. By serving this summer, we hope more northwest Pennsylvania residents will make an ongoing commitment to volunteering throughout the year.”

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At French Creek Valley Christian School though, Biblical truth is part of our heritage. Students here are well grounded in mathematics, science, literature, language, history, and more. They also have a solid understanding of God's Word and God's perspective.

We believe this approach prepares them academically and spiritually for this world and the next. So, why not consider French Creek Valley Christian School for your child's education? **After all, our teachers know a Good Book when they see one.**

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French Creek Valley Christian School

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FAREWELL MRS. WENDY HORNING PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER

French Creek Valley Christian School's staff and students have been a large part of my life for over 13 years. Teaching at FCVCS is an honor and a privilege to me. I have developed some very special friendships while working here.

I could not have imagined a better working environment where I can impact students' lives through the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I believe in the value of Christian education. I think the verse that says, "What does a man gain if he gains the whole world, yet loses his soul?" can apply to what we are doing here at FCVCS.

I will miss being a teacher and principal here. The LORD is my helper and my Rock, so I am trusting that He has something else in mind for me. I am looking forward to visits to the Naval Base in Virginia where my son Jason is stationed for now. Also, I plan on traveling with my husband Tim during those times when he has to stay in Texas for weeks on end! I have other plans, but only if they are within the will of the Father.

Thank you to all of you who offered me support and encouragement. You are such blessings to me.

Wendy Horning



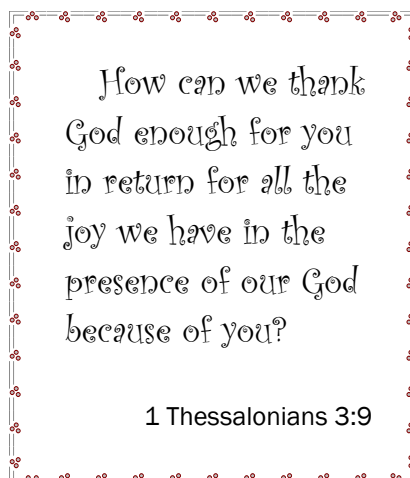
Mrs. Horning has been at FCVCS since 1993.

She has taught a variety of subjects and has been our Principal while teaching for the last 3 years.

THANK YOU, AREA CHURCHES

The following church groups have helped support the ministry here at FCVCS this year. Thank you. We appreciate your partnership in this vital ministry. If your church is not listed, please mention us to your Pastor. We'd be glad to meet with your pastor or church group to promote FCVCS.

- Christ Evangelical Free Church-Saegertown
- Cochranon United Methodist Church
- Coneautville Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church of Cambridge Springs
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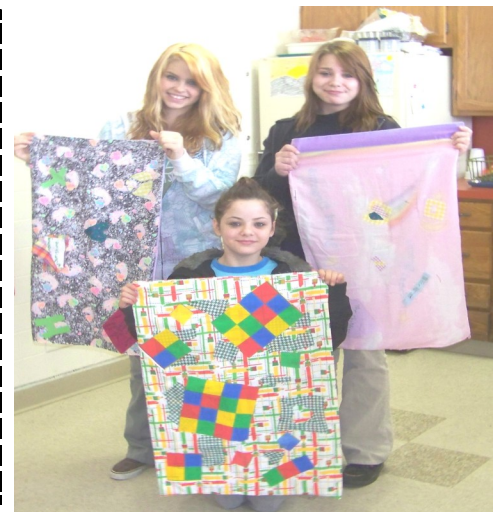
SERVICE PROJECTS FROM FRENCH CREEK



Tenth grade students make treats every week for the Meadville soup kitchen which feeds 70 people per day.



Seventh grade students make quilts and pillow cases for the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.





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**FCVCS APPOINTS
 NEW PRINCIPAL**

Mr. Patrick Lashbrook was recently hired by the school board to serve as the school Principal beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Lashbrook has a masters degree in Conseling Psychology, as well as degrees in Elementary Education and Practical Ministry.

Mr. Lashbrook is no stranger to FCVCS and has served as the girls varsity basketball coach for the past three years, and has been a member of the school board.



PHOTO: Pastor John Worrall (left), School Board President welcomes Mr. Lashbrook to his new position.

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