

Faith Report

Restoring: Pen Lucy and Beyond (Part I) by Craig Garriott

In 1988, Debbie Finch was 10 years old when she, her two sisters, and their mother moved to 41st Street with the partnership of FCF, which helped purchase and renovate their two-story duplex. This anchored Debbie and her family in walking distance to Faith, and helped unfold her into our youth ministry. She received a solid grounding in the scriptures and was adopted into our larger spiritual family, where she found the love of other mothers, brothers, sisters and fathers. Debbie soaked up this gospel and was a servant of this grace to others. Through elementary, middle, and high school, she gave her heart and soul in many ministries, often serving children in Pen Lucy through Faith's summer camp and



other youth-focused works. She was determined to be in the center of Christ's disciple making ministry.

When Jean Senga arrived in Baltimore from Congo, Africa, to advance his education in business and prepare for a wholistic mission of the gospel in his country, he was quick to notice a deeper beauty in this spiritual daughter of Faith known as Deborah Finch. Their relationship developed, and they dreamed after the Kingdom of God.

After Deborah and Jean married, they followed God's call to make disciples in Congo. The following report from Deborah Senga is a great expression of God's mission in the world:

"I am giving thanks to God for answered prayer! It's been less than a year since we took a leap of faith that stretched across the Atlantic and planted our roots in Congo in obedience to God's Word to 'Go and make disciples.' We now have a church of 40 members in Kinshasa, have seen over 50 lives given to the Lord, are mentoring five local pastors, have touched over 500 street children with hot meals and a warm heart, and have much to tell of God's goodness, faithfulness, miraculous provision, and His never changing Word. Thank you to all who have been praying for our family and our ministry, it is blessing us."

What Deborah doesn't reveal in

her report is how the work she and Jean are doing is a total faith venture. No mission agency sent them, gathered support for them or provided health insurance for their family. They went solely by faith funded out of their own sav-



ings. This kind of "all in" risk-taking faith is rare in American Christianity. Deborah's challenging background, her frugality, and her strong faith that was nurtured in the community of FCF as we sought God's Kingdom in Pen Lucy, Baltimore and the world became the spiritual foundation that launched her to be a missional force. How many other Deborahs are presently living in Pen Lucy and Baltimore, waiting for a gospel-centered community to invite them in to be part of Christ's extraordinary movement of making grace filled disciples in the world?

We encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting this daughter of Pen Lucy and FCF with her husband Jean and family in Congo. <http://sourceministries.blogspot.com>. ♦





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*United that the
world would
know*

*¹⁸"The Spirit of the
Lord is upon me,
because he has
anointed me
to proclaim good
news to the poor.
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
the captives
and recovering of
sight to the blind,
to set at liberty
those who are op-
pressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the
year of the Lord's
favor."
Luke 4:18-19*

Introducing Rachel Warren



This month we welcome Rachel Warren as the new office administrative assistant. Rachel grew up in Annapolis, where she attended Annapolis Evangelical Presbyterian Church. She went to Covenant College and graduated with a Bachelor's in Biblical and Theological Studies in 2009.

After graduating, Rachel worked for Camp Wabanna, a Christian conference center in Edgewater, Maryland. Camp Wabanna also holds a camp for kids from the Washington—Baltimore—Annapolis area during the summer.

Rachel met her husband, Asher, at Covenant College and they were married in April this year. Asher grew up in Ethiopia, where his parents are missionaries. He is the nephew of Paul Warren, pastor of our sister church, Abbot Memorial in Highlandtown.

Rachel has always had a special love for the elderly and is currently pursuing (part time) a degree in gerontology. In her spare time she enjoys crafts (and is already making Christmas gifts) and letter writing. Welcome, Rachel and Asher!

CALENDAR

Oct. 12 No Faith Leadership Night
**Oct. 12-15 CCDA Conference,
Indianapolis**
Oct. 21-21 Men's Prayer Summit
**Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Annual Advance
Prayer and Fasting Week**

**Faith Advance Prayer and
Fasting Week, Oct 31-Nov 4**

The annual Faith Advance Prayer and Fasting week will soon be here. Prayer focus booklets will be available at the end of the month. Please be in prayer during this season and be faithful to Paul's charge to pray for all, especially those in authority.

The week culminates in a Concert of Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on November 4. We have many concerns both locally and around the world. Please don't miss this opportunity to pray together for our world, our leaders, our nation, our city, the church and its people. ♦

Bits and Pieces

- Congratulations to new members Aileen Hsueh and Ofelia Rohan who were presented to the church in September. Welcome, Aileen and Ofelia!
- Congratulations to Diane Ecklund and Chris Bruce on their marriage in August, and to Katie Griffin and Christian Heinze on their marriage in September!
- We welcomed John Decker back to the deacon board in September. Thank you for your service, John!
- Congratulations to Rafik Hanna and Jessamyn Vogel from Collingswood, New Jersey, on their recent engagement! A January wedding is planned.
- Congratulations to Cindy Macdonald who celebrated her 70th birthday, and to Karl and Debbie Dortzbach, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in September!