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Aslan Youth Ministries



A Presidential Point of Light

If a man saves his life, he will lose it.

If a man loses his life for my sake, he will find it.

Jesus

A Sad But Sweet Farewell!

One of the truly great blessings to come our way in so many years has been Doug & Kat Eagles. They have spent a total of 7 years sharing their lives with the children of Aslan, and they've been an invaluable part of the success of the ministry of Aslan.

We wish Doug the very best in his new venture as he leaves us to join another nonprofit in the Philadelphia area. Doug & Kat originally served on Aslan's staff from 2000 to 2003. When they returned in 2007, however,

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Each Life . . . A Story In Itself



Each child who walks into our lives at Aslan brings a special story with him, and often that story includes a good deal of pain. It is an understatement to say that the children of Aslan have behavioral problems. Amy (not her real name) is a

precious little one who we never know will be happy, sad, angry or moody when she comes to tutoring. She's been working very hard for her tutor and doing quite well. When our students do well, we always send them home with their completed work and a special "star" on it.

Towards the end of school Amy's tutor wanted to send home a special paper, but Amy said "Don't bother. My mom just crumpled the last one up and threw it in the trash." Why would a mother do something like that to her child?

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

There are many ways to support Aslan in small, yet significant ways. Most of you probably purchase things through Amazon.com. Go to www.aslanyouth.org, click on the Amazon link, and we receive a commission from 4% to 8% of your total order!

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Faces of Haiti

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they brought with them new and wonderful gifts. Until a year ago, Kat served as Aslan's Program Director and helped coordinate some of our Haiti teams. She then accepted a teaching position in this area.

For the past four years, Doug (our Chief Operating Officer) was a key administrator of Aslan's stateside programs. He also provided invaluable leadership for Island Nights, Beauty & The Beach and our NJ Marathon fund raising events. Doug was also so involved in the lives of our Aslan kids.

We will, of course, be looking for someone to replace Doug over the next few months. But the future of Aslan is bright, and Doug has played a significant role in that.

These are exciting times for Aslan, and I will end as I began. Thank you, Doug and Kat, for all of your accomplishments on behalf of Aslan. Thank you for all your love for every child in Aslan. Thank you for your vision for the ministry that has enabled us to greatly expand our work in Haiti. You will be missed, but you will never be forgotten. We truly love you both!

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The hurts our children encounter come in so many forms that we cannot count them all. Mark (not his real name) came to tutoring one week so upset that it was impossible to get him to work on his math and reading workbooks. Lynn Ann spent the entire time just trying to find out what was bothering him so.

After an hour of accomplishing nothing, he finally told her that he was afraid of going home because a boy had pushed him down at school and he'd gotten his clothes dirty. He was so sure that his mother would be mad at him and blame him, even though it was the other boy's fault. Lynn Ann told Mark that she would talk to his mother with him when she took him home, and she was sure everything would be okay. From that point on, Mark was fine.

These burdens are just overwhelming. Sometimes we take our kids to an empty apartment with all the lights off. They'll run up to a locked door, then run back to the bus and stand there not knowing what to do. This is why we *always* wait

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until a child is inside his apartment before we start driving away to the next stop.

Can you imagine being a little kid and having to live like this? Thank God there is Aslan! Thank God there are people like you who make Aslan possible through your generous giving!

Please pray every day for the children of Aslan, and pray for God to provide the critical resources for us to reach them!

Big Blue Bus



Aslan Clinic Held Up In Haitian Customs



Pictured left is the beautiful examination table in one of three examination rooms in Aslan's new Haiti clinic. The only problem with this picture is we are still waiting on the Haitian government to release our units from customs so we

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can take them to our six acres of land in L'Acajou. Once we have the three units there, it will take us about three weeks to connect them together and have them ready for teams of doctors and nurses to begin coming down.

Please pray with us for a speedy resolution to this problem. Every day lost is another day of suffering for children and families we could be helping.



Please don't forget me! I'm the next generation of Aslan kids ready to change the world!

ISLAND NIGHTS

On July 23rd, Aslan hosted our Twelfth Annual *Island Nights* at the beautiful riverside home of Bill & Beverly Van Winkle in Little Silver, NJ. This has become Aslan's premier fund raising event, and thanks to our wonderful I.N. committee we netted \$35,000 to support the



<http://www.wepner.homestead.com>

children of Aslan. Guests included Chuck Wepner, former heavyweight contender and the "Bayonne Bleeder," who went 15 rounds with Mohammed Ali and very nearly defeated him! Wepner, in a picture from his website with Sylvester Stallone (below left), was the real-life inspiration for Stallone's *Rocky Balboa*. Wepner is currently in Hollywood filming a movie about his life.

John Baier, managing partner of New York Life Insurance (NJ office) presented Aslan with a generous gift of \$10,000 to support our Tutorial Program. NY Life is an amazing company with a corporate culture of giving back to the communities they serve. We salute them and thank them for supporting one of our most important programs – education of our children!

FALL GOLF CLASSIC

On September 19th, Aslan will host our Fall Golf Classic at the prestigious Rumson Country Club in Rumson, NJ. The event is sponsored by Buckman, Buckman & Reid Investments and RCC member Rob Swikart.

Aslan Board President, Jack Buckman, founded the event to honor the memory of his partner, John Reid, and he yearly underwrites the expenses of the outing so all the profits benefit ASLAN'S kids! Many thanks to Jack and also to Aslan board member, Rob Swikart!

**Call Aslan: 732-741-7824
or BB&R: 732-530-0303
to register for the outing.**