



PEAS-Talks!

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The PEAS

There were once three peas who lived in a pod. They looked at each other and at the walls of their pod and decided that the whole world was green. Summer slipped away, fall came, and the pod split wide open. To their dismay, the peas discovered that not only was the whole world not green, but that most of it was varying shades of brown. There were even some other shades of green. In panic, one pea took hold of the edges of the pod and tried to pull them back together again so that its world could be all green again. A second pea slipped out of the pod and became just a brown as it could as fast as it could so that no one would notice. The third pea looked at the walls of the pod and at the world outside and decided that ***its particular shade of green was precisely what the world out there needed.***

*Remnant in Crisis, by Jack Provonsha, 1993, Review & Herald, p. 169

Oil Changes for Single Moms

By Jeremy Schmidt

The day dawned bright(?) on Sunday morning, July 27th. The first bi-annual oil change for single mothers was about to commence at the Youth House. Kristi and Jeremy Schmidt arrived with Bailey and Josi and began preparing for the first two mothers' oil changes.

Mark Phillips, our resident mechanical genius, headed up the show. Other dedicated volunteers were Timo Wilson, Todd Caswell, Bruce and Dedon Prince, Dan Siapco, and Pastor Ira Bartolome. Once all had arrived, Mark went over safety procedures and basic oil change processes to refresh everyone's memory.

Our first, victim, err, mother, showed up shortly thereafter and the second single mom arrived soon after her. Mark put our team to work and had us all humming along like a professional pit crew.



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mechanics of our group, Bailey and Dedon, acquired car detailing skills as they vacuumed out the mothers' cars. Mark and Jeremy decided to go the extra service mile and Jeremy ran to fetch coolant so the mothers' cars could be fully inspected and all their fluids topped off.

Meanwhile, Kristi and Josi were in the youth house with the mothers, providing conversation as well as babysitting. This enabled Kristi to have meaningful

mothers and they opened up to her about the many challenges they face.

Once the oil changes were complete, the mothers were given a quick lesson in how to check their oil and anti-freeze.

Mark tried to keep one of the dipsticks and almost speared Jeremy with it, thus earning the nickname, "Mark – Watch Your Dipsticks – Phillips!"

Pastor Ira ended the day by prayer together
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with the mothers, who were very thankful for our help. They promised to let other single mothers know that this event would be happening again.

Thank you again to all of you who helped and made this event possible.

The Oil Change for Single Mothers second bi-annual event is coming up in early March of '09. Watch your church bulletin for announcements, as we intend to have many more mothers this time and will need more volunteers, including women! Call Jeremy Schmidt at 855-7614.



Checking the oil!

More Outreach Opportunities...



Family Shelter

When: As needed,
Contact: Cindy Hartley 595-2947
The Christmas party was a huge hit! One 5 year old boy, when asked what he wanted by Santa, said, "I don't need anything else, I already have one gift upstairs at home!" What a wonderful outlook. (There are no current needs or plans for the Shelter. They do have enough laundry soap for the moment.)

Teddy Bear Packs

When: ongoing
Contact: Lillian Stutz, on vacation Skagit County Sheriff and WA State Patrol units are provided with packets containing a teddy (no other animals please!) and an afghan. They are a huge comfort to upset children in tough situations. Donations of new or gently used medium sized, huggable teddies or afghans are always wonderful. Lillian has taken care of the packs through February.

Friendship House Dinner

When: 1st Wed/month at 3:00-6:00
Contact: Lydia Apt, 826-4374
OR Your Sabbath school leader
1008 S 3rd St, Mt. Vernon
Our Sabbath school classes take turns serving supper the first Wednesday of each month. The Friendship House gives people up to 90 days' shelter and help to get back on their feet, find a job, and save enough money to get their own apartment.

Evangelistic Meetings

When: Jan 9 through mid Feb
Contact: Ira Bartolome, 757-7577
We are hosting an evangelistic seminar to reach our community and bring them to Christ! We are in need of prayer, and of helpers in childcare especially. Please call or come by if you can spend a couple of hours helping out.

Cold Weather Shelter

When: Nights below 25degrees
Contact: Tressa Farnsworth, 424-9146
We opened the shelter for several nights and helped some homeless! Please sign up to help on future cold nights. We desperately need more people to stay the night and clean up in the mornings.

Blood Drive

When: Next summer
Where: NCSDA church
Contact: Vicki Jacobs, 707-2506
Take your vitamins to build strong blood!

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Your PEASCorp
Tshirts!

Kingdom Assignments

When: ongoing
Contact: your church friends!
We can't wait until your reports on February 14th! There are lots of projects going on, talk to your friends to see what they are up to! We can all help bring people to God by being His hands and reflecting His heart.

Food Baskets

When: ongoing
Contact: Lanita Penninger 428-8923 or Carol Atkins 757-0967
Even after the holidays, we still get (Love, Inc. approved) requests for a few food baskets per month.

Baby Packs

When: ongoing
Contact: Lillian Stutz, on vacation
New mothers in need are provided with a basket of helpful items for a BRAND NEW baby to keep it dressed and warm. (No formula needed) Always useful are: blankets, thermometers, infant Tylenol drops, and of course cash! Lillian has taken care of the packs through February.