



THE PENTONS' PROGRESS

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The Community Ministry is gearing up for the start of another school year.

Support Update

Last month I mentioned our new plan with churches to build our support base. I am happy to say we have had 1 church definitely join our support team and another church will most likely join our team just from this past month! We are so excited about this and pray for more opportunities to minister at churches, with or without their support.

Start of a New School Year



Waverly Middle School

Near the end of the month, Joel prepared and presented a new talk for school assemblies. The new assembly theme this year is "Refocus." Joel tells that often times our problem isn't that we need to get focused because we are all focused on something. The key is to "refocus." He emphasizes the importance of refocusing during times of adversity. Instead of staying focused on our negative circumstances, we need to refocus on the positive opportunities that can come from our adversity. We pray that this message will hit home with many hurting teens.



The Main Event 2008 Logo

Main Event Planning

Joel and I spent many days in August planning for the Main Event on October 27th, 2008. Excitement built as we held our first church partnership meeting on August 12th. Over 90 people came to the meeting and around 40 ministries were represented. To give you some background information, the Main Event serves as an outreach event for partnering churches. We bring the gospel to the community through the best known platform in all of Ohio; Ohio State Football. Throughout this outreach we depend on the church partnership to fund, form and follow-up with the event. The partnership seems to be coming together slowly but surely. If you know of a church or your church would like to be a part of this unique opportunity, please respond to this email so we can connect with the church. We also had a great breakthrough in the early designing of a website for the Main Event. Please check it out at www.themaineventonline.org

Until next month, God Bless.

-Bethany Penton

Please Pray For...

- Support Raising
- Fall School Bookings
- The Main Event 2008

Message From Joel

Teammates,

God has granted one of our persistent requests about our child. We are excited to say that the baby is a boy! Only 18 more weeks until we get to meet him. His name will be Joel Stephen Penton III. Please pray for us as we prepare to be parents. We pray that Joel III will know, love, and make an impact for Jesus.

On an unrelated note, I recently had the incredible honor to speak to the entire Ohio State Football Team at chapel the night before their first game. My topic was the power of faith. I told them that faith is necessary not only on the football field, but in every aspect of life. However, the most important part of faith is the object of one's faith. We must put our trust in a trustworthy object or our faith is powerless. I closed my short presentation telling them that Jesus is the one true trustworthy object in whom we can put our faith for our eternity because He is the one who has dealt with our sin.

Please pray for the team this season. Pray that God would raise up strong leaders for Jesus from among The Buckeyes.

God Bless,

- Joel

