



Christian Ministry

Danielle Flossinger spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on May 19. Daniel is majoring in Christian Ministry at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, with a Mission minor. She also plays volleyball there. Her sister is also on the team.

Daniel has a discipleship ministry and helps with a youth group as a summer intern. She has made three mission trips.

Daniel's first trip was with the volleyball team to the Dominican Republic, a Spanish speaking country. There she helped with a volleyball clinic on the ten day mission. The people where she was are very poor and most children only have one parent because the father will leave for a younger wife.

As a Sophomore Daniel went to Jonesboro, Arkansas. She was a co-leader of the ten day trip, so she learned a lot about planning. The children there are much like inner-city Omaha children. CityYouth Ministries, a non-profit organization (<http://www.cityyouthmin.com/>) has an after-school program that Daniele helped with. She did a lot of cleaning there.

In March this year, Danielle helped lead an international trip to Guatemala. There were six leaders, so she didn't learn as much about planning as she would have liked to.

The group of 18 people flew to Guatemala City, then drove for two hours to the mission home, which was in a very remote area. The mission home where they stayed is a gated area with an armed guard 24 hours a day.

In the area of Guatemala where she was, there is no middle class. There are only the poor and very rich. The rich are mainly wealthy farmers and the main crop is corn. The area has community cooking areas and the wealthier families cook for everyone. Most people are Catholic. The wealthy go to church and the poor don't go to church.

Here the mission group built four houses for people. Danielle was disappointed that they didn't teach the people how to build the houses, but instead built them with the people watching. The houses are 12 by 15 feet. The new owners were provided with a bed and a water filtration system.

Daniel met a girl, named Rena, who helped her and stayed with her when she was working. Since there is no mail system or delivery system, Danielle cannot send you letters or gifts. Children go to school until 8th grade.

The last two days there Daniele helped with a medicine clinic. She helped package the medicine.

Danielle has enjoyed her missions, but would like to do more to help people. She may decide to go to Seminary for her Master's degree.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, Chuck Nielsen, and Gary Funkhouser provided jokes for the Optimist club meeting on May 19. Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Dennis White offered the opening prayer.

Steve Irvin and Kirk Vorthmann celebrated their birthdays with a gift to the Youth Fund.

The club voted to give a \$50 gift certificate to Extreme Wheels for helping with the Bicycle Safety.

Dillon Ruby collected his scholarship check. He will be attending Iowa State University, majoring in Animal Science. He enters Basic Training on May 29, reporting to Fort Sill, Arkansas.

Danielle Stone, Emma Fiene, and Lillie Schmidt from the Dance Team collected their Can Kennel check. The Dance Team has 10 members. They attend camps at Central College in Pella, at Creighton, and go to State in November.

The Music Boosters also collected a Can Kennel check. They go to Chicago every four years and will be going this year. They typically take 72-80 youth, but could have as many as 115 this year. The cost is about \$470 per student, with students responsible for about \$250, which they can earn by participating in a variety of fundraisers.

Lu Ella Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing and Gary Gutttau won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 13 members and 21 guests at the meeting.

Calendar

- May 26 – Flag installations
- May 28 – Memorial Day – flags taken down
- May 30 – Can Kennel – 9:00 a.m.

Birthdays

- May 11 – Keith Denton (celebrated)
- May 20 – Kelly Sutherland
- May 21 – Steve Irvin (celebrated)
- May 22 – Kirk Vorthmann (celebrated)
- Jun 5 – Bob Abbott
- Jun 16 – Dale Willenborg
- Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen
- Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood

Anniversaries

- May 27 – Bob & Mary Francis Abbott
- May 29 – Bill & Rhonda Matthew
- Jun 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood
- Jun 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris
- Jun 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin
- Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers
- Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Gutttau

Speakers

- May 26 – Kevin Elwood, Treynor Community Schools Superintendent
- 2 – Todd Gordon, wrapping up the athletic year
- June 9 – Dr. Ward Chambers, Afghanistan
- June 16 – Pending
- June 23 – Greg Witte, Risen Son Christian Village
- June 30 – Pending

Programs

- June – Judy Gutttau

From the cityyouthmin.com website:

At-risk lives are being changed right here in our own community of Jonesboro, Arkansas. We invite you to please take this opportunity to see our work and see how your response in giving can impact the lives of so many more.

CityYouth Ministries is committed to meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of at-risk youth. We are helping children through the delivery of spiritual, educational and recreational programs that develop personal responsibility and spiritual values