

Something Worth Reading



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Message from your National Youth Rep!

Hey Girls!

It's November!!! Or should I say Movember... I find Movember really funny, lots of my guy friends decide that they're going to participate in Movember. By the end of the month they might have a slightly visible bit fluff growing but nothing significant, some of my girl friends joke that we could grow better moustaches on our legs... (we wouldn't though coz that's super gross). Sometimes I think us girls can feel insignificant or inferior when the boys are around. That's not how God wants us to think though. In Proverbs 31:25 says... "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." I believe this verse is really cool and can show us that even though we are girls, that we might not be as strong as the boys, and we can't grow moustaches like guys, God clothes us with strength and dignity! Let that be your inspirations over this coming month. In other news... I am sure you are all just about wrapped up for GB and IFG this year. I am excited for the coming weeks in my company, we have our Area Camp at the same place that Youth Forum 2015 will be held, we have our Company Christmas breakup and myself and the other Area Youth Rep, Bri are running a Hawaiian themed end of year Pioneer event, you'll hear more about that next month! I am excited about the next edition of Something Worth Reading which will be the Christmas edition! I wish you all good luck with your school or uni exams, and any other end of year things you will be doing! Until next time Lots of love Sarah! xx



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In the next few Something Worth Reading editions we will be including some helpful information about the Nigerian girls that were kidnapped over 150 days ago. There is a number of girls that were kidnapped who belong to Girls' Brigade. We encourage you to read these articles, pray for their release, and pray for their families. Each month we will included information about how you can help with their release.

150 days: Pray for Chibok girls.

#bringbackourgirls background

11 September 2014 marks 150 days since over 200 Chibok school girls in Nigeria were abducted - 150 days without love and family; 150 days without freedom of choice.

What happened to the Chibok school girls?

In the middle of the night on 14-15 April 2014, a group of militants from Boko Haram forced their way into a Christian boarding school and kidnapped nearly 250 young women, aged 16 – 18. Although the area was increasingly unsafe and the school had been officially closed for a month, these young women were called back to undertake their senior certificate exam in physics. Currently there are around 180 girls still missing (though there may be more). Some young women managed to escape, others were killed. We believe that a small number of the girls were members of Girls' Brigade.

Who is Boko Haram?

Nigeria ranks number one on Open Door's World Watch Top Ten Violence list. The country is spilt into two; the Muslim north and the Christian south and there has been increasingly high levels of violence and persecution against Christians. Boko Haram, a radical Islamic terrorist group, has been terrorizing north eastern Nigeria - a region that's half Muslim and half Christian - for almost five years with the goal of establishing an Islamic state. They're ideologically opposed to Western culture, as well as the education of girls, and thus co-ordinated the kidnapping. Boko Haram has demanded ransoms and release of terrorist prisoners in exchange for the girls. There is a serious concern that these girls will be sold into forced marriage, slavery or even killed.

What is being done to help then?

Although the kidnappings went unreported for two weeks, a successful #bringbackourgirls online campaign went viral. But now it has been 150 days and the media has gone silent. Who is giving these voiceless girls a voice? Although it's a complicated political situation, it's also unclear what the Nigerian government is doing to help the victims, which is why activists in the African country have been holding daily protests and taking to social media.

Why does GB care?

Girls' Brigade cares for girls because God cares for girls. We believe in hope for the Chibok girls. We believe that God calls us to build the hope-filled Gospel alternative by modelling His transformative and restorative heart.

CRAFTY CORNER

Here is a cool craft that is easy enough to do with Junior's but looks cool enough to give as a gift or hang on the wall in your room!

What you need to complete this craft

* A plain canvas (any size)

*Paint brushes

*PVA Glue

*Sketching Pencils

*Acrylic Paint (any colour)

*A Bible verse, a quote or design

What you need to do is get a plain canvas you can paint it with a base coat if you want but it is not necessary. Sketch a design or some words onto the canvas (you could write your favourite Bible down), then get some plain PVA glue (make sure it's not too runny). Carefully squirt the PVA onto the design/words you have sketched onto the

canvas. Let it dry at least overnight, but maybe for a few days to make sure it is completely dry.

Once the glue is dry you can paint over the canvas with a top coat, this can be any colour.

Let that dry and then voila you have a really simple but beautiful gift or piece of art for yourself.



*Do you ever wonder where to find
resources for Girls' Brigade and wish
there was a list of websites to help you?
Well here is some helpful websites!*

fevr.net

This is a really good website that has heaps of
devotions for teens that fit in with lots of subjects.
It also has some games and other things you might
need to know about youth work.

www.besweb.com/bible_courses/bibletime_downloads

This website has hundreds of free downloadable
worksheets that cover all the books of the Bible
and lots of Bible stories.

1st Blenheim Company use these worksheets as
homework sheets for girls who don't go to church
which helps them to get their Gold Bars.

Girls' Brigade New Zealand Resource Sharing

This is a group on facebook, if you want to join you
need to find it and request to be a part of the
group. This group is great for keeping in contact
with other companies and units, but also lots of
people post really great ideas that they've used in
their GB or IFG.

COMING SOON!!!



National Youth Forum

May 22nd-24th 2015

Bridge Valley Adventure Centre Nelson, NZ

Open to all Pioneers and Leaders between the ages for 15 & 25

Cost: \$140 per person

(Includes transport from the airport)

Registrations out soon so start fundraising!!!

We would love to see you there!!!





Tutti Fruitty

Article found at www.girlsbrigadeaustralia.org.au

It is hard to believe as I write this that the Royal Queensland Show for 2014 has come to a close. The EKKA committee has been working on this project since February this year and it has been a long and gruelling process at times.



The theme for this year in the Agricultural Hall was "People and Places." The EKKA committee this year decided to fully embrace this theme and see what we could come up with. The final design on the back wall was a pixelated face with the words "We Are One but Many" and the aboriginal symbols for meeting place and women/men at the meeting place.

The floor of our display is based on the traditional Aboriginal art symbols of 'journey' and meeting place'. Australia is such a multicultural, and people have journeyed from many different countries all over the world to Australia – our meeting place and our home.

The floor of the display included a large Australia that was filled with many countries scaled to their correct land mass from around the world to show just how big our beautiful country really is.

Once again this year Girls' Brigade Queensland won first place. We received the following awards:

1st place Youth Fruit and vegetable Competition

1st Place Youth Fruit and vegetable Display Effective Arrangement

1st place Youth Fruit and vegetable competition Best Visual display of vegetables

2nd place Youth Fruit and Vegetable Quality

The ladies and older girls who helped man our display and promote the work of Girls' Brigade during the EKKA shone the Light of Christ and people were drawn in and asked questions

The fruit and vegetables were provided by The Big Orange on the Warrego Highway just outside of Gatton and the Crispy Carrot at Mt. Gravatt central.

Please pray for the families who took or we handed out information to, that there will be some fruit as a result of their interest.

If you haven't guess already this display made by Girls' Brigade Queensland has been made by just using fruit and vegetables to make a picture! How cool is that!?!?!?

The Secret to unfading beauty

“Hey mom, can I buy this mascara?” “Can I get this lip gloss? I’ll use my own money. Pleeeease?” “Will you ever let me wear makeup? When I was thirteen, these were the questions I pestered my mother with constantly. After reading teen magazines, I was convinced that makeup was what I needed to be beautiful. Just a little mascara, a bit of blush, and a dab of lip gloss and I would be able to look like the models on the glossy pages I read over and over. A few cosmetics were all I needed to make everyone at school like me—to make me like me. Plenty of products Judging by the thousands of beauty products available, I’m not the only one who has ever had those thoughts. During a quick trip to the drug store today, I stopped to browse in the makeup aisle. I was astounded by the number of mascaras available for sale. Under the Maybelline sign alone I counted twelve different colorful tubes of the stuff. Almay had five. Cover Girl had thirteen. In all, I found 73 unique products guaranteed to enhance my eyelashes!

That doesn’t even take into account all of the other items offered in the cosmetic aisle. We can buy products to make our cheeks appear rosier, our eyebrows darker, and our lips shinier. Thousands of choices are available to buff up our appearance—our physical beauty. True beauty is inside

When I looked up and down all the aisles of the store, I couldn’t find any products to help me enhance my inner beauty. I didn’t see any gels or lotions to help me develop a beautiful heart. Which is sad, because that’s the kind of beauty God wants us to have.

In the book of 1 Peter, He tells us: “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewellery and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.”

1 Peter 3:3-4 Now I don’t think that Peter was telling these women that it was wrong to fix their hair or wear cute clothes. He isn’t saying we shouldn’t wear makeup or put on a necklace. I think he was telling them, telling us, that the latest hairstyle or the trendiest wardrobe isn’t what makes a girl lovely. True beauty comes from inside.

God tells us that instead of 73 tubes of mascara, instead of hundreds of cosmetics, there is only one thing we need to be truly beautiful: a gentle and quiet spirit. **What does a gentle and quiet spirit look like?** You’ll be relieved to know that a gentle spirit doesn’t mean being a timid, pathetic person. A quiet spirit doesn’t mean we have to sit in a corner all day never talking to our friends.

The word used for gentle in 1 Peter 3 means having a graceful soul. If we could buy a jar of cream that could give a gentle spirit, it would enable us to accept what God is doing in our lives. It would help us to trust that God knows what He is doing, even when we can’t make any sense out of it at all. The word quiet in this passage describes a peaceful heart that is not upset by chaotic circumstances. A bottle of this kind of quiet gives a tranquillity that isn’t dependent on having a perfect day. It’s like the one person who manages to remain calm and clean during a cafeteria food fight. **Where will you find true beauty?**

Although there aren’t any products available in the cosmetics aisle to give us a gentle and quiet heart we don’t have to lose hope. God is more than willing to give us the grace we need to be able to hold His hand in trust when we start to question what’s happening in our lives. He gives us His Spirit to quiet down our chaotic hearts.

I think our heavenly Father seriously wonders why we expect bottles of liquids and tubes of gels to give us worth and beauty. Because He has already done that, God has made us beautiful.