# MESSENGER

## **NOVEMBER 2019**

## **Pathways**

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



"... please open your heart and invest your time into a journey that I am certain will change your life." I've done a lot of hiking through the years. Having lived in both California and Washington State, I made sure I took my family to many of the western national parks. We hiked the Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls in Yosemite, the Narrows Canyon in Zion, the Navajo Trail in Bryce Canyon and many of the trails along the Going-to-the-Sun road in Glacier National Park. These trails open a gateway into some of the most glorious displays of the handiwork of God that a person could ever experience.

One of my favorite places in the world is the Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls in Yosemite National Park. The first paved mile of trail takes you to the Vernal Fall Footbridge (great photo op.). From there, you proceed directly to the top of Vernal Fall hiking up over 600 steps through a fairly intense mist (slippery footing) caused by the waterfall. Numerous times I've seen an amazing rainbow in the mist caused by the afternoon sun. From the top of Vernal Fall, the view is nothing short of spectacular—with jaw-dropping views straight down the length of the 317-foot waterfall. Continuing along the Mist Trail, you climb another mile and a half of steep, rocky switchbacks in order to reach Nevada Fall—a 594-foot thunderous waterfall that

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simply takes your breath away.

These aren't what I would call "simple" hikes. The trail guide calls them "strenuous." But for a person who is able and in relatively decent health, I will tell you that these trails are *doable*. I've seen young children and people up into their 80s and probably even 90s on these hikes. As I said earlier, the trail opens a gateway into these more-than-spectacular locations.

But make no mistake about it: if the trail wasn't there—very, very few of us would ever

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get to experience these places. If others hadn't put in the backbreaking work of constructing those 600 precarious steps up to the top of Vernal Fall, it's a place and a memory I would never have had the opportunity to experience. As simple as it might seem, the trail makes all the difference.

Which brings me to what I want to share with you in this brief article. A trail or a pathway can seem such a simple thing. We so easily take them for granted. But without them, we would be missing out on so much. Very few of us are rock climbers. We need someone else to create the pathway. We need others to go before us to open up those gateways into opportunities that we would otherwise never experience.

With this in mind, think with me again about our 10 Year Vision as a church: In the next ten years, King Street Church will create and establish clear and intentional pathways of discipleship development to equip the church for engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel. We will shift our emphasis to become a church family where everyone is purposefully using their spiritual gifts to live out God's call on their lives.

Do you see it? This vision boils down to pathways, trails, gateways of discipleship that

will enable you to know God in new and transformative ways—and become the person that God created you to be.

You're going to be hearing a great deal this month about L3 Groups (I'll be preaching about them every Sunday in November). Some churches call them "Community Groups." Other churches call them "Life Groups" or "Small Groups." We are calling them L3 Groups. They are discipleship communities of 6-12 people who meet at least twice a month for the purpose of sharing life together in three ways: LOVING one another, LEARNING together, and LAUNCHING ministry as we encourage one another in our spiritual gifts.

The leadership of King Street believes that the primary pathway for accomplishing our 10 year vision is L3 Groups. Let me say that again—the primary pathway for accomplishing our 10 year vision is L3 Groups. It's the trail that will get us to the top of the waterfall. These groups are the 600 steps that will help each and every one of us become the disciple that Jesus is calling us to be.

The reasons for constructing this pathway are many—and will all be explained as we go along. Listen and lean in. But more than anything, please open your heart and invest your time into a journey that I am certain will change your life. The payoff is even better than a view. It's becoming a person who is purposefully using your spiritual gifts to live out God's call on your life.



## KING STREET CHURCH

Mission Statement: Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

We believe that becoming a transformed disciple of Jesus involves three core values:

Spiritually Alive in Jesus Relationally Connected by Jesus Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you worshiping? Who is your community? Who are you serving?

## **Ministry Staff**

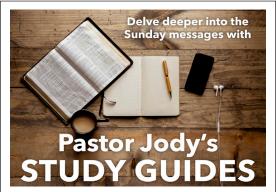
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## December 2019 Messenger Deadline

Articles and information for the December 2019 issue should be submitted by November 20.

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Each week Pastor Jody writes questions and thoughts that aid in deeper study of the Sunday morning message. Download them for personal study or in your Sunday school class/small group. You can find the guides on our website, www.kingstreetchurch.com under "Watch & Read"; they are available every Friday afternoon. Paper copies are also available in the lobbies. (These were formerly called "Sermon Notes.")

## Board of Administration Meeting Highlights Update

Thank you to everyone for your continued interest in reading our Board of Administration Meeting Highlights each month right here in the Messenger. If you are looking for the Board of Administration October 2019 Meeting Highlights, they will actually be published in next month's Messenger publication (December 2019 edition). Going forward, we will continue on this new timeline for the Board of Administration Meeting Highlights. The Board of Administration November 2019 Meeting Highlights will be published in January's edition of the Messenger and so on. We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to read the Board of Administration Meeting Highlights each month and we look forward to sharing these very informative meeting highlights with you each and every month.

## **Ken Adams Retires**

Ken Adams recently retired from his position of Business Manager at KSC. His last official day was October 4. However, Ken has been in the church office for a few hours most days since then to help the new business manager. Ken held this position for over 17 years, beginning his service on July 1, 2002.



Ken Adams

One of the main factors that led to his decision to retire at this time was his desire to spend more time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Ken is looking forward to visiting his daughter's family who lives in Mississippi more often. Additional factors include the ability to set his own schedule and catch up on some home projects. He is also hoping to get more exercise, something he found hard to do with a schedule that kept him sitting at a desk for nine or more hours per day. Getting more things done at home is what Ken has enjoyed

most about retirement to this point.

When asked what were the most enjoyable and memorable experiences, Ken mentioned three. First was working with great staff and volunteers. Second was seeing how the Lord provided the resources, both building and finances, for the newest office complex. Seeing how the Lord was using our facilities to benefit many organizations outside our own congregation, offering our buildings to be used by others, was the third.

Some of the major changes he has seen during his time as business manager include many facility changes such as the Meadows

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Wing addition, a restructured parking lot, the purchase of the ministry center and new office locations, which happened two times.

"Interaction with people on a daily basis," is what Ken said he will miss most about working for KSC. He will also miss being a part of the decision making process.

Although Ken has retired, he is still very much involved with various ministries at KSC. Those ministries include being a parking lot attendant, a Sunday school teacher, a worship folder distributor, a greeter on Sunday mornings, a Communion server, a committee member and a volunteer wherever needed. Ken adds, "It will be interesting to see what the Lord has in store for me from this point forward."

## **VISION BOOKLETS**

If you did not receive a Vision Booklet, please pick one up from the Info Walls or lobbies. These booklets explain our 10-year vision, core values and markers for developing our spiritual lives as disciples of Jesus.

## **Welcome to Dan Gehris**

## by Rose Zook

As we bid farewell to Ken Adams, we bid welcome to Dan Gehris. Dan assumed the role of KSC's Business Manager on September 23 and comes to us following a management position at Lifeway.

Dan was born and raised in Lansdale. A small (350 people) local church began sending literature to Dan and his family and after



Dawn and Dan Gehris The photo was taken at their wedding on June 22, 2019.

devoutly reading that literature, Dan felt God's call at the age of 10. He began attending that church in Bethlehem at the age of 15 and was baptized when he was 18. Although his parents were not Christians, Dan began dreaming of being on staff at a church so that he could use his talents in service for the Lord. His new

position at KSC is the fulfilling of that lifelong dream.

Dan shared that he is humbled to hold the Business Manager position. Dan's heart is to help others and the church, especially in the areas of finance and human/employee relations as God leads. He talked about the challenges he will experience, which include "becoming an expert in church finances, KSC's employee handbook, benefit packages and getting to know everyone on staff." Dan is excited to see where God leads him in his new role and how serving in this new capacity will lead him closer to his Savior.

Dan has four grown children from a first marriage—Jessica, Kaitlyn, Brandon, and Alex. Just a few short months ago, on June 22, Dan married Dawn, which added three more children for him to love and care for—Trevor (17), Landon (15) and Tanner (13). The family is made complete by a 10 year old yellow lab named Autumn. Dan formerly attended Grand Point Church, where he served on the greeting committee and led a small group. Dan and Dawn have visited several Sunday school classes and he is in training to be an L3 group leader.

In his leisure time, Dan enjoys reading *Christian Living* and spending time in Tony Evan's online training center, watching movies, taking walks in the mountains and spending peaceful times just sitting on a bench. Dan is sensitive about financial stewardship. He wants to "spend money efficiently so that our resources can be spent making disciples who can go and make disciples." He pictures our money going to the true ministry of reaching the lost, telling our story and letting Jesus work through our hearts.

If my opinion counts, after spending over an hour with Dan in conversation, I believe that God will both richly bless us through Dan and richly bless Dan through us. When you see him, introduce yourself and give him a hearty King Street welcome.



The prospect of facing the holidays without your loved one can be very difficult. Surviving the Holidays is a place where you can connect with others and find advice, support and encouragement. There will be a video and a time of sharing.





## **February 7, 2020**

#### GUEST AND VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION BEGINS NOVEMBER 3.

We are excited to announce that KSC will again be hosting Night to Shine for our friends with special needs. We are hosting it on our own this year, but will hold the event at Antrim BIC's larger facility so that more guests can attend. Night to Shine provides a prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs aged 14 and older. KSC is committed to engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel, and this is a powerful way we can do it! There are many ways to serve; watch for details coming soon in the worship folder!

- Held simultaneously on one night around the world. Last year, over 500 churches served 90,000 honored quests!
- ★ A celebration of the value of life, and a chance to extend love to our beloved brothers and sisters with special needs.
- ★ The evening includes a red-carpet arrival with cheering "paparazzi," food, gifts, music, dancing, photo booth, a video message from Tim Tebow, and a special ceremony where every participant receives a crown.

## www.nighttoshine2020.com

# Steve and Lisa Myers Serving as OCC Logistics Coordinators

Steve and Lisa Myers serve Operation Christmas Child (OCC) as Logistics Coordinators for the South Central Area Team. In this position they offer support and encouragement to the drop off coordinators at area churches involved in this ministry.



Lisa and Steve Myers

The Myers have been involved in ministries in the local church for many years and have been packing shoeboxes for 25 years. "We love being a part of a ministry which reaches children and their families with the gospel."

Steve and Lisa state that they love this ministry and felt blessed six years ago when they were presented with the opportunity to be year-round volunteers with OCC on the South Central Area Team. Since OCC is a national ministry, it also allows their family to continue to serve God together, wherever they live.

"Operation Christmas Child is so much more than a shoebox. Each shoebox is a gospel opportunity which opens doors to communities without a church. Each child who receives a shoebox is presented with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then the Greatest Journey discipleship course is offered to show children how to know Christ and share Him with others. It is so important to pray for the children receiving the boxes."

The goal for shoeboxes (gospel opportunities) for the South Central Area Team for 2019 is 37,000, which is an 8% increase over last year. "We would love to see KSC increase its shoebox donations therefore increasing its impact around the world." An increase would also help the area team to reach its goal. Worldwide OCC hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts this year to reach 11 million children in more than 100 countries.

Steve and Lisa have always lived in the Chambersburg area. Steve has worked in the construction industry for 37 years, having owned his own business for 30 of those years and most recently working as the construction manager with Habitat for Humanity. Lisa is currently employed at Chambersburg Hospital in Medical Staff Services. They enjoy spending time with their family, being outdoors and traveling.

They have four children. Kendra and her husband, Mark, live in Dallas, Texas. Kyle, and his wife, Shoshie, live in Urbana, Maryland. Ashlyn and her husband, Hunter, live in Kodiak, Arkansas and their youngest son, Clay, is attending Liberty University.

The couple started attending King Street Church in December 2015. They had been praying and asking God to show them where He wanted to plant them in the local church community. "It was our desire to be a part of a body of believers where God was working. The leadership at KSC displays a love for God, love of community and love of spreading the gospel. We knew this was where God wanted us to serve."



## OCC Shoeboxes Due Nov. 17

Stacks of empty boxes are waiting in the church lobbies to be claimed on behalf of a child in need. Each box contains a flier with instructions on how to fill it. Samaritan's Purse includes a book in the child's language with the gospel message before they are delivered.

If you have any questions about filling a box or would like to know more about how you can get involved with Operation Christmas Child, please contact our representatives Steve and Lisa Myers at Imyers659@gmail.com. The deadline to return the boxes in the lobbies is November 17.



We want to thank our church family for all the prayers and support you have given to us since Bev's going home.

Wayne and Brian Sword



# Once More Ministries Report

Once More Ministries' next distribution day will be December 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. It is now time to restock the supply room. It's always amazing how our God provides enough for each distribution. He knows our needs before we do and He always provides. At the end of each distribution day, the supplies are often depleted, but through your generosity, the shelves will be restocked before the next distribution day.

This reminds us very much of the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. Please read Matthew 14:15-21. When it seems as though there isn't enough to go around, He provides what is needed, when we trust in Him.

Before every distribution we pray to God that this ministry will impact the community in a way that will be pleasing to our Lord and lead many to know and love Jesus.

As we replenish our supplies, we are always grateful for your donations. Some of our needs are toilet paper (small packs), paper towels (individual), laundry detergent, fabric softener, dish soap, hand soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's and women's deodorant, feminine products and tissues.

He is our great provider.

Thanks be to God.

## **Meet Our Ministry Partner:**



The last week of each month we are going to spotlight one of our partner ministries by inviting them to set up tables in the sanctuary and Baker Center lobbies. On November 24, DiscipleMakers will be featured. Some information about this ministry from their website is below:

"DiscipleMakers is a Christian campus ministry based in Pennsylvania. Our goal is to raise up the next generation of leaders for the Church by training college students in Bible study, gospel-driven discipleship, and evangelism.

DiscipleMakers' purpose is to live out Jesus' parting words, "Go and make disciples" (Matt. 28:19). We send our staff to college campuses not only because the campus needs to experience the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ, but also because college students are strategically positioned to make a big impact in the world and in the next generation for Christ.

## **Vision and Mission**

## **Exploring the Bible**

Through the Bible we learn about the beauty of God's character, the life-changing power of His promises, the freedom of forgiveness, and the adventure of living in relationship with Him. We exist to assist people interested in learning more about the essence of Christianity, which is not found in morality or philosophy but in the story of the historical person, Jesus Christ.

#### **Engaging The Campus**

We love college students and desire to make a visible difference in the quality of student life. We seek to find ways to serve and improve the campus community. We also provide Investigative Bible Discussions for anyone interested in learning more about Jesus Christ. We welcome the questions, objections, and struggles of people honestly searching for the truth. We are committed to responding with honesty and compassion rather than hostility and condescension. Skeptics, seekers, and the curious are all welcome.

#### **Experiencing Redemptive Relationships**

If you are looking for the perfect group to get involved with on campus, don't come to us. But if you want to experience how the gospel of Jesus Christ can heal relationships, spur people toward authentic community, provide ample opportunities to practice forgiveness, and restore broken people, then we are the group for you. Our desire is to be a people increasingly characterized by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

## **Captivating The Heart**

Everyone is captivated by something, whether it is approval, success, or intimacy. We believe those various captivations will leave us restless until the one we were made for—God—captivates us. We were designed to find our fulfillment, rest, meaning, and value in the person of God himself. Christianity is about a paradigm shift to a new central captivation with the beauty of Jesus Christ."

DiscipleMakers has campus fellowships at the following area colleges:

- Dickinson College
- Gettysburg College
- Shippensburg University

Please make it a point to stop by on Sunday, November 24 to visit one of the tables and learn more about their work in our area. Meet someone new during

## NAME TAG NOVEMBER!

Throughout the month of November we will practice being relationally connected by getting to know one another a little bit better. We encourage everyone to get a name tag as you come in the doors and learn the name of someone you've never met before.

# Welcome RECEPTION

If you are new to the church, we invite you to a brief reception the third Sunday of each month at 10:40 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. in the Connection Hub, located in our central hallway. You can meet staff and church members and other people who are new. It's a great way to connect with people here at King Street Church. The next reception is planned for Sunday, November 17.



# NOVEMBER 2019

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11:00 a.m.	Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School			Recovery (SMC)			
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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7:00 p.m.	Nursery and Children's Program Youth <i>Street</i> Meeting Adult Elective Classes	12:10 p.m. Table Talk (Frank- lin County Visitors Bureau)	9:15 a.m. Exercise Class, (SMC)	9
9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Theater for "Joy to the World"	14	9:15 a.m. Exercise Class, (SMC)	16
7:00 p.m.	Nursery and Children's Program Youth <i>Street</i> Meeting Adult Elective Classes	21	9:15 a.m. Exercise Class, (SMC)	23
	27	Thanksgiving <b>28</b> Day	9:15 a.m. Exercise Class, (SMC)	30

## **JUST FOR KIDS**



What you need:

• M&M's or other colored candies

- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

**Red:** a need God has provided for

**Orange:** a gift you've

received

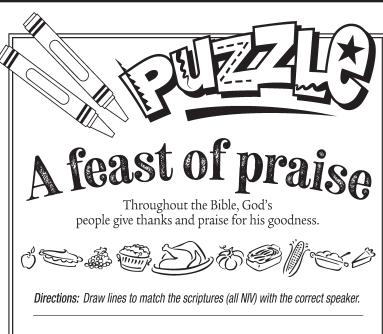
Yellow: something you've

recently learned

**Green:** something in nature **Blue:** a special memory **Brown:** someone you love

## What you do:

- 1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
- 2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!



"I thank my God every time	Hannah
I remember you." Philippians 1:3	Hailian

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

David

Luke 1:46-47

"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will Mary exalt him." Exodus 15:2

"My heart rejoices in the LORD."

1 Samuel 2:1

Paul

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."

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# **Orphan Care & Adoption Ministry**

Our Orphan Care & Adoption Ministry comes alongside families who are accepting God's call to adopt or foster and supports them through prayer, education and financial grants. They meet as a monthly support group which is open to anyone in the adoptive or foster care journey, no matter where they are in the process. You are welcome to attend their next meeting on Tuesday, November 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in M27/29. Childcare is provided. You are also invited to their Christmas party on Tuesday, December 3, at 6 p.m.



## **Listeners Needed**

Ben Chambers' Bible Adventure (Joy-El) needs additional listeners for Bible verses on Thursday mornings, 8:45–10:30 a.m. at Bethel Assembly Church. The program runs September through April. If you can help, please call coordinator, Sharon Love, (717) 264-1140, and leave a message.



## **Parking Update**

As you may have seen, the courthouse parking has been further restricted by their ongoing construction project. We are so grateful for those who have made the effort to park outside of our main lot. There are a few hundred available spaces within a block of our building. Parking Maps are available on the Info Walls.

## Qu@tes of the Week

Each week we post a "Quote of the Week" on the KSC's Facebook and Instagram accounts. This quote is most often taken from the Sunday sermon or Pastor Jody will choose a Scripture verse or quote from another author. Be blessed as you consider these important words of wisdom.

"Forget what is behind and press forward to what is ahead. What you do now is what matters. Your past does not determine your future."

Pastor Jody Bowser, October 6, 2019



"Often times, we go through seasons (months and sometimes years) when we live out of our comfort zone—perhaps a journey through cancer or a job that we struggle with. Most of the time, though, we face situations on a daily basis when God puts us out of our comfort zone. Either way, embrace these trials as opportunities. Acknowledge that God has, indeed, taken you out of your comfort zone—and He has something that He wants you to learn.

TRUST JESUS.
REST IN HIS LOVE."

Pastor Jody Bowser, October 13, 2019



"God, please help me to trust you. Every day. In every situation."

Pastor Jody Bowser, October 20, 2019

## TEXT TO CONNECT (717) 401-7777

Ask for prayer......text PRAY Give an offering...text GIVE New to KSC .....text NEW Plug in .....text NEXT



## Celebrate Recovery

## **Help Needed**

God is working at Celebrate Recovery. This church ministry offers healing and community to anyone with a hurt, habit or hang-up. As our ministry grows, we continue to need help with some very practical needs. We are seeking volunteers to help with meals and provide childcare for two to six children. We would also love to see others invest in the ministry by attending, worshiping, welcoming people or considering leadership. If you are interested in learning more, contact Molly Shull at mshull@ kschurch.org. Visit CR on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for food, worship, testimonies, Bible teaching and sharing.

# PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

## November

## Bollman Bus Trip to American Music Theater "Joy to the World"

- Wednesday, November 13
- Departure time: 9:30 a.m. from Weis parking lot
- Cost: \$97
- Includes a lunch buffet at Bird in Hand Restaurant
- Due Date/Cancellation Date: October 2

## December

## **Christmas Luncheon** (New Location)

- Wednesday, December 11
- 12:00 Noon (Arrive a little early.)
- Kauffman Ruritan Club and Community Center, 7289 Ruritan Drive, Chambersburg
- Cost: \$15
- Menu: Oven-roasted chicken, baked ham, green beans with ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, applesauce, pepper slaw, rolls, cake, ice cream and coffee
- IMPORTANT NOTE: For those who are unable to or prefer not to drive to the luncheon, please meet at 11:20 at Weis Market on Wayne Avenue. The PrimeTimers/ Church minibus will depart at 11:30 for the Kauffman Community Center. When you sign up for this event, please let us know if you need to ride the minibus. The bus is limited to 24 people.
- Entertainment provided by a husband and wife team from Cumberland Valley School of Music.
- Due Date/Cancellation Date: November 20

## Directions to the Kauffman Ruritan Club and Community Center, 7289 Ruritan Drive, Chambersburg

#### From North

Take I-81 South, Exit 10 (Marion), turn right at exit, cross RR tracks and turn left to go south on Route 11 for approx two miles.

Turn left onto Kauffman Rd. (before Antrim Brethren in Christ Church on left), go under railroad underpass and keep to left at Y in road.

Turn left at first intersection (do not go over top of I-81) onto Angle Rd., go 1000 yards, turn left onto Kauffman St. and then left onto Ruritan Dr.

#### From South

Take I-81 North, Exit 10 (Marion), turn left at exit, cross RR tracks and turn left to go south on Route 11 for approx two miles.

Turn left onto Kauffman Rd. (before Antrim Brethren in Christ Church on left), go under railroad underpass and keep to left at Y in road.

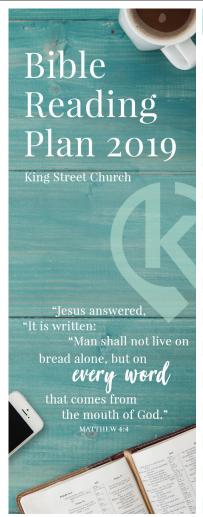
Turn left at first intersection (do not go over top of I-81) onto Angle Rd., go 1000 yards, turn left onto Kauffman St. and then left onto Ruritan Dr.

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Consider inviting someone to this lighthearted, no-pressure discussion about faith in Christ and the Christian life.



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## **Rigo and Chrysti Andino**

October 23, 2019

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#### We are moving

Growing up in Mexico involved moving around a lot. We spent part of the year in a little Indian village and part of the year at a mission base. We lived in a very remote area and then in a big city. I loved the constant change.

Since moving to Honduras 20 years ago, we have only lived in two different houses. We are about to move to our third house. We will still live in the same area but are moving to the Children's Home campus so we can be available to the children and their workers as needed. We will continue with our current ministries but will get to be part of a community of children. We will rent the home we own to a Honduran missionary family for now.

It will be a bit of a change for the family, but everyone is getting excited about the idea of living where the action is. There is a playground for Abby and a football field for the boys. Amanda will have lots of little kids to babysit.

Please pray for a smooth transition for all of us and for us to be a help to the children's center. Pray for the lives of the children who are being blessed by this ministry by not only being clothed, fed and given a great education, but also are able to receive lots of love.

#### Rigo the Contractor

Rigo has been helping with some of the construction projects at the hospital. He is responsible to hire the men, order the supplies and supervise their work.

Each morning he meets with the men and has a devotional and prayer time. One of the young men gave his life to the Lord at one of these meetings.

He and his family have now started going to church with us. It is so neat to watch as they grow in the Lord and leave their old lifestyle to follow Him.

#### Where is the water?

This year has been very dry and the need for water is more and more evident. We have a faucet from our well to the street and have people with buckets, jugs and even big barrels lining up to take their turn getting water. Our electric bill has gone up accordingly as the pump never gets a rest. For people in other communities, it is even more difficult since the closest option for them is a river. For many that means a very long walk and not an easy solution. The water systems that have been put in for the communities are just not enough for all the needs.

For Rigo's well drilling team it has been difficult to find water and at some of the drilling sites they have hit an area of rock that they can not drill through. Many times they find themselves asking the same questions the community asks, "Where is the water?" Please pray they will be able to improve the equipment so they can drill in rocky areas and help many people in need.

#### The New ICU

Our little ICU is being used more than expected since its inauguration about two months ago. We have had patients with dengue, motorcycle accidents and preemies in those beds. Each of the cases have taken a lot of man power and effort to fight for a life. It is hard

when we see a seven-year-old die of dengue knowing her mom is in the USA illegally and can't even say goodbye or the young man who lost his life due to head trauma in a motorcycle accident.

But then we see a little baby go home with her family after fighting against all odds and every ounce of effort and energy is worth it. We are so thankful God is in control.

#### **Dengue Outbreak**

This year there has been a higher incidence of dengue in Honduras. (Dengue is a mosquitoborne viral infection. The infection causes flu-like illness and occasionally develops into a potentially lethal complication. The global incidence of dengue has grown dramatically in recent decades.) It has been reported that there have been over 130 deaths in the country related to dengue over the past few months. At our hospital we have seen many cases and have had three patients pass away from the disease. It is very hard for the physicians and staff, who feel hopeless against this disease. Please pray for the country and for the missionary families who are also exposed to the mosquitoes. Pray for opportunities to share Christ in all we do.

#### H2B Visa

In the midst of the controversy about immigration to the USA, it has been hard to watch families torn apart as they decide to try for the American dream. The trip is dangerous and many times they sacrifice everything to only get sent home.

We have been able to be part of a better plan. A construction company from Nebraska has obtained permission to bring 12 workers from Honduras to work with them for eight months out of the year. After selecting a group of men and helping them with the process of filling out all the required paperwork, we then sent them for the visa appointment.

So far only two have been able to go, but we see this as a great opportunity for others in the future and pray this can open the door for more men to have a chance to travel to the USA for work and then return to their families while doing everything legally.

## **Emily and Bryan Gerlach**

October 23, 2019

(Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

## **Happy October Everyone**

This is one of our favorite months to be in the U.S. Our kids have loved the chances that we have had to be outside, enjoying nature and life on the farm. We have been busy on the weekends visiting churches and Sunday school classes, but have had some good family time and time with friends during the week. As we move towards November and the holiday season, we will be wrapping up our church visits and connecting again with family and friends.

We thank the Lord that he is providing support for us slowly (in our opinion) but surely. We still have more to raise, but God is faithful, and we trust that He will meet all our needs. Please consider being a part of His answer to our prayers.

We are trying to take advantage of this time away from ministry to reflect and do some emotional and mental work on ourselves. It is exhausting, but we know it will be beneficial for us in the long run. So, please pray for our mental/emotional health as we process our journey and plan for life and ministry over the next two months. The goal is to head back on January 5, fully funded.

#### **Praise**

- We love living on the farm in the fall.
- Emily connecting with young mothers in the community
- We have a few new supporters.
- Opportunities to visit family and friends

## **Prayer**

• SUPPORT. Especially for new monthly

donors

- Eden to sleep well through the night
- Continued health and energy
- The kids to feel secure amidst all the travel and change

Also, this month we would like to ask you to consider how you can be a part of God answering our prayers to bring in the remaining support that we need. If you can't personally be a part of God's work in Thailand by supporting us, maybe you can think of one family who would be interested in partnering with us. It would be so helpful for us if you reached out to them with our letter and contact information and encouraged them to think about joining with us to see the gospel spread in Thailand. (Our giving link is https://team.org/additem?v-2glid=92716.)

## **Emily Schoenleber**

October 22, 2019

(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)

#### The Riders Ride

The last time I wrote an update letter, my brother and I were driving to California. Now as I write, my friends and I are driving through Northern England on our way to another meeting with some contacts. We arrived in the UK just over three days ago and since then we've driven close to 500 miles. We are only in the country for about six days and we are meeting with various students, churches and ministries as we continue planning our Europe Carry the Love tour for January and February next year.

It has been incredible so far. The students are amazing. There is so much hunger and in many places a lot of unity among the churches and believers in the cities. It really is such a privilege to be in so many places around the world and see how God is moving in every

single one! I also really love it because it continues to broaden my perspective; we really are one Church, just spread among the nations. Each night we've been here, we just stay with friends or friends of friends and they invite us in and feed us.

## Circuit Rider Experience and Field Training

In the beginning of October, we had 137 students move to Huntington Beach, California to start the Circuit Rider Experience. CRX is the Discipleship Training School through Youth With A Mission that we run. It is so much fun being around DTS again because it's primarily what I helped with when I was living in New Zealand. I even have two one-on-ones, ladies that I meet with each week during the lecture phase of the DTS to walk alongside them and disciple them. I'm so excited to spend more time around this incredible group of young leaders.

Already they are initiating so much. They go out and evangelize on their own and pray for people. They've even seen a few people saved and baptized—all in their first two weeks of living in Huntington Beach. One of my favorite testimonies is of a guy they prayed for who got saved, baptized, AND his eyesight was healed. So he gave them his glasses to keep because he didn't need them anymore. Wow! At the start of next year, a few other leaders and myself will get to bring some of these students with us on our Europe Carry the Love Tour. I can't wait to meet our team!

Alongside the DTS, all of our Circuit Rider staff gathers each week for a couple of hours of Bible teaching with the Pops of our crew, Brian. These Bible class times are called Field Training. We started in Joshua, have gone through Judges and are now looking at the life of David. These times are definitely a favorite for all of our staff as it's a chance for us to really dig deep into the Bible. We even have homework and need to write papers.

#### A Friend of God

Recently, I was thinking of the first time I came to the UK and how I was surprised I didn't automatically love this nation. Every other country I had been to before that, I really had a heart for it. I spent some time being a bit frustrated wondering why I couldn't just make myself love this nation. And last week as I thought about that again, I realized that it is so easy to say, "I don't have a heart for this," and move on. But if I don't yet have a heart or love for something, have I even sought the heart of God for that nation or city? Because He has never ending love for it and countless things to say about it. Am I listening? Did I even bother to ask?

During my DTS in 2015, one of the things I thought was so incredible was having the ability to ask God what was on His heart. That He doesn't just want to know us, He also loves when we take the time to know Him—because that's relationship. It is still crazy to me that God would share things with us and show us how He thinks and feels about things. I never want to be content with surface level things; I want to actively seek Him out. It is a longing of my life to be a friend of God.

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant –Psalm 25:14.

If loving a place doesn't come automatically, it's not meant to be a place of passivity or frustration. Rather it's an opportunity for deeper friendship and intimacy with God. It's an invitation to know His heart, to know Him. How does He feel about that place? What does He see?

A friend of mine says it like this: "When you really love someone, you find out what the dream on their heart is and you do everything you can to make that dream happen." Isn't it so affirming and encouraging when your friends talk to you about your dreams and fight for you to see your dreams come true? God has dreams too.

#### Nation to Nation, He Doesn't Change

Since I began writing a few days ago we've been to Scotland and Wales. I even flew over to Belfast in Northern Ireland for a night. It has continued to be fast paced, full of meetings and many, many cups of tea. But honestly, I can't stop saying what a privilege it is to travel to nations and cities and sit and talk with other believers! God really is moving all over the earth.

When we were in Cardiff with some good friends yesterday, they were sharing about the amazing unity among pastors and churches in Wales. There are gatherings of over 250 pastors who come together. There were also some students from the university who told us that even just in the last two months they have seen an openness among their friends. They were coming up to them and asking about Jesus, asking about coming to church and asking about the Bible.

Tomorrow our team of six heads to Switzerland to meet with some of our friends. There are also friends who are traveling from Germany to come meet with us. After that, we head to Vienna, Austria for a few days before finishing off our pre-tour in Amsterdam. Overall, we are so encouraged and filled with faith for all that God is doing. It is so fun to be on His team and work with Him.

## K and RW

October 21, 2019

(Serving in the Middle East)

#### The Months Ahead

In September we spoke with leaders in our Christar headquarters. As they recommended, we are taking a furlough through next summer. We were introduced to some Christar ministry options here in the US. At the same time, we heard of Bible teaching opportunities among

■ Christians in Europe. News to us: There

are nearly as many ■ speaking congregations in Bulgaria as there are in ■. And they want training. Pray for us as we seek what God has for us in this place and at this time and for our future.

#### **Update from** ■

In early October, pastors in  $\blacksquare$  met for an emergency session. To date, at least 23 foreign workers have been banned from entering  $\blacksquare$ . One of the banned workers was told that his attendance at the February  $\blacksquare$  pastors' conference was a reason for his ban. It has come to light that half of the foreign men who attended that conference have been given entry bans (K did not attend that conference, but was registered). This raises huge warning flags for the  $\blacksquare$  church and they feel under a new threat. Will Christian  $\blacksquare$  be the next targets?

Pray for the strengthening of the church in ■ as many are tempted to fear. At the same time radio programs and social media continue to broadcast the hope of our faith. Pray for continued boldness to proclaim the Gospel.

An outcome of that emergency session mentioned above is a 40-day prayer initiative. The 40 Days of Prayer for ■ begins tomorrow, Oct. 22 and ends on December 1. We plan to give extra time to pray for the church in ■ during these days. We invite you to pray with us.

Below we have listed a few requests you may use to guide your prayer for the 40 days.

#### **Harvest Time**

God Almighty, you are Lord of the Harvest. Thank you for the great harvest you are preparing in . Train up a multitude of laborers to reap and steward it well. Strengthen with your love, equip with your power, prepare with your wisdom.

## Legal status

God, you understand the complexities of the law in . You know the prejudice against minority religions, that we are unable to build places of worship and that our current legal

status is not a long-term solution. Most High God, nothing is too difficult for you. Grant favor to your Church, move the hearts of men and allow us to obtain suitably zoned properties.

## **Strength in Persecution**

God, you are the one who sees every challenge we in face, every tear we shed, and every price we pay for your name. Give us strength and JOY in the face of suffering. Arrange circumstances in order that your kingdom may expand.

#### **A Further Note**

Due to the way medical insurance works these days, R will make a two-week trip to  $\blacksquare$  in early November for an out-patient medical procedure. Including the plane fare, it's just plain cheaper for her to do this in  $\blacksquare$ . Pray for R's time visiting with believers in  $\blacksquare$ .

#### The Conflict in [the Middle East]

Our hearts are torn by what is happening in  $\blacksquare$ . In short, military operations in  $\blacksquare$  are threatening the lives of many peoples, including tens of thousands of Christians.

## **Prayer in the Current Conflict:**

- 1. That will end this campaign swiftly with minimal bloodshed and protection of civilian lives.
- 2. That terrorism of all kinds will be destroyed.
- 3. For justice and peace to come to this region.
- 4. That believers will remain faithful to Christ and live as courageous lights for Him in the face of huge difficulties.

Since the Messenger is online and available everywhere, precautions are necessary when sharing about missionaries serving in Muslim countries or other restricted areas. In order not to jeopardize our missionaries working in very challenging places, names and locations are excluded from some updates.



