MESSENGER

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We Need Each Other

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



If you haven't already, please sign up for an L3 Group. You won't regret it. I really enjoy music from the late 60s and 70s. I'm sure it's because of my childhood. Those were my formative years—and it's the music I was surrounded by. My older sister, Becky, had some favorites: The Carpenters, John Denver and Simon & Garfunkel. To this day, Karen Carpenter remains my very favorite female vocalist. And "Simon & Garfunkel's Greatest Hits" is probably my favorite album. I've listened to it so many times, I pretty much have it memorized.

The album features some classic old hits, "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," "Mrs. Robinson" and "Feeling Groovy." It's interesting, though, that after all of these years—there's a more obscure song on that album that I probably think of more than the others. It's a song called "I Am A Rock." The reason the song sticks with me is because, sadly, it puts into words how so many people make their way through life.

The lyrics describe a person who had opened their heart to love at one point in their life. They "put themselves out there." But as often goes, they got their heart broken. Instead of healing and trying again—they began putting a wall around their heart. This wall forced them deeper and deeper into themselves, ultimately withdrawing into the shell of their downtown apartment:

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A winter's day in a deep and dark December. I am alone gazing from my window to the streets below on a freshly fallen silent shroud of snow. I am a rock—I am an island.

I've built walls. A fortress deep and mighty that none may penetrate. I have no need of friendship, friendship causes pain. It's laughter and it's loving I disdain. I am a rock—I am an island.

Don't talk of love. But I've heard the words before. It's sleeping in my memory. I won't disturb the slumber of feelings that have died—If I never loved I never would have cried. I am a rock—I am an island.

I have my books and my poetry to protect me. I am shielded in my armor. Hiding in my room, safe within my womb—I touch no one and no one touches me. I am a rock—I am an island. And a rock feels no pain. And an island never cries.

This isn't just one person's story. It's the story that many people can tell. Maybe not to this extreme. But the fact of the matter is ... we become experts at building relational walls. We keep to ourselves. We blame others for their lack of interest. The truth is that we make no effort to reach out. The result is that we live isolated lives. We feel alone even in a crowd.

Just this past week I was talking with someone who has been very involved at King Street for probably a couple dozen years. And by "involved," I mean attending a Sunday school class and participating at various levels of leadership. But I learned that this person was really struggling at King Street. And the reason? They didn't have any friends. They didn't feel any close connections. And when life threw them a curve ball, nobody reached out to express concern.

Trust me—you would NEVER guess they felt this way. But the truth is MANY people feel this way. Some of it is our own fault for building walls to keep people out. Some of it is other people's fault for not caring enough. Regardless

of whose fault it is, we can't let this happen! We need each other! God did not design us to go through life alone.

This is precisely why we have introduced L3 Groups. An L3 Group (which stands for Loving, Learning and Launching) is a discipling community of 6-12 people who commit to meeting together at least twice a month. These groups are large enough to have a group dynamic, but small enough to avoid getting lost. I'm thrilled to announce that as of right now, more than 40 new L3 groups will be starting at King Street in 2020—involving over 400 people! This blesses me more than you know.

I received an email a couple of weeks ago from someone who got involved in the first wave of L3 Groups that launched this fall. I'll conclude this article with a bit of what they shared with me. Listen to their words. If you haven't already, please sign up for an L3 Group. You won't regret it.

I wish I could redo some of the answers I gave to the 'getting to know you' questions that were asked in my L3 Group the other night. When asked what I hope to get out of the group, I believe I stumbled all over my words and looked at my spouse and said that we weren't really sure we wanted to add one more thing. It saddens me that I said that. While I really didn't know why we'd want to add another commitment, God sure knew.

Listening to the other life stories that have been shared has brought me such joy. I can't even explain it. But when you sit in a cozy living room and hear an overview of a life, it is amazing to me how God is all through it! Meeting the others in my group in this way has been a precious prelude to Thanksgiving like I've never experienced before. And while I wasn't sure L3 was for me, I feel like now, maybe this whole idea was created JUST for me. A gift to be counted.

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?

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February 2020 Messenger Deadline

Articles and information for the February 2020 issue should be submitted by January 22.

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Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, in the Administrative Office Conference Room. Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Jim Byers opened the meeting with devotions. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Senior Pastor's Update:

Pastor Jody expressed kudos to Jay Brown and Adam Keath for their dedication and tremendous efforts in the rolling out of our L3 program. Pastor Jody also thanked Kim Shatzer, "who went over and above in her work" and Don Baker for taking a significant relook at our staff performance review process. Pastor Jody presented his 2019-2020 objectives.

Executive Pastor's Update:

Don Baker shared that there were 17 child dedications on November 3 and the current count for baptisms at the end of October is five. Since the beginning of 2019, there have been 30 child dedications, 23 baptisms and 13 new partners have joined. Baptism classes will be December 1 and 8 with baptisms scheduled for December 29. There is still a need for commission members for 2020. The Nominating Committee has not met yet; Don is waiting for responses from prospective candidates.

Board of Elders Update:

Greg West shared that the elders met several weeks ago. During the meeting they shared a video and spent time in prayer.

Co-Mission Reports:

• Adult Ministries – Tim Sherald shared that on November 4 the co-mission prayed for the L3 Groups and discussed how they are engaging and blessing.

- **Children's Ministry** Alexander Rosenbaum indicated that the Children's Ministry Co-Mission did not meet in November.
- Finance Dan Gehris reviewed the 2020 Budget Proposal and highlighted that every ministry area submitted a budget for 2020 that was either less or the same as 2019, with the exception of Personnel Relations and Property which were slightly higher for 2020. The budget was unanimously approved. Dan reviewed the KSC Financial Summary Report for the month ending October 31, 2019. He presented a PowerPoint presentation showing charts and graphs highlighting various financial trends for 2019 year-to-date.
- Local Outreach Tom Knepper shared that 14 local ministries were represented at their meeting on November 5. All those in attendance were blessed. Three of the ministries gave praises for unexpected financial resources that were received. Ministry leaders expressed appreciation for support given by KSC in so many ways and shared that many lives are being touched. The co-mission approved a revision to the Church Leadership Structure Orphan Care/Adoption Committee mission. Disbursements of grant funds will include foster families.
- Missions Scott Bert shared that the November trip planned to Haiti did not occur due to instability, inflated food prices and roadblocks as protesters demand the president's resignation. On top of that, schools are closed and the children at the Arcahaie school are unable to participate in the school's lunch program that KSC sponsors. Our friends in Haiti asked for help with food and Pastor Senel requested assistance paying for security improvements at the church due to vandalism. Since a team is unable to visit, funds will be sent via wire.
- **Personnel Relations** Kim Shatzer shared that the Food Service Coordinator position is still on hold and we are taking no action at this point. A revised job description for our

- receptionist has been approved and interviews have been completed. A motion to offer this position to Sue Brown (25 hours per week) passed. The Student Ministry Administrative Assistant position description was revised and the number of hours for this position was amended to 20. A new position description for Coordinator of Volunteers (part-time 15-20 hours per week) was approved. Kim discussed the need to provide assistance to Susanna Allen. The co-mission approved a position description for Receptionist/Communication Assistant that has been offered to Marsha Spangler (20 hours per week). A motion for approval carried. Kim gave the board an overview of the revised Performance Review format. This new format will allow employees to know their value, strengths, opportunities for growth, connection to KSC Mission/Vision and next steps.
- **Property** Dale Forney reported that the new HVAC systems that replaced the boiler have been installed. The carpet in the ministry center hallway was very dirty and has been cleaned and looks much better. Chairs used in the Baker Center and the Fellowship Room need to be replaced. John Little is getting prices and the Property Co-Mission will view a demo chair and make a recommendation to the board. The building at 18 North Second Street is down, the electric for lighting is in and sub-grading is done. If the weather cooperates, we should have a parking lot by Thanksgiving. The tree trimming is completed.
- **Student Ministry** Penny Poorman shared that the Totally 80's All Night Event was held on October 25 with a total of 207 students attending. Wyatt Stevens shared his testimony. The Road Crew had numerous opportunities to make connections throughout the evening. Basketball season has started and KSC will have two teams. There are several upcoming events: November 13 is Group Night, November 19 the youth will gather to load a truck with the boxes

that were donated for Operation Christmas Child, December 4 is the combined Christmas Celebration and December 11 is the Road Crew Christmas Party. A portion of the meeting was spent discussing ways to make "serving" a focus for the students in our ministry.

• Worship Arts — Chuck Schussler shared that Tyler is working to complete the sanctuary light project. The organ project is now completed. The down payment for the carillon replacement has been sent and the church bells at KSC should be playing by Christmas. November hosted a number of worship events including Brass Horns, Kids Choir, Bell Choir and Thanksgiving Praise on November 17, which also included the sounds of the new organ. The canned goods collected will go to the Salvation

Army. The Christmas program will be held on December 8 in the Baker Center at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. L3 groups were discussed.

Administrative Report:

Dan Gehris shared that the website upgrades are going very well and Susanna Allen is very thankful for those upgrades as she consistently works to improve the KSC website. The Living As One web streaming service is now being used and we continue to evaluate the performance of the new provider. Dan's new position as Business Manager is going very well.

(These highlights are taken from minutes written by Rose Zook, Recording Secretary for the Board of Administration. Unabridged copies are available at the church office. Board meetings are open to members of King Street Church.)





Pastor Jody is kicking off the new year with a four week sermon series to help us focus on the things that matter most, 20/20 Vision: Seeing Things Clearly. Themes are "Living Like Jesus in a Broken World," "What it Looks Like to Be the Church," "A Life of Generosity" and "That's What Family Does!"



The Student Ministries Administrative Assistant provides communication and administrative support to the student ministry under the direction of the student ministry pastors. This is a paid, part-time position. Qualified applicants should forward their cover letter, resume and two references to Matt Gish, Pastor of High School Ministries. See full details and application requirements at kingstreetchurch. com/staff.



2020 BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Here at KSC we have been reading the Bible together over the last few years. The reading plan for 2020 is an in-depth look at the Gospels. Monday through Saturday we will read a few verses each day along with questions to help us meditate on the life of Christ. Learn more and sign up at kingstreetchurch.com/bible. Text "daily" to (717) 401-7777 to receive a digital version each day.

JANUARY

	1	Matthew 1:1-12	12	Rest	23	Matthew 7:7-12
	2	Matthew 1:13-25	13	Matthew 5:1-12	24	Matthew 7:13-29
	3	Matthew 2:1-6	14	Matthew 5:13-20	25	Matthew 8:1-17
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	6	Matthew 2:13-18	17	Matthew 5:38-48	28	Matthew 8:28-34
	7	Matthew 2:19-23	18	Matthew 6:1-18	29	Matthew 9:1-8
	8	Matthew 3:1-12	19	Rest	30	Matthew 9:9-17
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January 12, 2020After School Program

The offering will support our elementary outreach ministry.



Spec-4 Ian Hann

South Korea CMR 388 BOX 555, APO. AP 96208

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Sgt. Corbin Sipe

USMC Deployed Overseas



RED CROSS Babysitting Class

For KSC students aged 11–17
Saturday, January 18 (all-day class)
Children's Ministry Center
Get details/sign up at
kingstreetchurch.com/babysitting.

Is Adult Wednesday Night Programming Going Away?

Beginning in January 2020 we will no longer be offering Wednesday night adult classes or electives. We want to create a simpler pathway to discipleship without adding another program. This is to make L3 commitment more doable with an already busy schedule and to free us to be engaged in ministry, service and relationship to the church, our neighbors and community. In recognizing the value of content that has been presented on Wednesday nights in the past, we want to work with Sunday school classes to become a delivery vehicle for this style of biblical training.



The Coordinator of Volunteers provides administrative leadership for church wide volunteer recruitment, equipping and scheduling in relation to worship services, special church sponsored events and Welcome Ministries. This is a paid, part-time position. Qualified applicants should forward their cover letter, resume and two references to Dan Gehris, Business Manager. See full details and application requirements at kingstreetchurch.com/staff.



Joy, Joy, Joy are the words that come to mind as we have just celebrated the season of our Lord's birth.

And joy is what we experience at every Once More Ministries distribution day. Through your love for the community and your generosity, Once More Ministries is able to bless many families with knowledge of the Gospel and the love of Jesus as they also receive a container of toiletries.

Many thanks for all of your donations and prayers that help this ministry thrive. And thank you to the leadership and volunteers who put in all those hours of preparation and distribution. A special thank you to Pastor Mike Rentas, his wife and their congregation from Life and Hope church as they assisted us with translation and the distribution. This was an unexpected, but very much appreciated blessing!

Due to your compassion, you were able to bring joy to 173 households which amounted to 748 persons who were blessed by your generosity and love.

We also received 151 prayer requests for everything from work situations, health issues and family matters. We ask you to please keep our brothers and sisters of the community, our leadership and volunteers in this ministry in your prayers. We pray that this ministry will have clear vision in 2020.

May you all have a joyous, safe and healthy new year in 2020!

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. —1 John 4:7



Come out and support our basketball ministry by attending a game!

All games are held in Gym II at the Chambersburg Rec Center (235 S. 3rd St.).

King Street Black

• 1/7/20 @ 8 p.m. vs NETwork Blue

• 1/14/20 @ 9 p.m. vs Hebrew Hedgehog

• 1/21/20 @ 9 p.m. vs Falling Spring

• 1/28/20 @ 9 p.m. vs Grand Point

• 2/11/20 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street Red

• 2/20/20 @ 8 p.m. vs NETwork Orange

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• 1/23/20 @ 8 p.m. vs Hebrew Hedgehogs

• 1/28/20 @ 8 p.m. vs Falling Spring

• 2/4/20 @ 8 p.m. vs Grand Point

• 2/11/20 @ 8 p.m. vs King Street Black

· 2/20/20 @ 9 p.m. vs Hebrew Hedgehogs

KidzConnect Event



KidzConnect activities for grades 1–5 start back up on Wednesday, January 8.

Join us for a Winter White Out from 7–8:30 p.m. in the CMC.

Invite your friends for an evening of games focused on snow, fun and God's love for us.

Our goal for this coming year is to encourage our KSC kids to invite their friends who may not know who Jesus is.

Doors to the CMC (M229) open at 6:45 p.m.



These opportunities are designed to enrich the candidates with on-the-job education and experience, while providing support and encouragement for our ministries. Interships are for 10 weeks, 30 hours a week at minimum wage. Below is a listing of current intern opportunities for 2020. See full details and application requirements online at kingstreetchurch.com/staff.

Children's Ministry: one in summer and one in fall
Student Ministry: two in summer • Worship Ministry: two in summer
Outreach Ministry: one in summer primarily with Sue Marshall, Agape
English Ministries Coordinator, also with CR and other local ministries



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		5	Epiphany	6	7
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship Services and Intercessor Meetings		9:00 a.m. Exercise Cla (SMC)	ass	
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		6:30 p.m. Celebrate		
11:00 a.m.	Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School		Recovery (SMC)		
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9:30 a.m.	Sunday School		6:30 p.m. Celebrate		
11:00 a.m.	Preschool and Kids Worship, Adult and Youth Sunday School		Recovery (SMC)		
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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
N	lew Year's Day 1	2	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC)	4
12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	PrimeTimers Information Meeting and Potluck Lunch (Baker Center) KidzConnect Winter White Out (CMC) Youth Street Meeting (SMC)	12:10 p.m. Table Talk (Franklin County Visitor's Bureau)	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC)	11
7:00 p.m.	Children's Program Youth <i>Street</i> Meeting	16	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC)	9:00 a.m. Red Cross Babysitting Class (Children's Ministry Center)
7:00 p.m.	Children's Program Youth <i>Street</i> Meeting	23	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC)	25
7:00 p.m.	Children's Program Youth <i>Street</i> Meeting	30	9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SMC)	

JUST FOR KIDS

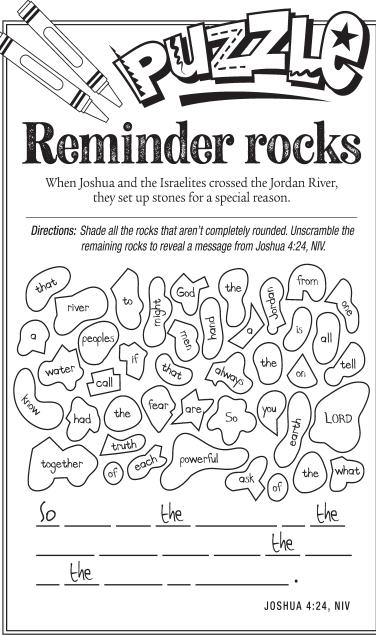
INTO THE NEW YEAR Make this craft to remember God's

many blessings. What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

- 1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
- 2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
- 3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
- 4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
- 5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
- 6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
- 7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV



SUNDAY SERVICES and SPECIAL EVENTS:

The decision to cancel morning worship services is always made by 7 a.m. Go to https://kingstreetchurch.com/about/winter-weather/ for full details if there is inclement weather or look for an alert banner scrolling on the homepage. We are conservative in our decisions and are not inclined to close our doors unless the weather is severe.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

If Chambersburg Area Schools are closed for bad weather or if the district is dismissed early in the afternoon, then all Wednesday evening activities are CANCELED. If schools start late in the morning, this will not affect evening activities.

OTHER OUTLETS:

In addition to this web page, announcements can also be found:

Homepage Alert: The absolute easiest way to know if we have a cancellation is to visit our homepage and IF we have any type of cancellation, a special "alert banner" will scroll across the top of the page.

Facebook: Our page is under King Street Church.

Radio: WIKZ (95.1 FM), WCHA (800 AM), WHAG (1410 AM), WDLP (96.7 FM), WCRH (90.5 FM), and WAYZ (104.7)

Church Voicemail: (717) 264-4651, (717) 264-1132, (717) 264-4907











Antrim Brethren in Christ Church, Chambersburg

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older.

Last year, 537 churches and 175,000 volunteers in 48 states and 16 countries came together to honor 90,000 guests with special needs!

This event is a celebration of the value of life. It is a chance for our beloved brothers and sisters with special needs to feel how much we love them. And it is a rare opportunity for them to enjoy a celebration of this magnitude.

The evening will include a limousine ride, red carpet experience, food, gifts, music, dancing and a video message from Tim Tebow. But the most special part of the evening is the crowning ceremony, when every participant is given a crown.

Locally, It will take over 300 volunteers to bring this night to life! If you can help, visit nighttoshine2020.com. Guest registration is full but there are still a few needs:

- **Buddies**: Buddies are paired with a guest throughout the night.
- Formal Wear: Help our guests look their best! For ladies: evening dresses, capes, jewelry. For gentlemen: suits, dress shirts, bow ties. Please leave donations on the coat racks outside the sanctuary and the Baker Center. We need them by early January.



















WINTER SLAM: FEBRUARY 7-9

This year's winter retreat is February 7–9, for students in grades 6-12.

This year we are excited to have the Allan Scott Band leading us in worship and Laura Bulgrien sharing messages.

Join with friends for games, lots of food, hangout time and winter activities (skiing, snowboarding, tubing).

The registration deadline is January 19.

Cost is \$95 plus activity fees.

This event is always an amazing time of fun and reflection—a highlight of the year! Register today at kingstreetchurch.com/slam.

PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

January 2020

Information Meeting and Potluck Lunch

- Wednesday, January 8
- Eat at 12:00 Noon in the Baker Center
- Come and learn about our activities for 2020
- Cost: Donation
- · Meat and place settings provided
- · Bring a covered dish to share
- The 2020 schedule will be handed out at the meeting
- Sign ups and deposits/payments for 2020 activities will be accepted that day.
- If you are new to Prime Timers, be sure to come to this meeting to receive the schedule for the coming year and sign up for activities (first come, first served). If you can't make it to the meeting, copies of the schedule will be on the various information walls after the January meeting.
- See the February Messenger for a complete list of 2020 activities.

February

Potluck Lunch

- Wednesday, February 12
- 12:00 Noon in the Baker Center
- Donation
- · Meat and place settings provided
- · Bring a covered dish to share
- Speakers: KSC youth leaders, Matt Gish and John Shadle

March

Potluck Lunch

- Wednesday, March 11
- 12:00 Noon in the Baker Center
- Donation
- · Meat and place settings provided
- · Bring a covered dish to share
- Master Gardeners will be speaking about small gardens

Memory Care Workshop

- Wednesday, March 21
- 9 a.m. in the Baker Center
- · Led by Jennifer Holcomb
- Register online at www.kingstreetchurch. com or by calling (717) 264-4651

Coming Up in 2020

- · Overnight trip to Philly
- · Breakfast locally
- Queen Esther at Sight and Sound
- · Raystown Lake visit, and more!
- Sign-ups may not start until the January information meeting.
- To sign up, make checks payable to KSC Prime-Timers and mail to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.
- Deposits at time of sign up: Day trip \$10;
 Overnight Trip \$50.
- Call Frances Humelsine at 717-263-8633 for more information.
- Cancellation Policy: The final sign up/final payment date and cancellation date are all the same date. There is NO refund of deposits or final payments after this date. If you have to cancel after this date, you will need to find a replacement unless there is a waiting list.

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.

"God has given each person unique talents, abilities and gifts in order to build up the Body of Christ and to rescue a lost world."

> Pastor Jody Bowser, November 24, 2019



"If our hearts are broken by the things that break the heart of God, then our hearts are broken by what Herod continues to do to children. What a gift it would be to the Lord if each one of us made a special effort this Christmas to love, to serve, to affirm, to care for, to bless, to minister to a child in need."

Pastor Don Baker, December 8, 2019



"All heaven leans over the rail to see if you'll notice, if you'll look up long enough to see what really is happening. God is at work. The kingdom is here. The veil is thin."

Pastor Jody Bowser quoting Eric Epperson December 15, 2019



Karli Frelin

November 27, 2019

(Serving in Chiang Mai, Thailand with Campus Outreach International)

Family and Friends

Thank you for praying over our time at CO Getaway a few weeks ago. The Lord really used this weekend to deepen friendships with stu-



Karli with her friend, Klao

dents and many came away from the weekend wanting to learn more about Christ. This is my friend Klao and God has given my team and me favor with her. We have been able to share the Gospel with her several times. Please pray that we would be able to continue to have spiritual conversations with her and for God to show her that Christ is the only way.

Please join me in praising God for His mighty work. He brings His people from death to life. In a photo on the next page is *F*. A few weeks ago she surrendered her life to Christ.

She grew up Buddhist and this is a big deal for her to reject what she has grown up believing in order to follow Christ. Please pray for Christ to give her a solid foundation and ask the Spirit to lead P'Pbaan (the Thai staff girl) in discipling *F*.



Karli with F

Emily Schoenleber

December 2, 2019

(Serving with Circuit Riders in Huntington Beach, California)

December

It's always had a nice ring to it in my opinion. Once again we find ourselves almost at the end of another year, and this time, at the end of a decade. It's December, so some of us find ourselves settling into the winter season, enjoying cozying in, and maybe we've already had some snow. Others of you are gladly shedding the winter layers and diving straight into summer, enjoying the warm, sunny days and all the outdoor activities. I'm happy for you.

But actually, after spending some Decembers in much warmer places, I'm really glad to be snuggled up with a warm blanket and a cup of tea as I write this. Growing up in Pennsylvania, this time of year always meant the beginnings of snow flurries, decorating for Christmas, maybe a snow day, singing lots of Christmas carols, celebrating my birthday (yay) and then Christmas, of course. December has always had a lot of highlights for me. As I write now, I'm actually still back in my hometown since I was back to celebrate Thanksgiving with my family. I was so grateful to be back this year because it is the first Thanksgiving I've been home with my family since 2014. This has definitely been such a precious gift for all of us and has given me some time to slow down, rest and reflect a bit on the last little while.

Finishing Pre-Tour in Europe

Before I get too far ahead of myself, I want to share a bit about the rest of our time in Europe and what the last month or so has looked like. The photo below was taken at one of the rallies we hosted in Europe in October. We gathered young people from the Basel, Switzerland area,



Emily with some of her former DTS students.

which included some friends from Germany. There were about 40-50 people that came for a night to worship, hear about Carry the Love and dream about what God wants to do in their cities. The photo above is very special though because each person in the photo was, at one stage, a DTS student of ours in New Zealand.

This group of people represent students from the very first DTS I staffed through the

last DTS that I was at the base for prior to moving to California. The Lord is just so kind because as I looked at this photo, He reminded me that not a moment was wasted and I was there for exactly the time I was meant to be there. Had I come to New Zealand late, or left even a few months early, I would have missed knowing some of these amazing people. In seasons of transition, it's all too easy to question if you missed something, if you should have transitioned sooner, etc. And believe me, I have definitely fought that. But, as I said, the Lord is so kind to give me reminders like this. The really tall guy standing next to me is Johannes, one of our Prayer&Passion students from the first school I ever staffed. He was really the one who helped us organize this rally in Switzerland and even translated for me when I spoke for a few minutes. So special! And a massive "thanks" to Johannes' parents for hosting our team and cooking for us while we were in Basel.

Following our time in Switzerland, we traveled to Vienna, Austria to spend a few days. The event was similar to the rally we held in Switzerland. Friends of ours came from Czech Republic, Hungary and Spain to join together in going after God's heart for this region.

After that, our little team finished off our pre-tour in the Netherlands where we again hosted a rally to meet with YWAMers and university students to plan for our Carry the Love tour in January and February. A fun bonus while we were in Amsterdam was that I got to see two girls who were exchange students at my high school. It was so fun to see them after six years or so.

In January we will be taking three different teams back to Europe and the UK for the Carry the Love tour. I'll send out a more detailed schedule of where we'll be in my next update, but my team will be going to Germany, the Netherlands, and Hungary, among other places. We are so excited for all that God is doing in Europe.

The Office

Well, below you see the place that all of us tour leaders spend the majority of our days. Each of the tables in this office is dedicated to a specific region and the team leaders for each region work together everyday to get schedules



Team leaders meeting together for scheduling.

and other logistics locked in for the tours we'll be leading in just over a month or so. It really is such a gift to work with a community like this, young people fully in love with Jesus and fully convinced of that writing on the back wall. We really do believe that our simple "yes" has the power to change history.

Behind all of the travel, the events and the fun we have with our teams, it's not glamorous. It really does start here. It starts in our rooms when it's just us and our Bibles. It starts in our garages when we gather for prayer. It starts with lots of emails and phone calls. It starts with conversation and sharing vision. At the end of the day, the vision is always Jesus. It always has been and it always will be: that we would know Him, that we would love Him and that out of our love for Him, we would raise up a generation to do the same.

Friends, can I encourage you at a time like this, the end of another year and a time of reflecting; choose hope and choose trust. Even while you're still waiting for promises to be fulfilled, even when you're still waiting for a breakthrough, recognize and celebrate all that the Lord has done because His work is always good, even when it's not quite finished.

B and SP

December 2, 2019

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)

Runaway Update

Her parents received a text saying that she was fine and in a safe place, but too embarrassed to return home. We are not 100% convinced it was from her with no foul play involved, but nothing can be proven yet. Her dad called friends of hers to try and find her, but the friends have now blocked his numbers. Please pray they will have extra help in looking for her and that ultimately she will be safe and unharmed, wherever she is. Pray her parents turn to Jesus with their fears.

Catch, Bless and Release

We said farewell to one of our sweet Chaldean families and their three precious children as they returned to California. It is hard for us as adults to say good bye after getting attached to these families, but it might be even harder to explain it to our children. It is easy to get cynical and decide not to grow attached to families and it is hard to plant a church with consistency when this happens. However, while praying one day with our team, the idea came that maybe we didn't need to bank on them staying forever. Catch: We needed to get them into fellowship. Bless: Try to bless them with the Word and the community found in the local body there and Release: Pray over them and send them back to hopefully be light in their community.

Stalking for Jesus

Hearing French spoken in a store, *S* turned down an aisle and saw a loosely covered M'im young lady. She kept her distance, but waited for the end of the girl's phone conversation and then moved in to strike up a conversation. "Shelly" is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She and her husband

are from two different North African countries. Pray that we can start a relationship with this gal IF God desires it.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Praise be to God! We had quite an international crowd and all the beauty that brings. We were grateful for all the American volunteers who mingled with our guests, helped with children and helped in the kitchen. It was exhausting, but exhilarating at the same time because we knew those adults were hearing the Gospel. May God give the increase!

K and RW

December 10, 2019

(Serving in the Middle East)

R made a trip to \blacksquare in November for a medical procedure. She had opportunities to share truth about Jesus as she went from place to place. One day she took a bus to travel two hours to see a friend. She found an observant Muslim woman seated next to her. As they visited, it was obvious this covered woman was a Muslim teacher. R asked her, "So what does your faith teach you about Jesus?" The woman was taken aback and after thinking a bit said, "Well Jesus spoke when he was just a baby in the cradle and he also made clay birds alive so they were able to fly." (This is normal Islamic belief about Jesus' miracles.) R showed her that Jesus taught us sin is more than bad actions; we also sin with our thoughts and words and we can find salvation from sin through his death.

Another day *R* and a young believer shared extensively from John 3 and 4 with a woman searching for help from God. The fields in ■ are ready for harvest. We now see interest in Jesus Christ that we never saw our first 30 years of ministry there. We believe there is a huge need for new workers to share with those who are searching for salvation. Will you pray for this need?

New Workers

We met "Melissa" (not her real name) at our Christar office. She was doing a ministry internship among Arabs in the Dallas area. After completing orientation, trainings in language learning and in Muslim evangelism, she was ready to serve among refugees. An email from R prompted her to consider work in among the millions of Arabic speaking refugees there. Melissa raised support and arrived in last October. After a year of ■ language study, Melissa will continue to learn Arabic so she can speak to refugees in their heart language. She already volunteers at the refugee center in **.** We are excited to see how God will use Melissa. Will you count the number of steps that Melissa took to become ready to serve?

New missionaries don't just appear in communities around the globe. Mobilizers train, mentor, pray for and walk alongside each one on their journey to the field—a significant investment that requires both time and financial resources. We encourage you to visit christar. org/sendgoodnews to learn more about what it takes to help new workers begin ministry in least-reached communities.

New Ministries

Many have asked about K's entry ban to \blacksquare . The court case to overturn the ban is slowly grinding its way through the judicial system and will conclude years from now. In the meantime K is serving as Christar's area Director for the Silk Road. He oversees ministry in \blacksquare . The ministries are focused on six major people groups. Pray for wisdom as two of these fields are new to him.

We both will help with Christar training for new missionaries in 2020; we will also explore Bible teaching opportunities for ■ speakers in Europe. We do ask your prayers for God to show the way as we seek what He has for our future. Thank you for your prayers for us this past year as we faced unexpected changes. God continues to show His faithfulness.

Joel Wentz

December 6, 2019

(Serving in Maine with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship)

End of Semester Report

Another December is here and with it comes the rush towards final exams, nailing down holiday travel plans, and of course, the first major snowstorm of the year in New England! This short update is to give you a glimpse of the semester, as well as to provide a major update. So much happens in a semester that it is impossible to adequately summarize, but here are some highlights:

I directed the Northern New England retreat in October, which ended up being our largest one yet (almost 200 students!).

New volunteers joined our efforts in Central Maine to help reach students at KVCC, Colby and Thomas College.

Much more happened, including exciting transformation of individual students on many of the campuses. All this would not be happening without your prayers and gifts.

Big Announcement

I will be leaving my area director position at InterVarsity to accept the new ministry position of Executive Pastor at Missio Dei Church in Portland, Maine. I have attended this church for 10 years and will start my new job on January 6. I will continue to help InterVarsity a few hours a month with the transition through the spring semester.

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.



