

Rejoicing From the Hills

"The little hills rejoice on every side."
-Psalm 65:12b-

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM. We will sing songs of thanksgiving to God, and praise the Lord together for the blessings we have received throughout this past year. A thanksgiving message will be preached from God's Word. 📖

Church Family Banquet

Friday, December 2
6:30 P.M.

Our annual Christmas banquet will be a special time of fellowship. A special meal is being planned.

There will be a speaker presenting God's Word as we remember Jesus coming to earth to bring us salvation. Please sign up in the narthex to let us know for how many to prepare. There will be an opportunity to give an offering toward the expenses of the meal. 📖



Children's Program

Sunday, December 18
9:30 A.M.

This will be a unique presentation by our Sunday School children who will share things they have been learning in their classes. 📖



Christmas Program

Sunday December 18
10:45 A.M.

A special musical program is being prepared to help us rejoice in the coming of our Savior over 2,000 years ago. It includes the Scriptures and songs that tell us about our Savior's birth. 📖

Candle Light Service

Saturday
December 24
7:00 P.M.

This is a very special candle light service with some special sacred music, praising God for sending His Son to save us from our sins that night long ago. 📖



Christmas Card Box

The Christmas card box will be available once again for you to share your cards with one another within the church family.



P l e a s e arrange your cards alphabetically to make it easier to sort them. The box will be in the narthex until Wednesday December 10, which is the deadline for submitting your cards. Cards for missionaries and anyone not listed in our current directory should be mailed to them directly. 📖

Old Electronic Donations

Don't throw them out! Donate them to the prison project when you get a new one for Christmas. There is no deadline for these to be donated. You can donate these after Christmas.

Old or Used Cell Phones

Here's what to do:

1. Delete all your personal information.
2. Put only phones (no accessories please) in the box at the coat rack in the narthex labeled "Donate Your Cell Phones Here".

It does not matter how old the phones are.

2017 Pocket Calendars
Will Be Available Soon

A GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR YOU

Have you asked Jesus Christ to save you? If not, will you accept Him as your Saviour now? The following will explain what you need to do.

1. **ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.** The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
2. **KNOW THAT GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR YOUR SALVATION.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16
3. **KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF.** "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5a
4. **REPENT OF YOUR SIN.** "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." II Corinthians 7:10. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3
5. **ASK JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE YOU.** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be **SAVED.**" Romans 10:13. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be **SAVED.**" Acts 16:31
6. **CONFESS JESUS BEFORE MEN.** "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be **SAVED.** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10

If you have any questions or would like further spiritual help, please contact us at the North Hills Bible Church. Our phone number is 757-1316.

Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

"Praying For That Open Door," the theme of this year's Missions Conference, should be true of all of us regardless of how old we are, where we live, and what we do. Over the years, countless men, women, teens, and children willing to go through "open doors" have impacted others for Christ. In addition to the many biographies already available in the library, look for these new books from the CHRISTIAN HEROES: THEN & NOW series:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: In the Midst of Wickedness

He pursued life as a pastor, teacher, theologian -- and spy. He spoke out about the trouble in Germany when Adolph Hitler came to power, urging the Christian church to rescue disparaged peoples and resist Hitler's evil empire. He persevered fearlessly in the midst of wickedness as a spy in the German resistance until his imprisonment and eventual execution.

David Bussau: Facing the World Head-on

He grew up in New Zealand boys' homes where expectations of the young men were grim. In spite of this, he emerged as a very enterprising teenager and then went on to ownership of numerous businesses. With his success, he had a vision to provide natural disaster relief and aid to the poor in Australia, Indonesia, India, and beyond, using business to advance the kingdom of God.

Count Zinzendorf: Firstfruit

He was an unusually mature Christian at a young age and did not follow the course dictated by his noble birth, but followed God's call even to the point of being banned from his native Saxony. He was a spiritual father to millions as he opened his estate to persecuted Christians and became a leader in the modern missions movement, reaching as far as Africa, America, and Russia.

New books from HEROES FOR YOUNG READERS include:

Eric Liddell: Running for a Higher Prize

Lottie Moon: A Generous Offering

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MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE TRUTH
CLAIMS ARE EQUALLY VALID

Introduction

Islam teaches that there is one god consisting of one person. Christianity teaches that there is One God consisting of three persons. These two beliefs are mutually exclusive. That is, the belief that god consists of only one person necessitates the exclusion of the belief that God consists of three persons. Also, the belief that God consists of three persons necessitates the exclusion of the belief that god consists of only one person.

There are many mutually exclusive beliefs between religions. Hinduism teaches polytheism, the belief in many gods. In Hinduism there are millions of gods. Taoism teaches pantheism, the belief that God consists of everyone and everything. For example, a tree is God, a mountain is God, the universe is God, and all people are God. Judaism and Christianity teach monotheism, the belief that there is only one God. The belief in many gods and the belief in One God are mutually exclusive. If there is only one God, there cannot be many gods, and vice versa.

Pluralism is the belief that even though two beliefs are mutually exclusive, they are both equally valid. So, from the view point of pluralism, the belief that there is only one God and the belief that there are many gods are equally credible and equally believable. How can it be possible that two things which are so opposite and mutually exclusive can both be true at the same time? **ONLY IN THE VAIN IMAGINATION OF MAN!**

But pluralism is not only a Gentile idea. The people of God, or those who are supposed to be the people of God, have practiced pluralism in one form or another since the days of ancient Israel. And the dangerous idea of pluralism is creeping into the church today little by little to the destruction of the integrity of the real Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us consider – and beware!

I. ISRAEL PRACTICED PLURALISM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. Jeremiah and Ezekiel were both prophets at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple when Nebuchadnezzar carried Judah off to Babylon.

1. Jeremiah mentions all four of the last kings of Judah, a period of time covering about 23 years and, then records the destruction of Jerusalem in Jeremiah chapter 39.

Jeremiah 39:2,8-9

2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

It must have been too painful for Jeremiah to describe the destruction of the temple, for he does not mention it.

2. Ezekiel describes the departure of the glory of God from Israel.

Ezekiel 11:23

23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

B. During the 23 years leading up to the destruction, of Jerusalem, God confronted Israel through Jeremiah and Ezekiel about their pluralism.

The Israelites had the idea that God would never allow His house to be destroyed, so, as long as they had the temple, they were safe. God said, "Don't count on the temple."

Jeremiah 7:4

4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.

Furthermore, God said, "There needs to be some changes in order for you to survive as a nation. Unfortunately, you are trusting in lies."

Jeremiah 7:5-7

5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 *If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:*

7 *Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.*

8 *Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.*

Note: A lot of people who profess to be Christians in today's churches are also trusting in lies, just like the Israelites did.

Illustration

APRIL 25, 2014

RICK WARREN CALLING FOR UNITY WITH ROME

This month, Rick Warren of Saddleback Church gave an exclusive interview with Catholic television channel EWTN, complete with effusive praise for the Catholic Church and the popes and a call for unity with Rome. He praised the works of Catholic contemplative "saints" such as St. John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, calling their books "great classic devotional works," ignoring the fact that they held to a false sacramental gospel and venerated Mary as the Mother of God and the Queen of Heaven. Warren said that Saddleback uses Roman Catholic contemplative prayer methods such as the very dangerous "centering prayer," and Saddleback's "spiritual director" was trained by a Roman Catholic named Jean Vanier. In fact, he said that when he was writing *The Purpose Driven Church* he would get up in the morning, light candles, and start writing. He called Pope Francis "our pope" and said, "For authenticity, humility, Pope Francis is the perfect example. He is doing everything right." Warren said that Saddleback recently received a delegation from the Vatican consisting of about 30 Catholic bishops to study the church's "style of evangelization." Warren said, "I fully support the Catholic Church's New Evangelization," which is a program to regain lapsed Catholics to the false Catholic faith and which is centered around veneration of Mary. When asked by EWTN's Raymond Arroyo, "What is keeping Christians apart from the unity that John Paul II and all the recent popes have called for?" Warren replied: "I think we need to go back to

the words of St. Augustine. 'In the essentials we have unity; in the non-essentials we have liberty; in all things we show charity.' I think this is really true. I think as the world, particularly the western culture, becomes more secular, more anti-Christian ... it is really incumbent on all Christians of every brand and stripe that we join together on the things that we share in common" (Rick Warren, EWTN, "World Today," Apr. 10-11, 2014). Rick Warren is one of the most influential Christians on earth and also one of the most dangerous. He is enthusiastically building the end-time, one-world church.

Consider Jeremiah 7:9-10

9 *Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;*

10 *And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?*

God confronted the Israelites for their idolatry by which they stole, murdered, committed adultery, swore falsely, burned incense unto Baal, and walked after other gods. Then, they also came and stood before God in the temple and proclaimed, "Since we have come into the temple and stood before the Lord, our sins are forgiven so we can go do some more." With men like Rick Warren leading a large segment of the church, things have not changed much among those who call themselves the people of God. Worshiping at the altar of Catholicism cannot be any better in the sight of God than worshiping at the altar of Baal.

C. Ezekiel described how the Israelites would worship idols and God on the very same day.

Ezekiel 23:39

39 *For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.*

D. Yet God had clearly declared to Israel that He was the only God that actually exists.

Isaiah 44:6

6 *Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and **beside me there is no God.***

Isaiah 44:8

*8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. **Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.***

Isaiah 45:5

*5 **I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:***

Isaiah 45:6

*6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that **there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.***

Isaiah 45:21

*21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and **there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.***

Isaiah 43:11

*11 **I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.***

The acceptance of various forms of Christianity as all being equally valid and believable is the equivalent to worshipping more than one God. The Jesus that many modern churches believe in is not the real Jesus of the Bible. God warned us about this in 2 Corinthians 11:4 *For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

II. THE GREEKS PRACTICED PLURALISM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A. Paul was in Athens, in the Synagogues, with devout persons, and in the market place with anyone he met.

Acts 17:16-17

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

B. Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him.

Acts 17:18

18 And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

C. So they took Paul to Areopagus.

Acts 17:19

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

Note

This hill belonged to (Ares) Mars and was called Mars Hill (thus Areopagus); so called, because, as the story went, Mars, having slain Halirrhothius, son of Neptune, for the attempted violation of his daughter Alicippe, was tried for the murder here before twelve gods as judges. This place was the location where the judges convened who, by appointment of Solon, had jurisdiction of capital offences, (as wilful murder, arson, poisoning, malicious wounding, and breach of established religious usages). The court itself was called Areopagus from the place where it sat, also Areum iudicium a curia. To that hill the apostle Paul was not led to defend himself before judges, but that he might set forth his opinions on divine subjects to a greater multitude of people, flocking together there and eager to hear something new.

D. As Paul moved about the city, and as he approached the Areopagus, he observed all the "devotions" of the Greek philosophers, that is, all the idols and gods they acknowledged.

Acts 17:23

*23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.*

E. He called them too superstitious.

Acts 17:22

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

He called them too superstitious because they had included every god they could think of, and then just in

case they left any out, they included an empty pedestal which they labeled “to the unknown God.”

F. The Greek philosophers were all inclusive. Just as we are being told to be so today.

The first amendment to the Constitution of the United States says, “**Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof**; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

The prevailing world view interprets this as follows: You have the right to exercise your religion any way you see fit, but so does everyone else, which means proselytizing is unconstitutional. This interpretation has manifested itself in the U.S. military. One military regulation states: “Leaders at all levels must balance constitutional protections for an individual’s free exercise of religion or other personal beliefs and the constitutional prohibition against governmental establishment of religion.” President Mikey Weinstein and others from the Military Religious Freedom Foundation met privately with Pentagon officials on April 23, 2014. He said U.S. troops who proselytize are guilty of sedition and treason and should be punished – by the hundreds if necessary – to stave off what he called a “tidal wave of fundamentalists.” “Someone needs to be punished for this,” Weinstein told Fox News. “Until the Air Force or Army or Navy or Marine Corps punishes a member of the military for unconstitutional religious proselytizing and oppression, we will never have the ability to stop this horrible, horrendous, dehumanizing behavior.”

It is not just in the U.S. military, however, that this idea of pluralism is showing up. It is even being manifested in what has been considered Bible believing circles. Paul Louis Metzger and John W. Morehead (from Multnomah School of the Bible) wrote a commentary on a lecture that was given at Grand Valley State University in Michigan in April, 2013, that featured Padma Kuppa, a Hindu interfaith activist with the Hindu American Foundation. She was sharing the results of her research into “predatory proselytization,” which she defines as unethical conversion strategies. Kuppa offered examples of how this phenomenon takes place in her home country in India. One example was that Christians used public obituary information in order to send sympathy cards to the relatives of deceased Hindus, only to include evangelistic elements, involving not only the citation of biblical verses, but also mention

of eternal punishment. The Metzger/Morehead commentary said this about Kuppa’s speech: “Christians need to engage in careful reflection on the ethics of evangelism. For many people outside our faith, this evangelistic work is not viewed positively. For them it is unwelcome and even predatory at times. Their concerns need to be heard, especially by Evangelicals, as we wrestle with thinking through appropriate evangelistic expressions and ethical approaches to evangelism. In response to the troubling example above involving sympathy cards, would it not seem more appropriate simply to express our grief and mourn with those who mourn in such situations, nothing more? **Zeal for evangelism is a very good thing, as long as it does not involve predatory dynamics. No one likes to be someone else’s prey.**” Huh?

If these men were merely talking about being tactful in your witnessing without compromising the directness and confrontational nature of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that would give perhaps a reasonable context to what they are saying. But on the website called Morehead's Musings, they explain: “This blog represents an exploration of ideas and issues related to what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the 21st century Western context of religious pluralism, post-Christendom, and late modernity. Blog posts reflect a practical theology and Christian spirituality that results from the nexus of theology in dialogue with culture.” In other words, this expresses a willingness to compromise not only their methods, but also the actual substance of their witness.

Metzger gives us another example of this compromise as the founder and Director of New Wine, New Wineskins. He states that this organization exists for cultivating a community of people brought together around a shared vision of bearing witness to Christ in contemporary culture. **Integrating theology and spirituality with cultural sensitivity stands at the center of Dr. Metzger’s ministry vision.**

While all of this sounds so “nice,” is it Biblical? According to the prevailing world view to which many Christians are subscribing, we must be much more sensitive to the religious feelings of others and not force our faith onto them. For example, **The Evangelical Chapter of the Foundation for Religious Diplomacy** has as one of its goals the education and equipping of college and university students on interreligious engagement. Their primary resource for this is called Loving Our Religious Neighbors. This was designed by Josh Daneshforooz,

who was previously on staff at Northwood Church under the leadership of Pastor Bob Roberts. Josh comes from a bi-religious family. His dad was Muslim and his mom is a Christian. As a result he's had a passion for helping Christians engage other religions in more positive ways than we have tended to in the past.

The Foundation for Religious Diplomacy states its purpose as follows: "The Foundation for Religious Diplomacy exists to develop a communication network between diverse religious groups in order to decrease ill will and build trust between them. The foundation helps each religion tell its sacred story clearly in comparative dialogue with others who hold strongly different beliefs. The foundation aims to facilitate the discovery of areas for collaborating in humanitarian service without compromising distinctively different religious beliefs. The foundation facilitates respectful, transparent discussion of deep religious differences that are the source of much conflict, **not with the goal of agreement** or compromise but of building relations of healthy, creative tension between people who have respect and good will for each other....When people exchange their stories of how they came to believe as they do, they open the heart of empathy between them. Then they can engage in honest contestation of their differences while respecting the wisdom and good will of each other."

Unfortunately, such "evangelical" babble is becoming all too common in today's church. In a pervasive, politically correct environment, "evangelicals" are so exaggerating their attempts to be nice that in the process they are watering down the Gospel to the point of it being unrecognizable and thus unable to make any difference to unbelieving hearts.

G. Paul declared the truth about the God that the men on the Areopagus had missed.

Acts 17:23-31

23 *For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.*

24 *God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;*

25 *Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;*

26 *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth,*

and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 **That they should seek the Lord,**

if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 **For in him we live, and move, and have our being;**

as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 *Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God,*

we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:*

31 **Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.**

Conclusion

Not only is there only one God, there is only one way to have access to that One God. 1 Timothy 2:5 says, *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.* And Jesus declared that He is that one and only way. *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* (John 14:6)

If we really believe that, then we cannot bow down to any other god, even in the name of ethical evangelism. Of course, be tactful. But never compromise the truth.

Jude

22 *And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

Missionary News



**From
Around
The World
and
Here at Home**

Roger & Nola Perrott

(on furlough from Hong Kong)

At this point in our furlough, we have visited almost all of our supporting churches and a few new churches. We are so thankful for all of our faithful and encouraging supporters. We have asked all of you to pray that the Lord will supply the support needed to get back to the field. We have been encouraged by the words of our supporters. We have gained a little monthly support, but nowhere near enough to go back to Hong Kong. Please join us in prayer that the Lord would open doors to new churches who want to partner with us in reaching Hong Kong.

Pray with us as we plan to begin a Bible Club for the kids where we live here in the States, so that we can reach the kids and get to know their families better. I would also love to start a Bible study for adults as well.

The work in Hong Kong is still going on. Four people have been saved and baptized this year, two kids were saved in VBS, and three lost men now are coming to church. Pray God will open their hearts. There are several other families that are being witnessed to also. Our church is moving to Tai Po in October. They feel it is necessary because the price of the rent is going way up in the building where we have been meeting. The goal is to start a preschool outreach at the new location and to meet families as a result. All the church members will go with the church when it moves, since it is only 20 minutes away by train. Pray that the people who have been hearing the gospel will respond in these last weeks.

Also keep praying for the PANDA project which is being increased to four training weeks a year for the mainland pastors. Your prayers would

be appreciated for safe entry of the students to Hong Kong. A student was denied entry twice. The two classes that were just held in September were on "The doctrines of the Holy Spirit" and "Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon". We are praying that God will work mightily among the students during the classes.

Moises & Rosa Campos

(on furlough from Spain)

God willing, we will be traveling in the States for our furlough 2016. We will be three months from September 1 to November 28, and it will be our pleasure to visit you and share with you what the Lord has been doing in Olot, Spain as well as our future plans for the ministry. We will be traveling and visiting churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Alabama, Michigan, Virginia and North Carolina. Please pray for God to open doors to have new churches partner with us in the ministry in Spain.

Although we are nationals of Spain and we are ministering in our own country, we feel called to be a missionary, as well as a pastor. The church we have been establishing for a long time now in Olot, has come to maturity to function on its own. Therefore, we feel as missionaries we must now go to another town and start another church. The town of Castellar del Valle has 23,000 people with no Bible preaching church. We are burdened to go to this town and begin a ministry there. We know of no Christians in this town, and so to start our ministry we will meet people by trying to get involved in city life, handing out tracts and having literature displayed on a table in the town for people to stop and ask questions.

Please pray with us that God will go before and prepare the way. We need to find a place to live that will be large enough to hold a Bible study group eventually. We would also like to continue using our Bible Exhibit display to make contacts with people. This display takes up a lot of room, so we will also need storage area for it when it is not in use. Pray also for God to open doors into the hearts and lives of people in this town to receive the message of salvation, and that we will see a solid fundamental church develop for the people in this area of Spain.

Missions Conference Report

Theme: "Praying for that Open Door"

Verse: Colossians. 4:3 "Praying also for us that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ..."

Church Picnic

The Saturday picnic was the kick-off to our Missions Conference with our missionaries present. There was an abundance of food and overwhelming variety. After good fellowship at the tables the missionaries were introduced, and then Moises Campos spoke to the adults while Roger Perrott spoke to the children. The rest of the afternoon was spent enjoying games for all the ages. The children and teens had fun playing their games out in the open exercising their limbs, while the adults stayed under the pavilion and had their thinking challenged

Morning Sessions

Monday- Moises & Rosa Campos from Spain told us about how they are planning to start a new church in Spain when they return from this furlough. They showed pictures and told us about some of the culture in Spain and taught us some Spanish words. They also gave us a taste of some of the food that is typically eaten. One was made with eggs, the other was bread with tomato and olive oil on it.

Tuesday - We had reports from summer missions trips taken by Tanisha Smith to South Africa, and Pastor and Mrs. Moss to Uganda East Africa. The African cultures are interesting and everyone enjoyed the pictures and curios from these countries. We learned a verse in Lugbara and had food served to us that is common in this part of the world.

Wednesday - The Perrotts who minister in Hong Kong taught us about the Chinese language which is very interesting. It is a tonal language so the same word can mean different things depending on what tone you use. They showed pictures and talked a bit about the culture. We got to enjoy some Chinese food and were given chopsticks to eat it with. We were shown how to hold the chopsticks properly and give it a try.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies really enjoyed the conversations at the tables as they delighted in being catered to by some faithful men in the church with servant's hearts that served them. Both of the missionary ladies spoke.

Rosa Campos challenged us to trust the Lord when we are out of our comfort zone, and to also trust the Lord to continue the good work He has begun in the people we have ministered to in the past even if we are no longer with them to give guidance.

Nola Perrott reminded us to pray for boldness for ourselves and our missionaries to go through the open doors the Lord gives us to neighbors and acquaintances. That we would have a loving, caring attitude toward them even if they reject us.

Adult Sessions

Moises Campos in his messages explained that we are safe when we draw nearer to God, learn more of Him and not take ourselves out of His will. It is easy to get angry at the world and frustrated with all the sin. We can also get so busy with our lives and make things more complicated than they need to be. But God wants us to let Him lead, and enjoy the simplicity of following our Shepherd.

Roger Perrott brought to our attention that when we pray for missionaries, we need to be consistent and specific. Don't just pray in general. Pray specifically for boldness, growth, and for the open doors for them to witness. We need to be praying for people to repent. We as Christians need to follow Christ's example and love the brethren, and our sincere prayers will be answered.

Junior Conference

The elementary children had separate meetings in the evenings of the conference and focused on memorizing the theme verse and what it means. They also did a craft to go along with the theme of "Praying for an Open Door" to witness to people they come in contact with. Even at this young age they can learn to recognize opportunities (Open Doors) that God gives them to speak a word for the Lord. The songs they sang were all missions related. They also enjoyed helping to find on the globe where our missionaries are serving and pray for some of their specific requests. It was a privilege to have the conference missionaries speak to the children on a personal level.

Pastor & Mrs. Moss's

Missions Trip Report

Pastor and Mrs. Moss had the privilege of visiting one of our missionaries, who also happens to be their son, in Uganda East Africa. Samuel, Nicole, Levi (10), Silas (9) and Elijah (7) are in their second term on the mission field.

There are a group of five pastors and their families who have come from 6 hours away to live there for five or more years as they work on translating the Bible into their own Ma'di language. It was a pleasure to meet these men who are diligently working on providing an accurate account of the Scriptures for their people.

It was exciting for Pastor Moss to teach in the Bible Institute to 12 national pastors and church leaders who were very eager learners. They soaked up the material presented the first week on the doctrine of sin and how to share this information to those to whom they minister. It was a perfect example of 2 Timothy 2:2 "...the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." The men had never studied sin in the Bible to this depth before and they were amazed at how much there was to study on this subject.

The second week of the Bible Institute, Pastor Moss taught on God's Plan for the Ages. This consisted of two parts, a study on Dispensationalism and a survey of Eschatology, the events of the end times. During this last part of the study, these enthusiastic students became even more energized. It was a great way to end 45 hours of teaching in nine days of classes.

Pastor Moss also had the opportunity to preach in the Victory in Christ Independent Baptist Church each Sunday. The second Sunday we were there, a bus brought about 30 visitors to the morning church service. Most of these were Christian refugees from South Sudan. Also with them was a Nigerian missionary to South Sudan. There were at least five

language groups present in the same service: Nigerian, South Sudanese, Ma'di, Lugbara, and English. What a joy it was for Pastor Moss to preach to this amazing group.

Mrs. Moss had the thrill of holding a VBS for the children in the area. There were three language groups in attendance - English, Ma'di (the children of the families translating the Bible), and Lugbara (the local tribe). Children there have school year round so school was in session. The Lugbara children got out of school first and so she taught the lesson to that group first, through a translator. It was amazing to have between 70 and 100 children in this group each day.

By the time that lesson was over, the Ma'di and English children were out of school, and so all the children played a game together. One day they played games with a parachute, another day big-balls, there was plunger ball and a red-rover type game. They had a blast, and there seemed to be no language barrier once the game got started.

After game time the Lugbara children walked home (most of them 30 minutes away or more) in their bare feet and ragged clothing as they had come. They came and went with no adult accompanying them, walking along the road or back some narrow paths with grass higher than they are tall. Now the lesson time for the Ma'di and English speaking children took place. This was a smaller group of 20. With the two groups combined there were 113 the first day and 118 the last day.

Each day of VBS the children learned a new verse. The theme was "Building My Life for Christ". They were each given a verse packet at the beginning of the week and were encouraged to learn the verses by receiving a sticker for each verse quoted perfectly by memory. Also, those that learned all five verses for the week got a prize at the end. Some learned one, two, three or four verses; but we were amazed that 63 children said all five verses!

God blessed in bringing children to Himself for salvation also. The first day no one responded, the second day 29, third day 12, fourth day 14, last day 5 for a total of 60 children turning to the Lord for salvation. Pray for these children as they go back to their villages, that they will put into practice the things they learned in VBS, and that their family will see a change in their lives and come to know the Savior too.

Tanisha Smith's

Missions Trip Report

I was happy to be able to go to South Africa. When we arrived there we were met at the airport by my Aunt and Uncle Overmiller. The South Africans call my Aunt, Mommy O. Soon we were also referring to them as Daddy and Mommy O.

My first time to have ministry was in the Sunday School class. I did sign language to help in teaching the days of creation and also did songs with the children. They have a service in two different churches each Sunday. Also, I played the piano and sang special music with my cousin and her husband for some of the services in these churches.

At the beginning and end of my stay in South Africa I helped with a week-long after-school Bible Club. I helped with the girls and just loved the children.

When we went to Zimbabwe and Zambia for four weeks I had different jobs. During a preaching conference and some other places, my cousin Sarah, nephew Caleb, and I did a puppet ministry with the children. There were also many times to help in cooking food and taking care of children and babies during that time. We had opportunities to minister with a youth group, orphan boys and street boys. We did hospital visits and went soul winning.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me. Also thank you to all who gave money for my trip and the gifts for the people.

I would like to go back again sometime.

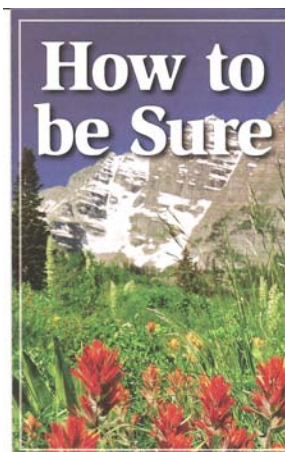
Spotlight on Tracts



“Exactly what is the holiday that we are celebrating? Are we allowed to say it? Is it a forbidden word? Will people be offended if we actually tell them what the holiday is?”

“What ever happened to Christmas? What ever happened to the Christ of Christmas? Should we give up Christmas and abandon it as a holy day? Why did God have to become a man?”

This tract asks and answers these questions. These tracts are available in the narthex for your use.



“One day I was driving with an elderly gentleman when I asked him a very personal question. “Do you have peace with God? “ I asked. The gentleman was rather startled, and he said to me, “I have tried for years to answer that question, but I just cannot find anyone to tell me how to be sure. I need to know if I am saved...”

“What kind of answer are you looking for?” I inquired.

“Well, that’s what puzzles me. I want a definite witness, something I cannot be mistaken about. Some folks tell me they felt some powerful change when they got religion. I have been seeking that for years. But it has always eluded me.”

What answer would you give this gentleman? Pick up the tract and see how this conversation ends.



Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

This summer the preschoolers learned the 7 I Am's of Jesus taken from the book of John. The lessons they had were stories of Jesus. He said "I am the Bread of Life" when He fed the multitudes with a little boy's lunch. The children enjoyed eating bread and gold fish crackers from a basket, but our basket didn't stay full. Jesus did a miracle with the little boy's lunch! He said "I am the Good Shepherd" when He told the story of the lost lamb. He could raise Jarius' daughter and Lazarus back to life because He is the "Resurrection and the Life." How wonderful it is to be able to know the almighty Son of God personally.

We will greatly miss Esther Wertz in our class as she has graduated to the Primaries.



Primaries

taught by Mary Snyder

The Primary class finished their year with lessons about Joshua. Joshua was obedient to God and trusted Him to direct his path. We could see God's faithfulness in his life.

Shawn Smith moved on to the Junior class and we welcomed Esther Wertz into our class.



Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

It is always an exciting time when we get to welcome a new student to our class as classes change in the fall; so we welcome Shawn Smith to our class! It is also a fun time as we start a new series of lessons. This year our studies will be on our Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we have begun our study, we started by emphasizing to our students that there will be many lessons they may have heard before, but we want them to really think about Jesus and what He did for us.

We started our Christmas lesson in the book of Colossians, reminding our students that Jesus is the Creator, and how remarkable it is that He was willing to come as a baby. Before we started our study on the wise men, we went to the book of Daniel and marveled at the preciseness of God's prophecies. We pray our students will be in awe this year at who our Lord is, what He did when He was on the earth, and how great it is to be a Christian.

We also want to say "Job well done" to Hannah and Rebecca Wertz for saying their summer verses!

Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

This summer the children learned about the Fruit of the Spirit of Love, Joy, and Peace. Through Biblical examples of men and women who displayed either the fruit or a lack of the fruit, the leaders were able to encourage the children to allow the Holy Spirit to have control of their lives so that His fruit would be evident. Each week, a game focused on a Bible verse relating to the Fruit of the Spirit was enjoyed by both the leaders and the clubbers.

Thank you to all those parents, leaders and helpers, who are involved with Master Clubs. It is a pleasure to see the children excited to learn more about serving the Lord.



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QUIZZING

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Joyce Moss

The summer went by quickly as the teens along with some men and women in the church worked on the displays for the Missions Conference in September. The country we focused on in the fellowship hall this year was Hong Kong which was represented at our conference by the Roger Perrott family. In Hong Kong they use only public transportation as they go to and from their church. They have an open door of ministry to hold a tutoring center in their church after school to help children with homework and give them a Bible lesson. In the fellowship hall we displayed a subway train, a bus, and a taxi for the children to sit in "on their way" to the tutoring center, where we had a table set up for them to try writing things in Chinese characters. The children loved this interactive display and it gave them a sense for what it is like in another culture where our missionaries serve. (You can see pictures on the internet version of *Rejoicing from the Hills*)

Back to our school year schedule on Wednesday evenings, this year our teens are quizzing on the books of Philippians and III John. We welcome a new quizzer this year, Matthew Kanost, and we are grateful for our seasoned quizzers, Austin and Ian Morrow, Jonathan Kanost, and Charles Balcom. Pray for them to be diligent in the study of God's Word.

HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

We have just started another year in our North Hills Homeschool Co Op. Since we have only met one time so far, this summary will be of the things we hope to study this year.

The younger class is learning the days of Creation this year. They started out with day one learning about light, making rainbows, shadows, and learning about Thomas Edison. Included is a picture of the lanterns they made.



The Middle Class is studying the seven continents, surrounding oceans, and some of the countries therein. The children played a game using a large map as a reference and placing their continent names on the correct place on their maps. Later they were able to make a world out of a balloon placing land masses in the correct location. They asked the missionaries questions during the Missions Conference and will report back to class what they learned next month.

The High School class will be doing all kinds of Science this year, mainly Chemistry and Biology. On their first day they talked about the Scientific Method. They were each given blank puzzle pieces of a circle and asked to draw a part of the world without discussing it with their classmates. After the students were done drawing they put the pieces together, but the pictures did not fit together to form a logical image. God's design is perfect and complex. Then they went outside to study God's design in nature. Lastly they played a game of Ultimate Frisbee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October

6	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
16	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
17	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
18	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
19	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
20	Homeschool Field Trip	



November

10	Homeschool Classes	9-12 AM
13	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
15	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
16	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
21	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
23	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 PM
24	Homeschool Field Trip	
27	Prison Ministry	2:30 PM
29	Prison Ministry	7:00 PM



December

2	Church Banquet	6:30 PM
8	Homeschoolers Caroling	
17	Program Practice	9:30 AM
18	Christmas Programs	9:30 AM 10:45 AM
18	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
19	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
20	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
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Up-coming Events

for Our Missionaries



October

Friends of Israel
 Feast of Tabernacles celebration banquets
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 Good News Clubs in public schools and homes
 Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa
 Teaching in Bible College - 1st week
 Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines
 Fundamental Bible Conference

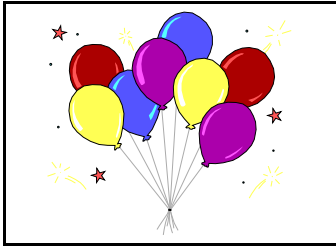
November

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa
 Church Ministries Institute - apprenticeship training
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 Good News Clubs in homes and in public schools
 Kilmer, Donald & Karen - South Africa
 Children's Ministry
 Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC
 Thanksgiving meal for soldiers
 Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain
 Vacation Bible School

December

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain
 Starting a ministry in a new town
 Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
 Good News Clubs in homes and in public schools
 Friends of Israel
 Celebrating Hanukkah with Jewish contacts
 Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus
 Extra outreach ministries during community Christmas vacation
 Military Evangelism - Camp LeJune, NC
 Christmas meal for marines and open house for the community.

Church Family News



Happy Birthday

October

- 4 - Betty Chronister
- 6 - Gloria Hevner
- 8 - Katrina Cook
- 10 - Gloria Kissinger
- 14 - Wayne Laning
- 15 - Marietta Wertz
- 17 - Dawn Balcom
- 17 - Laura Morrow
- 17 - **Levi Moss**
- 17 - **James Perrott**
- 18 - Sue Kornbau
- 21 - **Cheryl Hilt**
- 21 - Nathanael Moss
- 26 - Henry Balcom (father)
- 26 - Mary Collins
- 26 - Deborah King

November

- 1 - Holly Mellinger
- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 11 - Norm Breneman
- 11 - Marley Gross
- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 13 - Rachelle Krape
- 15 - **Leonard Smith**
- 16 - **Abigail Perrott**
- 18 - Tyler Knuth
- 23 - **Judie Blackwell**
- 24 - **Karen Kilmer**



- 25 - Rebecca Wertz
- 27 - **Janis Colon**

December

- 1 - Grace Balcom
- 5 - **Moises Campos**
- 6 - Doris Knudsen
- 8 - **Elisabeth Campos**
- 10 - **Anna Pinyol**
- 15 - Joyce Moss
- 16 - Reg Stelfox
- 20 - Julie Boyer
- 21 - Esther Wertz
- 22 - Beth Ann Flohr
- 24 - John Kanost
- 27 - Marian Cosgrove
- 31 - Jeannie Geesey



Happy Anniversary

October

- 3 - John & Amy Kanost
- 12 - Henry & Dawn Balcom

November

- 9 - Todd & Betty Chronister
- 10 - Ed & Marian Cosgrove
- 22 - Lester & Joan Fink

December

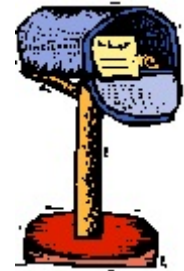
- 4 - **Roberto & Imelda Livioco**
- 22 - Russell & Holly Mellinger
- 22 - Earl & Connie Morrow
- 28 - Chris & Heather Knuth
- 28 - Kermit & Cindy Smith
- 28 - Barry & Mary Shelly

Please Note!

The purpose of printing these lists is to give the church family an opportunity to congratulate one another on these special days. The **bold print** indicates a member of our missionary family.



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Address Changes

Kevin & Julie Boyer
310 N. Pembroke Rd.
Pembroke, NH 03275

Dalton & Katrina Cook
2733 Sunset lane
York, PA 17408

Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Mary Cole, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Shigeko Hall, Gloria Hevner, Olivia Kauffman, Reba Moose, Susan Peters, Linda Spahr, Reg Stelfox

Homeschoolers Meeting for Classes



The Middle Group and the Teens enjoying physical education.



Teens involved in chemistry class under Dawn Balcom's direction.



Missions Conference



Our theme for this year is taken from Colossians 4:3 "Praying also for us that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ..."



Working on conference decorations.

Church Picnic



Lots of yummy food!



Devotions with the missionaries.



Adult games under the pavilion.



Kids games - drop pin in jar, and hitting the pinata.



Teen games - pour basket of balls into another basket, and water balloon volleyball using towels.



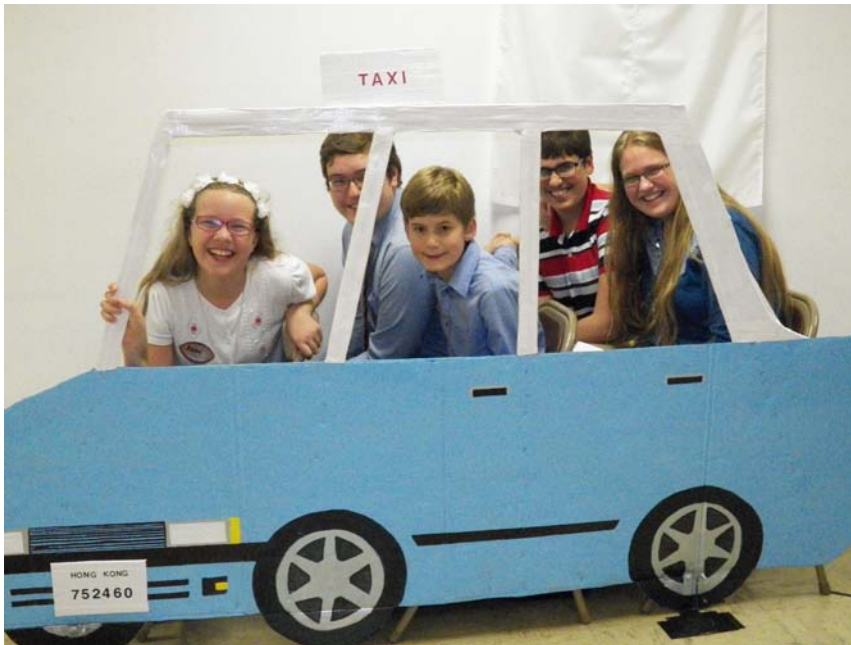
Missions Conference

Our special interest in the Fellowship Hall this year represented Hong Kong's public transportation system. This is where our missionaries, the Perrotts, serve the Lord. Yes, they do have to use all these forms of transportation to get around. The children enjoyed the interactive display and it gave them a better sense of what the Perrotts go through just to get from their house to their church and back again.

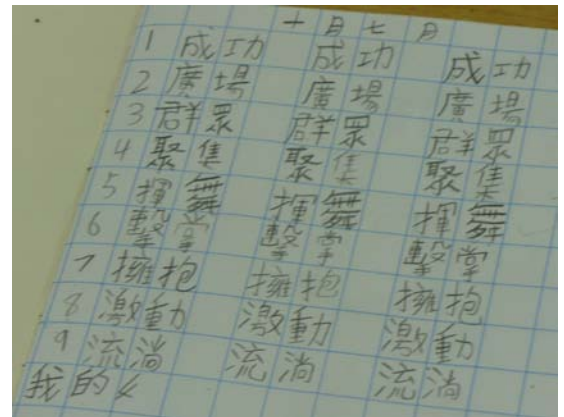


1. They walk about 1/4 mile from their house to the bus stop.

2. The subway train often has standing room only.



3. Yes, they do have to squeeze to fit into the taxi!



4. They finally get to their church where they have a tutoring center for children after school who come and get help with their homework (mostly practicing their Chinese characters) and hear a Bible lesson.

On the table in our Fellowship Hall were papers for our kids to try to write in Chinese.

JUNIOR MISSIONS CONFERENCE



Finding on the globe where our missionaries serve (above), and praying specific requests for them (right). Then giving a special offering for our missionaries in our unique chicken house offering container (below).



Learning from the missionaries.



Practicing the theme verse. (Left)

Singing the conference theme song. (Right)

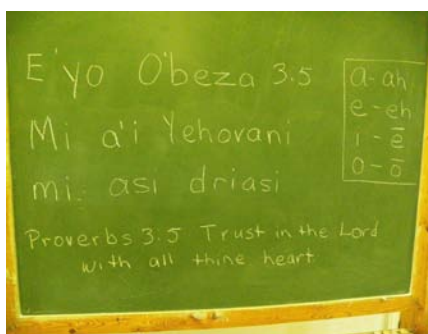


Making a craft to go with the conference theme of "Praying for an Open Door" to witness to people. (Left)

Showing their completed work. (Right)



Missions Conference Morning Sessions



We learned some Spanish,

Lugbara,

and Chinese.



We were served food from Spain, Africa, and China.



We learned about cultures and saw and handled curios from other countries.

