# Rejoicing From the Hills

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

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### SUMMER MINISTRIES



Matt and Rachelle Krape will be ministering at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. Matt will be taking a leave of absence from his job so that he may dedicate his summer to serving the Lord in this camp ministry. Please pray for the Krapes as they minister to young people and families in the various camps. Contributions to support them financially in this endeavor will be accepted through North Hills Bible Church. Please use an offering envelope for the offering plate, or mail your contribution to the church and designate it for the Krapes.



Buck, Cindy and Tanisha Smith, will also be serving the Lord at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. Pray for them as they continue in their walk with the Lord, as well as in their ministry to young people or helping on operational staff.

#### CAMP INFO

Our young people attend Servant's Heart Camp in the summer. They are exposed to the teaching of God's Word and are given the opportunity to have a lot of fun in an environment which the parents can trust. Please pray for our youth as they attend camp this summer. Pray that the Lord will use this experience to draw them closer to Him, and to help them have more receptive hearts to His will for their lives.

Other camps are also offered throughout the summer for families and senior citizens.

The camp is in Ramey, Pennsylvania. To find out more, or to register, please go to <a href="www.shcm.org">www.shcm.org</a> or <a href="mailto:info@shcm.org">info@shcm.org</a>. You may also contact them by phone at 717-808-7992.

Young at Heart day is offered to senior citizens on June 12.

**Teen Camps**June 15-20,
or July 13-18, or July 20-25

Junior Camps June 22-26, or July 6-10, or July 27-31

Family Camps
June 29- July 1, or July 2-4



## Children's Day May 17



The observance of Children's Day will be on Sunday, May 17. On this day during the 9:30 Sunday School hour, there will be a special children's program. All classes will be combined for this occasion.

The rehearsal for this program will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 9:30 AM.

In the 6:30 evening service of this special day there will be the Master Clubs closing program and achievement recognition. Also Teen Bible Quizzing certificates will be given for Scripture memorization, and the teens will be giving testimonies.

Please plan to attend and bring relatives and friends for this special day.

#### 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
- 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
- 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 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.

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by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

Anyone who knows or has had contact with Dr. Bill Shade is well aware that he is an energetic man and passionate about serving the Lord. In his autobiography, Amazed by Grace, he shares how God has directed his life and given him many varied ministry opportunities since his first missionary work in Kentucky almost 60 years ago. From there, God brought Bill and his wife, Ruby, who has served with him in every place and project, to York, Pennsylvania, in the mid-1960's for a time. Over the years, he has founded, directed, and/or been involved with Grace and Truth Evangelistic Association, Teen Encounter, Camp of the Nations, Wayside Maternity Home, and World-Wide Bible Institutes. The Shades continue to actively serve with Source of Light Ministries in Georgia where they have been involved in several different capacities for the past 18 years, including ministry in this country and abroad. Bill's autobiography, which also mentions the part a number of local individuals had in his ministries when he served in this area, is now available in the library.

Look for these new books for children as well:

#### I'll Talk to God About That

Written in rhyme format, this story portrays children experiencing several worrisome situations - being alone in the dark, doing something new, etc. - and directs them to pray to God as a sure way to trade feelings of fear for a sense of security.

#### K is for Kite

Beautiful illustrations and playful poetry take young readers from A to Z through God's Springtime Alphabet. From the first April shower to flying kites and playing in puddles, this book will help them grow in their appreciation of the spring season and the miracle of new beginnings.

#### JUNGLE DOCTOR SERIES

Jungle Doctor Operates Jungle Doctor to the Rescue Jungle Doctor Attacks Witchcraft

#### RUDIMENTARY PRINCIPLE OF THE WORLD #2 IS HEALTHCARE A RIGHT?

#### Introduction

The prevailing world view includes this tenet: HEALTHCARE IS A UNIVERSAL RIGHT OF MANKIND. In fact, it goes beyond healthcare and declares HEALTH IS A UNIVERSAL RIGHT OF MANKIND. The World Health Organization (WHO) which is an arm of the United Nations states: "The right to health means that governments must generate conditions in which everyone can be as healthy as possible. Such conditions range from ensuring availability of health services, healthy and safe working conditions, adequate housing and nutritious food." Also, Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO states: "The world needs a global health guardian, a custodian of values, a protector and defender of health, including the right to health."

What about here in the United States? Walter G. Moss is a professor of history at Eastern Michigan University. He wrote an article on the subject "Is Health Care a Human Right?"

"In a presidential debate in October 2008, moderator Tom Brokaw asked, "Is health care in America a privilege, a right, or a responsibility?" When Barack Obama answered, "I think it should be a right for every American," he was following in the footsteps of three Roosevelts. When Theodore Roosevelt, the former Republican president, ran as the Progressive Party candidate in 1912, he ran on a platform that stated: "We pledge ourselves to work unceasingly in State and Nation for . . . the protection of home life against the hazards of sickness, irregular employment and old age through the adoption of a system of social insurance adapted to American use." But it was Franklin Roosevelt who more explicitly stated that health care was a human right. In his January 1944 message to Congress, he said that "freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence," and called for "a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all." These rights were to include "the right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health" and "the right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment." Although he died the following year and his "second Bill of Rights" never became a reality, his widow, Eleanor Roosevelt, was a major contributor to the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948). "

Article 25 (1) of this declaration states: "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control."

This document became the basis for numerous international, regional, and national declarations, conventions, and other agreements. One was the **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**, which the U. S. Senate ratified in 1972. Another was the **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights** (ICESCR). Its Article 12 declares that states that agree to the covenant should create "conditions which would assure to all medical service and medical attention in the event of sickness."

Since 1976, 160 countries have ratified the ICESCR. The U.S. Senate has not. Yet this is exactly the basis for actions being now taken to provide healthcare to all in the United States.

THEN THERE IS THE RELIGIOUS SIDE OF THE ISSUE

The founder of the <u>Christian Science</u> <u>Religion</u>, <u>Mary Baker Eddy</u> said: "God is ALL, God is Life, and therefore sickness and death are non-existent." According to Christian Science Religion, your mind tricks you into thinking you are sick. To be well, all you have to do is change your mind. Wouldn't it be wonderful if by some mysterious religious belief, we could just "think" away all our physical aliments?

And then there are those who trust in faith healing. Princeton University has defined faith healing as follows. "Faith healing is the belief that religious faith can bring about healing—either through prayers or rituals that, according to adherents, evoke a divine presence and power toward correcting disease and disability. Belief in divine intervention in illness or healing is related to religious belief. In common usage, "faith healing" refers to notably overt and ritualistic practices of communal prayer and gestures (such as laying on of hands) that are claimed to solicit divine intervention in initiating spiritual and literal healing."

One of the adherents to faith healing, Gloria Copeland wrote the following. "Take your healing - by faith! Take it! That's exactly what you have to do if you want to obtain healing. If you need a healing, you can't sit back and wait for God to drop it down on you. You have to do what it takes so you can rise up in faith and take what rightfully belongs to you!"

The unfortunate reality: until we get to heaven, we are trapped in a physical body that is susceptible to pain, disease, and all kinds of infirmities. On the one hand, we have a government that wants to provide treatment to all for all our infirmities, because health is a universal right of mankind. On the other hand we have people using the name of Christ who claim the ability to take away all our infirmities because health is rightfully ours by divine decree.

What is the truth about health and healing? What is God's plan for our physical bodies that we must live in now? Is health a right of every human being? What should a Christian's world view say about health and health care?

#### I. THE SAD PART ABOUT POOR HEALTH

#### A. Man exposed himself to infirmity through sin.

- 1. There was a consciousness of the body after sin that did not exist in man before sin. Genesis 3:7, And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.
- 2. There were physical consequences because of sin such as **sorrow** in **child birth** and **sweat in labor**. The implication is that these things did not exist before sin. Genesis 3:16,19, *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee...... In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*
- 3. Spiritual death was immediate when Adam sinned. Thus, physical death became inevitable. Romans 5:12, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### B. All poor health can ultimately be traced to the curse.

- 1. Sometimes specific illnesses can be connected to specific sins. For example, in 1 Corinthians 11:29-30 sickness and even death are connected to an irresponsible manner of participation in communion. By this, God indicates these people have no right to health. 1 Corinthians 29-30, For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.......For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
- 2. This is not always true. Sometimes poor health has a divine purpose. For example, Jesus talked about a physical infirmity which a boy had from birth. He described it as having nothing to do with sin, either on the part of the boy or on the part of his parents. Rather, it had a divine purpose in manifesting the works of God. John 9:2-3, And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- 3. But all sickness and physical infirmity is a result of the curse upon mankind due to Adam's sin. There are these two undeniable truths in this regard.
- (1) Because of sin, we live in **corruptible** bodies and our bodies are in bondage to **corruption**. The word corruption means "in process of perishing". This is explained in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 and Romans chapter 8.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:50,53-54,
  - 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
  - 53 For <u>this corruptible</u> must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
  - 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

#### Romans 8:20-23

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

- 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from **the bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- 22 For we know that the whole creation **groaneth and travaileth in pain** together until now.
- 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves **groan** within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
- (2) We are all going to die of something (unless the rapture happens). Romans 5:12, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

#### C. Man will never find a fountain of youth.

- 1. We were cut off from the tree of life. Genesis 3:22, And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- 2. Therefore, man absolutely cannot stop the aging process nor the rush of our bodies toward death. By divine decree, it is appointed unto man to die to die only once, but none the less to die. Hebrews 9:27, And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

#### D. Health, therefore, is not a right.

- 1. It is only God's mercy that prevents us from being consumed. Lamentations 3:22, It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.
- 2. There is no physical healing in the atonement. Some use Isaiah chapter 53 as a proof text that we have a right to physical healing because Jesus provided for healing in His atoning work. As a proof text, they site Isaiah 53:4-5, **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Rather, the context in which Isaiah 53 is quoted in the New Testament shows the proper interpretation. Matthew 8:17 refers to Isaiah 53:4, *That it might be* 

fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, [borne our griefs] and bare our sicknesses [carried our sorrows]. This is said in connection to Jesus' healing Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, and the subsequent healing of many others. This confirms that Isaiah 53:4 refers to Jesus' ministry while He was walking on the earth, and not while he was hanging on the cross. When Isaiah 53:4 says that He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, It describes how Jesus healed many people in His earthly ministry.

- 1 Peter 2:24 refers to Isaiah 53:5, Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. Peter makes it clear that this part of Isaiah 53 refers to Jesus dealing with sin on the cross. The healing that Isaiah 53:5 speaks of is, therefore, spiritual healing from sin and not physical healing..
- 3. There is no mystical healing by ritual.

James talks about the elders of a local church anointing the sick with oil. Many churches today interpret this to be a ritual or ceremonial anointed that has some miraculous effect on the illness a person is suffering.

#### James 5:14

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

However, the oil James refers to clearly has medicinal value. It is the same oil used by the good Samaritan to treat the wounds of a man left for dead by thieves.

#### Compare Luke 10:34

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The word "anoint" in James 5:14 is the mundane and common word for anointing, not the sacred and religious word for anointing.

The commentator John Gil explains it as follows: "[This anointing] was only done in a common medicinal way, oil being used much in the eastern countries for most disorders; and so these elders used ordinary medicine, as well as prayer."

Albert Barnes also gives the following explanation. "The custom of anointing the sick with oil still prevails in the East, for it is believed to have medicinal or healing properties. Niebuhr (Beschrieb. von Arabien, s. 131) says, "The southern Arabians believe that to anoint with oil strengthens the body, and secures it against the oppressive heat of the sun, as they go nearly naked. They believe that the oil closes the pores of the skin, and thus prevents the effect of the excessive heat by which the body is so much weakened; perhaps also they regard it as contributing to beauty, by giving the skin a glossy appearance. I myself frequently have observed that the sailors in the ships from Dsjidda and Loheia, as well as the common Arabs in Tehama, anointed their bodies with oil, in order to guard themselves against the heat. The Jews Mocha assured Mr. Forskal, that the Mohammoedans as well as the Jews, in SAA, when they were sick, were accustomed to anoint the body with oil." Rosen Muller, Morgen land, in loc."

In addition, Robertson's Word Pictures explains the medicinal use of olive oil in particular. "The use of olive oil was one of the best remedial agencies known to the ancients. They used it internally and externally. Some physicians prescribe it today. It is clear both in Mark 6:13 and here that medicinal value is attached to the use of the oil and emphasis is placed on the worth of prayer. There is nothing here of the pagan magic or of the later practice of "extreme unction" (after the eighth century). It is by no means certain that aleipho here and in Mark 6:13 means "anoint" in a ceremonial fashion rather than "rub" as it commonly does in medical treatises. .....In James we have God and medicine. God and the doctor, and that is precisely where we are today. The best physicians believe in God and want the help of prayer. "

#### II. THE HAPPY PART ABOUT POOR HEALTH

# A. Good health is not necessarily to our advantage.

When things are going well, man tends to be self-sufficient and to think he does not need God.

Deuteronomy 8:10-16

- 10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.
- 11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and

his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

- 12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;
- 13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;
- 14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;
- 15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;
- 16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

#### B. Poor health is not a total catastrophe.

- 1. Paul acknowledged the spiritual value of infirmity.
  - 2 Corinthians 12:7
  - 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, **lest I should be exalted above measure**.
- 2. Our inward man can be unaffected by the poor condition of our outer man.
  - 2 Corinthians 4:16
  - 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
- 3. Poor health is an opportunity to experience God's grace.
  - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
  - 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
  - 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

If our sickness is due to specific sin, we have the opportunity to experience forgiveness.

James 5:15

5 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

If our sickness is due to pressure from Satan, we have the opportunity to stand against the enemy.

Job 2:4-10

- 4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.
- 5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and <u>he will curse thee to thy face.</u>
- 6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.
- 7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
- 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.
- 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.
- 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

If our sickness is due to the mere course of life, we have the opportunity to testify of our hope.

Philippians 1:21-24

- 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
- 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor: yet what I shall choose I wot not.
- 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:
- 24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

#### **Conclusion**

Man has decided that health is a right. And consequently, access to health care is a right. As such, it is therefore to be supplied by the state so that everyone has access to healthcare.

Providing access to health care certainly is a compassionate act, but the premise that health is a human right is not Biblically correct. We relinquished our right to health when we sinned against God and brought corruption into our bodies. We are appointed to death by God because of sin. It is therefore inevitable that our bodies will groan and suffer infirmity as they regress toward death.

The remedy man needs is not the right to health care. The remedy man needs is access to glorification of the body which comes only to those who trust Christ as Savior. As we await glorification, we will groan in our bodies in this life. Romans 8:23 says, And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

But when glorification comes, we will be so healthy that we will be immortal. 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 says, Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Our hope is not in this life. Our hope is in what is to come. As Philippians 3:20-21 explains: For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, What do you mean, you know what the Bible means?" The son replied, That's easy, Daddy. It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'."

# Missionary News



From
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# Donald & Karen Kilmer

To the Zulu's in South Africa

It is certainly wonderful to be back home in South Africa, after our furlough in the States. There is an openness to hearing the gospel, even though it is a challenge for many to have a repentant faith.

On three occasions, when giving a gospel tract, the person looked at the title and asked for another one to give to a friend! In one case, a young woman followed me and asked for one in English, as her friend didn't understand Zulu.

There is a lot of crime and theft in South Africa and so there are security guards everywhere. When entering one place I gave the guard a gospel tract. When I was leaving he said, "I read the pamphlet you gave me. I was so excited, because I know that Jesus is the only way."

Our first Bible study went well, although it was a bit informal. A young woman who attended the Bible study at Fredville has come down with cancer. I went to have prayer with her and about 16 - 18 people gathered. I gave the gospel and also encouraged Christians to draw near to God. She has not made a profession of faith, even though she attended Bible study quite often and has heard the gospel many times. Please pray for God to open her heart to the gospel. (PS. Praise the Lord she received Christ since this writing.)

Pray for grace, wisdom and strength as we reconnect with people and begin ministry among the Zulu people again.

We are so grateful for those who give to help us and those who pray. You are making a great eternal investment in lives! Thank you for helping the work of the Lord in South Africa.

# Peter & Rosa Pinyol

Spain

"That I may know Him..." Philippians 3:10. Christ, Christ, and only Christ...nothing else should take His place. He is the center and reason of the ministry, the only reason we are here, the only motive of our hearts.

Observing the people around me, I see each day thousands that are going to hell without Christ. Many are rejecting the only way of salvation, others embracing sin or destroying their own lives in wrong doing...but I was like one of them before knowing my Savior. Our neighbor lost his 19 year old son in a motorcycle accident. I talked to him about eternity and the comfort in the promises of God. One of the students in my English class started crying when I mentioned her need of a true loving Father. A policeman told me about his fear, although he did not believe in anything...every day I speak with people that are near eternity and only Christ can save them.

A group of 24 went to help Scott Newton in the town of Ripollet giving out tracts on a cold rainy evening...but no body complained because of the weather. We rejoiced to hear how Scott already has a group of ten people and three converts. He is also using English as a tool to contact people. To see the location in Ripollet painted and changed into a 'church' was thrilling. We had been praying for this to happen for years and now that the Lord has given us an opportunity to help a new point of testimony is a blessing we have to share! And all because Christ by His grace allowed it to happen.

Many of us are using English Classes as an evangelistic tool. This year I am also working with a group of students that asked me for classes. Although it has added to my already busy schedule I have been able to see the hand of the Lord working through new opportunities of testimony and contacts. I was invited to a congress in Barcelona of entrepreneurs. I spoke with several of the speakers about my faith in Christ and why I was a missionary in Europe. I realize that it is difficult for people to understand that Spain also needs missionaries. We think of them in Africa, South America, or working in

non-developed countries, but here there is also a great need of called people serving, to the unreached and giving them the bread of the Gospel and all because Christ sent us.

The ministry among children is a blessing for my own soul. Our Bible Club, 'Discovery', has increasingly grown since we started. This month we took the children to a farm and all of them were able to ride horses, play with pigs, cows, ponies, and all kinds of birds! They learned that God created all of these precious creatures. Some of the parents came and that gave us an opportunity to talk about their spiritual needs. We also had a competition of mini-golf in our own place. And we received the visit of a peculiar creature, a ferret!

The young people of our church are starting a new project, a study in the book of Matthew and a time of fellowship every Sunday. Please pray that the Lord will raise a new generation of servants.

Continue praying for us. May Christ be glorified in everything that we say and do.

# Teacher's Assistance Program (TAP Ministry) Harrisburg, PA

We have been building some additional shelves along any empty wall space to get more material off the floor. The roof drain pipe leak has still not been repaired, but the pipe has been closed off from any roof water entering. Therefore, we have had no more leakage into our storage room.

Praise the Lord, the weather has not hindered any operations. We have been able to pick up material from four churches and we picked up another load of 54 cartons (1890 pounds) to be sent to India. We are also setting aside some material that is more Americanized to be given to several used book sales in Harrisburg and York this spring.

We praise the Lord for His bounty of donated literature, and funds to send them out. A faith supported ministry relies on the Lord leading faithful believers to support the work, and God has certainly blessed this ministry since the Turner's started it in 1985. We are not able to fill all the requests we

receive, but the Lord leads in how to prioritize and fill the requests we do send.

We were able to fill a request from a church in Carlisle for 44 hymnals needed for a new children's music ministry. What a great blessing it is to see how the Lord provides and has needs met with material that is no longer used in some churches and homes through this free gift ministry.

We give thanks again for the support of so many people who make this ministry successful through God's leading.

# Moises & Rosa Campos

Spain

The mercies of our God have been with us every day, and His promises will continue to sustain us in the days ahead. As we read in Nehemiah 9:20, "Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst." We thank the Lord for His love and goodness, even when we are going through the deserts of our journey.

This is a very unusual time in our ministry. We are witnessing as never before people with spiritual needs, trying to find their answers in the Bible. We have conversations, studies, 'holy coffees' (if we may use such expression) both in church and in different homes, both with Christians and with unbelievers. The little congregation in Olot is growing, and it looks like we may be in need of finding a new meeting place soon.

We purchased 20,000 cards with an evangelistic message, and distributed them in Olot and surrounding towns. Pray that the words would not only be read, but also considered and pondered.

Our Bible studies are going on, and we are thrilled with this ministry. Moises has meetings every day, and some days two of them; very challenging, but a great blessing. Rosa's study with the single girls is on prayer, and with the ladies the book of Nehemiah, dealing about victory over fear.

We had been praying for a 19 year old young man. For two years he has been living away from God and deep in sin. But some weeks ago he came back to Christ in repentance and conviction, and his life is already showing that God is working in him. Praise the Lord for His wonderful grace!

# Blackwells in South Africa

Marc Blackwell Sr.

Paardeberg Mountain Retreat has Winter Camps scheduled when we here in the States have Summer Camps. Below is their camp schedule for you to pray for and/or give to.



If you wanted to be personally involved in this outreach ministry you could sponsor an underprivileged child or teenager. USA Partners divide the South African cost by a factor of 10 and send the gift to:

Faith Global Mission 5526 SR 26 E. Lafayette, IN 47905

All gifts should be marked to the attention of "Blackwell's Ministry" with a note included for "PMR Camper Sponsor Fund".

You can contact them at: drmsbsr@icloud.com

Their website is: www.pmr.co.za

# Ladies Missionary Project

Each winter the ladies of our church do a project for a missionary. A request had been sent out to our missionaries asking for projects we could do for them. The Kilmers requested Wordless Book zipper pulls to take back with them when they returned from their furlough to South Africa, so that project was done earlier. Since then, Caleb Fetrow took the supplies home and worked on making more Wordless Book zipper pulls for our missionaries as a project he is doing for a Boy Scout citizenship in the community merit badge. It helped him earn his Eagle Scout rank.

This year again we got a mailing ready for Servant's Heart Camp. In each of the envelopes we needed to include the Servant's Heart Camp Ministries postcard, the brochures for the October Ladies Retreat, and the March newsletter.

We got some more Wordless Book crafts started as our missionaries always use this great tool in presenting the Gospel, especially to children. Some of our local organizations use them too. A lot of string was cut for the Wordless Book bracelets that CEF uses in particular. Plastic lacing was also cut to make



the zipper pulls. Now that the string and lacing are cut, the rest of it will be put together at home at volunteers convenience. In addition to these projects, Mary Lambert has been making felt Wordless Books at home.

As a reminder and encouragement to our missionaries that we pray for them and their specific needs regularly, we each signed a 'Praying for You' card to send to the missionaries our church supports. Along with the card two CD's from our church services will also be sent to them. Then we spent time in prayer for each of our missionaries and their most current prayer requests. What a privilege it is to have this prayer ministry on behalf of those who have given their lives to serve the Lord in God's harvest field all over the world.

We enjoyed our fellowship together while we were working, and we continued it as we concluded our project day with lunch together.

#### Spotlight on Tracts

Here is a testimony from someone in Missouri.

We ask about tracts, "Has anyone been saved by reading a tract?" This isn't my testimony, but I did receive a tract that turned my life around! There was a church that gave out tracts. I knew I was saved but the Holy Spirit said, 'who is on the throne?' I realized then that I needed to 'abdicate' and let Jesus reign in my life. So I told the Lord that since I had lived 30 years on my own, I would let Him live it for the next 30 years and then we would compare who did better. I knew within six months of that decision that I would never go back..."

Taken from Bible Tracts, Inc.



If Jesus Came to Your House

This is a tract for Christians and presents the challenge of daily living with the thought in mind that Jesus is there observing all we do and say, even though we don't see Him physically.

"If Jesus came to your house

to spend a day or two -

If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do."

"Would you go right on doing the things you always do? Would you go right on saying the things you always say? Would life for you continue as it does from day to day? Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace? And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?"

"It might be interesting to know the things that you would do, if Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you."

Pick up one of these tracts as a good reminder for yourself (published by Gospel Tract Society), and get a second one for your Christian friend to encourage them to also live a life pleasing to the Lord.

#### Class of 2015

#### **David Fetrow**

My name is David Fetrow and I am very happy to be graduating this year. The past year and couple months I have been training at S. Wilson Polluck Center for Industrial Training. It is a center that trains individuals with disabilities. I have been learning may warehousing jobs such as labeling, packaging and sorting. Also I do volunteer work at Salvation



Army Retail Store, HACC in Harrisburg and a group home. My plan after graduation is to get a job or do volunteer work.

#### **Sarah Fetrow**

After years among years of patiently waiting, the time has arrived; I'm going to graduate. I've enlisted in the United States Navy. I'm ecstatic for boot camp, and then my classes afterwards that will prepare me for being an RP, a Religious Program Specialist, which in basic terminology is a bodyguard and assistant for the Naval Chaplains.



Though there's plenty of Bible

verses that stand out to me, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 has always been there to keep me strong through harsh times. "To every thing is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."



### Preschoolers

taught by Mrs. Moss

The Preschool class has finished their memorization of John 14:1-6. Congratulations to Esther and Daniel Wertz for being able to recite these six verses by themselves.

We also finished a series on creation and what God made on each day. We had some interesting snacks in this series - chocolate star cookies, and birds nests made of brownies with mini eggs in them. They also enjoyed fun crafts. They especially liked the fish on the end of a 'fishing rod'.

We now turn our attention to learning Psalm 100. Our stories are about Jesus death and resurrection and the events leading up to that.

### Primaries

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Our class has been studying the Life of Christ. Our recent lessons have been on Jesus healing and helping people who put their faith and trust in Him. Blind Bartimaeus was healed as well as Jarius' daughter. They were not afraid to tell others what Jesus did for them.

We were also happy to have Levi and Silas Moss in our class. We had a good time hearing about Uganda from the boys. We learned a little about what life is like for them there in that country.

We are almost finished memorizing verses from Matthew 5:1-12

### Juniors

taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook

We've been studying Paul's missionary journeys; we are currently on the third one. Paul had to deal with so many things—wonderful things like seeing people like Lydia and the Philippian jailer come to know the Lord, like being able to preach to so many Greeks about their "unkown God," like seeing the Ephesian Christians burn their magic and witchcraft books, and like seeing the Bereans search the Scriptures. He made a lot of friends like Aquila and Priscilla. He had his share of hard things to deal with from those who didn't want to hear about Jesus and the gospel. But through it all God was faithful to him, and he was faithful to God.

We have started memorizing Romans 12. Three of our students have said the first nine verses, Hannah Wertz, Grace Balcom, and Matthew Kanost. We are hoping to have the whole chapter memorized in the next few months.

Master Glubs

Director - Nathanial Wertz

This quarter the Ambassador Class has been going through different teachings from the Bible. Some have shown an interest in Believer's Baptism, so a couple of weeks study was done on this Biblical teaching. They have also been working on the Life of Christ badge and Bible Study 1.

The Primary class has been learning about witnessing. The Scouts class has been working on giving their testimony and then proceeding to learn about using the Romans Road to lead others to Christ. These children are excited about memorizing their verses.

The Beginners Class is learning about God's Creation. They are learning that they should worship God because He created all things.



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by Quiz Coach, Mrs .Joyce Moss

Our February quiz competition had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. We tried again for March 1<sup>st</sup> but again we were unable to have it. The material to be quizzed on was supposed to be Galatians chapters 3 and 4. On March 22 we were scheduled to quiz on chapters 5 and 6, but since we didn't get to quiz on chapters 3 and 4 earlier all four chapters were quizzed on that day. That was a lot of material to remember with not having quizzed on any of it before. The quizzers say that chapters 3 and 4 are the hardest. They got a little extra practice on chapter 6 when they had their 'Underground Church' activity as that was the portion of scripture they had to try to memorize and write down during that game.

The final quiz competition will be held on Saturday, April 18. For this final competition, teams will be eliminated until it is down to the top three teams. The top three will then quiz during the evening Youth Rally and at that point the champion for the year will be revealed.

It is so encouraging to see teens studying God's Word together. The churches enjoy getting together, making new friends, seeing friends again that they met in quizzing in previous years, and just knowing that they are not alone in their study of Scripture, but that others also love the Lord and desire to know Him and His Word better.

### HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

The primaries have continued to learn about the human body and their five senses. In January, they learned about hearing. They traced their bodies and glued the organ pictures they've been coloring to their images. In February, they learned about the sense of smell. They also traced their hands and made a Valentine craft with their hand print.

The 2nd - 6th graders have continued to study PA history. In January, they learned about PA symbols and made crayon scratches. In February, they learned about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and how to make silhouettes. They proceeded to make silhouettes of themselves. Some of the silhouettes are displayed on the bulletin board near the teen Sunday School room.

The teens have continued to learn about anatomy, physiology, and first aid. In January, they learned about the human brain and the nervous system. They learned about what causes a stroke, the signs of a stroke, and the importance of acting quickly to call 911 when a person has a stroke. They observed a cow brain and identified its parts. In February, they learned about administering CPR to either a child or an adult and they practiced on a dummy. They also learned how to identify if a person is choking and how to use the Heimlich maneuver.

In January, the whole group went roller skating. They always enjoy the time of exercise and fellowship. In February, they went to a Chalk Talk seminar with Elva Hurst in Lancaster. Mrs. Hurst drew a schoolhouse scene as she gave an oral description of her school day experiences. It was fascinating to watch the picture unfold. Later, her son drew caricatures of many of the children (and parents, too!).

Written by Connie Morrow

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### APRIL

3	Crucifixion Service	7:00 PM
5	Resurrection Service	10:45 AM
9	Homeschool Classes	9 -12 AM
15	TAP Ministries	8:00 AM
18	Teens Final Quiz Competition	1:00 PM
18	Youth Rally	5:00 PM
20	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
21	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM



#### YEM

10	Pleasant Acres Service	1:45 PM
16	Children's Program Practice	9:30-12 AM
17	Children's Day Program	9:30 AM
18	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
19	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
20	TAP Ministry	8:00 AM
28	Homeschool Project Fair	9 -12 AM



#### JUNE

1	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
8	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Rescue Mission Service	8:00 PM
16	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 PM
21	Manor Care Service	1:45 PM
22	Street Meeting	7:00 PM
29	Street Meeting	7:00 PM

# Up-coming Events for Our Missionaries

#### April

Campos, Moises & Rosa - Spain
Easter Family Camp
Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel
Passover Evangelistic Banquets
Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
Good News Clubs in public schools finish this
month

Kilmer, Don & Karen - South Africa, Zulus
Good Friday service largest church attendance

Livioco, Bobby & Imee - Philippines Easter Camp

#### May

Blackwell, Marc & Judie - Capetown, South Africa
The Mutli-lingual Church Planting Team
Colon, Peter & Janis - Friends of Israel
'Shavuot' (Pentacost) Outreach Banquet
Military Evangelism - Walt Croom, Camp LeJune, NC
Day Trips with a devotional for military
personnel
Perrott, Roger & Nola - Hong Kong

Men from churches in the North coming to study Bible courses

#### June

Child Evangelism Fellowship - York, PA
Summer Missionary Training
Military Evangelism - Walt Croom, Camp LeJune, NC
Evangelistic Dinner and Bible Study
Pinyol, Peter & Rosa - Spain
Two day Mini-Camp
Vacation Bible School

## Remember to Pray for Your Missionaries



# Church Family News



#### Happy Birthday

#### **April**

- 1 Linda Goodling
- 5 Brenda Hamme
- 5 Ervin Kornbau
- 7 Elijah Moss
- 8 Bill Knudsen
- 8 Barbara Lenhart
- 15 David Wertz
- 19 Caleb Fetrow
- 21 Imelda Livioco
- 23 Darcy Cook
- 25 Rose Lindstrom
- 29 Delores Shields

#### May

- 2 Austin Morrow
- 5 Silas Moss
- 5 Ethan Byers
- 7 Dalton Cook
- 9 Sherry Beam
- 11 Andrew Cook
- 13 Nola Perrott
- 16 Sarah Fetrow
- 18 Olivia Kauffman
- 19 Roger Perrott
- 20 Carol Byers
- 23 Mary Lambert
- 24 Justin Morrow
- 31 Ruth Livioco



#### June

- 1 Donald Kilmer
- 3 Charles Balcom
- 3 Bryan Flohr
- 5 Bud Collins
- 5 Danielle Livioco
- 7 Matthew Kanost
- 7 Taryne Knuth
- 9 Greg Beard
- 15 Ivy Pyle
- 17 Allyson Knuth
- 19 Gene Beam
- 20 Shirley Beard
- 20 Joshua Perrott ('06)
- 24 Kermit 'Buck' Smith
- 26 Mildred Geisler
- 28 David Fetrow
- 30 Joseph Byers



#### Happy Anniversary

#### **April**

- 8 Reg & Ina Stelfox
- 11 Matt & Rachelle Krape
- 18 Peter & Janis Colon
- 26 Glenn & Cheryl Hilt

#### May

- 3 Gary & Carolyn Zimmerman
- 22 Kevin & Julie Boyer
- 31 Nathanial & Marietta Wertz

#### June

- 1 Paul & Pamela Grove
- 4 Moises & Rosa Campos
- 4 Bryan & Beth Ann Flohr
- 4 Earl & Patsy Knuth
- 16 Rick & Lydia Fetrow
- 29 Marley & Gladys Gross
- 29 Vernon & Delores Shields

#### **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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# Remember Our Shut-ins

Lorraine Beath, Ken & Mary Cole, Jeannie Geesey, Marlene Gladfelter, Pam Grove, Gloria Hevner, Olivia Kauffman, Susan Peters, Ivy Pyle, Reg Stelfox

# MASTER CLUBS

























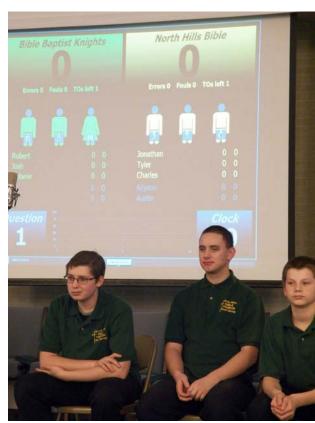
### TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING





Ten questions are asked in each quiz between two teams, with three quizzers on each team. When one person answers three correctly they can no longer jump to answer and a substitute may be put in their place. The score is kept, as you can see in two of these photos, using a computer which projects it onto a screen for all to see. Naturally errors count against the team, so it is important to not jump too quickly and make an error. The competition is enjoyed by the teens. You can read more about quizzing on page 13.





# HOMESCHOOL GROUP ACTIVITIES



Chalk Talk Field Trip





Getting physical activity during the cold winter months along with working the mind and hands.









