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Our Greatest Responsibility

By Pastor Troy Bassham

My first year of college, one of my prerequisites was a Psychology class. One day, we engaged in an interesting little exercise.

We were asked to make a list of ten things that we would do if we found out we only had a week to live. As we tried to answer that question, I repeatedly tapped my pen on the paper, thinking “*What would I do?*”

What Matters?

Slowly, I began to evaluate what really mattered and things that I did not want to leave undone. At the end of the exercise, a few individuals were invited to share their lists. The lists varied, but after students finished sharing, the professor’s response was the same, “*If these things are so important to you, why aren’t you doing them now?*”

Why Not Do These Things?

It can be the same way with sharing our faith. Most of us would agree

that sharing Jesus is of utmost importance. At the same time, for many Christians, there isn’t a sense of urgency concerning the Gospel.

While we have people in our life that we want to come to salvation, we can delay taking action. And even though Little Orphan Annie may have sung that “*there’s always tomorrow*,” we aren’t actually promised tomorrow.



Our #1 Job

It is our greatest responsibility, our God-given commission, to take the saving message of the cross to those who will receive it. It is true that many will not receive our report, and others are not yet ready accept Christ. **But we cannot be inactive based on assumed responses.** We cannot deny people the opportunity to hear the Good News because of any procrastination or reticence on our part.

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Deadline for December ISSUE is:

**Monday, November 28,
@ 5:00 pm**

know. grow. go.

Responsibility

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When our lives do come to a close, I want us to be able to look back without regret. I hope we will not be left with *what-ifs* and *what might have been*.

We CAN Be Useful

It is true that salvation is a work of God—the Holy Spirit which convicts men of sin and leads them to repentance. Yet, it is also true that God chooses to work through people who obediently proclaim His work and mercy. Each and every one of us can be useful in His hands. I hope we have the joy of seeing someone we love come to a saving knowledge of Him.

Who Would YOU List?

If you were to make a list of ten people you would like to come to faith in Christ, who would be on it? Making the list is the easy part.

Now comes the follow up questions:

☒ *Have you been praying for them?*

☒ *Have you been asking God to give you the opportunity to share with them?*

☒ *Are you ready to step forward in faithfulness?*

I hope you read this article in the spirit in which it is intended. None of this is written to shame or guilt anyone. Rather, it is a reminder of our high and important calling.

Considering the eternal significance of the Gospel, we need to make sure that our lives reflect this priority. May our lives be lived with eternity in mind. ✝

Important Dates

By Alison Johnson

November is here which means the rest of the year will be a blur.

Some dates to know:

November 11	Office closed
November 13	Harvest Meal
November 24	Happy Thanksgiving! Office closed
November 25	Office closed
December 2	Candlelight Dessert & Boutique
December 3	Christmas Boutique
December 17	Christmas Program performances
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Christmas One service 10:00 am
December 26	Office closed ✝

Health Care Ministry Team Update

More Important Dates

By Sherri Fobert

**November 6, December 4,
First Sundays in 2023 to be considered**

☒ **Blood pressure checks in the kitchen alcove**

January 8, 2023 (Sunday)

☒ **EBC Blood Drive, Activity Center, 11 am — 4 pm**

January 2023, (Saturday TBA)

☒ **Presentation by Salem Hospital on the Mediterranean Diet & relationship to high blood pressure, diabetes, weight loss, and general health**

More information will be coming regarding the events in January. If you have a suggestion or comment for our committee, please contact **Sherri Fobert, Donna Huber, Julia Emblen, Janet Minden, Connie Olliff, Emily Brateng, Patrick McMurchy, or Kristiina Broten.**

We want to meet your needs and interests! ✝

Samaritan's Purse Overview

By Kay Whitney

For additional information, please see samaritanspurse.org

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)



Shoebox Ministry

By Kay Whitney
EBC Coordinator, OCC

Boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that EBC supports, are **due Sunday, November 13.**

Please place filled shoeboxes in the foyer. Shoeboxes are still available in the foyer for pickup and with a flyer indicating items to include and what not to include. You can also donate \$10 per box for shipping.

THANK YOU to all of you who have packed shoeboxes, donated items and/or money for shipping costs. **ALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**



Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world for more than 50 years.

It is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity and has helped meet the needs of people in more than 100 countries who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ and serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Provision is made for critical needs such as food, clean water, shelter and medicine.

Disaster Relief

When disaster strikes, Samaritan's Purse is able to respond immediately, quickly mobilizing staff and experiences relief workers, often partnering with local churches to provide assistance and life-saving relief to people in need.

This includes deployment of an Emergency Field Hospital aboard our DC-8 aircraft. Samaritan's Purse doctors and nurses have provided life-saving medical care after earthquakes, hurricanes, in the wake of armed conflict and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Samaritan's Purse works in the United States and beyond through their North American Ministries programs. They deploy volunteer teams to help homeowners clean up the wake of natural disaster, such

as hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and flood. Additionally, they also rebuild homes destroyed by disasters. All is

→ Please see "*Samaritan's Purse*" on page 6.

Christmas Missionary Boxes

By Kay Whitney
EBC Coordinator

Christmas Missionary Boxes will be available for pick-up on **Sunday, November 13 and following Sundays** in the church foyer and weekdays in the church office.

This is a gift to our missionaries for Christmas from our congregation in addition to their regular support. These donations are **NOT** tax deductible.

Checks need to be payable to **EBC**. Please place boxes with donations in the receptacle in the foyer or take to the church office. You can also donate online or place checks in the box on the Welcome Center. Just designate that this is for the **Missionary Christmas Gifts.**

The last Sunday to donate is Sunday, December 11. ✝

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Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28 (NIV) †



Elders' Epistle

By Nathaniel Thomas

There are many spiritual applications that we can make by observing the world around us.

For instance, our lives depend on the atmosphere surrounding the earth. The air we breath supplies us with oxygen which our bodies require. This atmosphere is made up of numerous gases: 70% nitrogen, 21% oxygen and various other noxious gases making up the rest. These gases stay in place because of the earth's gravity which acts as an anchor of sorts.

What About Our Church?

We also have an *atmosphere* in our homes and churches—the tone, mood, or ambience of a place. It is helpful to reflect sometimes on what type of “atmosphere” we have in our home; *what type in our church?*

If gravity holds the atmosphere in place, we could make the parallel statement that our application of what we learn in the Bible as the gravity to keep our emotional atmosphere healthy.



A Primary Attitude to Have

One primary attitude in our Biblical atmosphere should be **GRATITUDE**.

The Bible frequently tells us to be grateful and thankful to the Lord for the good things He gives us. Throughout the Psalms we are reminded to rejoice and be grateful for God's grace and mercy.

In **1 Thessalonians 5:18** we read that it is the will of God for us to give thanks ***“in everything.”***

Gratitude is powerful and can displace the noxious emotional atmosphere “gases” of criticism and complaining, which the Bible warns us against having in our homes and church.

Hospitality

The Bible calls us to be “hospitable”; another emotional atmosphere “gas” we are to have in our homes and church. **Romans 12:13** tells us to “be given to hospitality”, and Peter makes a stronger statement in **1 Peter 4:9** to ***“Be hospitable to one another without grumbling” (NKJV).***

Becoming Welcoming

Many folks at EBC have read a book by **Thom Rainer** titled *“Becoming a Welcoming Church.”* The intent of this book is to help us become a more hospitable church through

various strategies that the author has identified after much research.

During the transition years (2017–2019) a committee was formed to help in this process. They identified the need to increase our *“hospitality quotient.”*

Our self perception was that we were a friendly church but some outside perceptions revealed that we were friendly to the people we knew but so preoccupied with our “holy huddles” that new folks often felt like outsiders. The Welcoming Church book gave us numerous steps for our improvement which we have already acted on.



1. We have a “welcome

team” comprised of volunteers who are scheduled to greet people at the front door and others to host the information/visitor center, the desk between the doors to the sanctuary.

If you would like to join our welcome team, please let the church office know. This is one of Mr. Rainer's strong recommendations to increase a church's hospitality quotient.

2. In the past our ushers were considered members of the welcome team but based on Mr. Rainer's research church **attendees also want to feel safe**, to feel secure and see that the facility is sanitary.

Darrel Hiebenthal heads up the new usher team which

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Samaritan's Purse

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done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Operation Christmas Child

Another one of Samaritan's Purse projects is Operation Christmas Child. As you probably know, this coordinates the sending of special shoebox gifts to children in need around the world. EBC has participated in this program for several years. **(Please turn in your boxes to EBC by November 13.)**

Operation Heal Our Patriots

Samaritan's Purse also works with wounded U.S. Military veterans through Operation Heal Our Patriots. Its goal is to provide military couples with Biblically-based marriage enrichment training at our lodge in Alaska. Afterwards, this is followed by a lifetime of care through the project's Family Care Ministry.

World Medical Mission

This Medical Arm of Samaritan's Purse, has a long history of working with mission hospitals around the world providing the highest possible care in Jesus' name in even the remotest locations.

Surgical teams provide more specialized care, including heart surgeries through our Children's Heart Project as well as treatments through surgical sub-specialties such as cleft/lip palate surgeries and orthopedic procedures. ✝

Elders

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is now a part of our developing safety and security program. One of the duties of working on the usher team is to do a "walk around" during the worship services to check that everything is safe and secure on our church grounds. In an emergency it is the ushers that will direct church service attendees what to do and where to go.

In the future they will receive more training on maintaining a safe and secure church.

3. Another strong recommendation was for churches **to have a good website** that is informative and updated frequently. Most people seeking a new church look for a website to get a preview of a church they are considering visiting. If the website has wrong information

about the church, the potential visitor is put off. For example, if the service start time is wrong it is embarrassing for a new person to walk in during the middle of a service. Our staff are working to maintain and update our website on a regular basis.

4. **Child safety** is important to parents and grandparents. Parents who want to take their children to the nursery or to children's church are registered at the entrance and given a name tag. This was listed as an important factor in the book.

Our Work Continues

The improvement strategies described above are continuing to be developed and implemented. Thank you to all volunteers for your invaluable help; we could not

keep EBC functioning without **YOU.**

We need more volunteers in all departments of our church to better serve one another and to better serve visitors. In **1 Corinthians 12:4-7**, Paul tells us, **"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all"** (NKJV).

Let's keep developing the atmosphere of gratitude, hospitality, and a willingness to serve wherever God has prompted you. ✝

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News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



November 1, 2022

I mentioned last month that I was already in Saskatchewan, with plans to meet with leaders from at least nine of our churches there. I did manage to meet with pastors and leaders from ten of our eleven churches in that area over two weeks, and it was a great trip.

I participated in the ordination service for **Rev. Jaydon Berg** in Dalmeny, preached at Compass Immanuel in Rapid View, visited the Awana program at Rhineland, attended the Prairie West Extension meeting, and had many other great interactions. I met with, ate with, golfed with, and visited pastors, elders, and other church leaders, along with our FEBC Canada employees and some FEBC commission members. I was often accompanied by my wife, **Melissa**, who got to meet with several wives. We also got to make some connections and experience the campus life at Millar College of the Bible.

Throughout my travels, I am encouraged by the gifted leaders God has provided to our FEBC churches and the energy and enthusiasm they bring to local church ministry.

Fall is an exciting time in the life of the church, as families are returning from summer activities and many of our programs are kicking off. This fall seems particularly invigorating. As I travel to our churches, I can sense the excitement and relief at planning programs without any talk of how to manage governmental restrictions or guidelines. Your local church leaders are fired up, and I am anxious to see how God will move.

There is also added excitement here in Omaha, as Community Bible Church officially moves into a new facility this month! Increased space in the building and the parking lot will present new opportunities. Pray for your brothers and sisters at CBC, that this moment of relaunching in a new place would have an impact on Omaha for the cause of Christ.



I am thankful. I am thankful for our churches and thankful for God's provision. A few of our churches are still struggling and seeking pastors, but I am thankful that even in those situations God is being glorified, and he is firmly in control. Thanks be to God! And thank you for your support, both within your local church and among our FEBC churches.

Serving Him together, ✝

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EBC Women's Ministry

IN HIS IMAGE

Ladies Missionary Fellowship

By Joyce Harms

During our October meeting we spent time working on projects.

Jerry Thiessen was our speaker. She shared her testimony as well as telling us about the volunteer work that she and her husband, **Bob**, have done over the past years. They have ministered as volunteers for **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)**, **Haggai Institute in Hawaii** and helping in **Village Missions**.

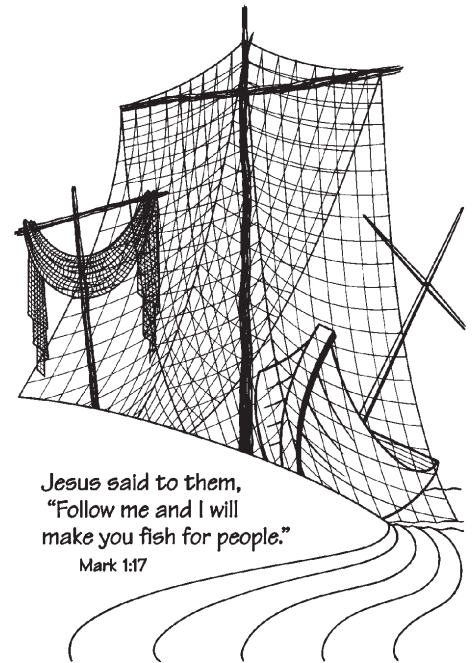
Time in Prayer

We always spend time praying for missionaries and their needs, other churches, and for personal requests.

December Meeting

At our November meeting, we discussed needs for LMF, officers and budget for 2023.

Our December meeting will be a special Christmas party on December 6. Any ladies interested in joining our group are invited to come to the Christmas party. *Watch the bulletin for details.* ✝



If you have questions about how to become a part of EBC Women's Ministries, please contact **Alison Johnson at 503.623.2331! ✝**

2022–2023 Women's Ministry Leadership Team

We want you to know our team! Feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

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The Attributes of God

Incomprehensible & Transcendent

By Gwen Griffiths

Editor's Note: This is the second part in a series on the Attributes of God.

Stay tuned!

We recently watched two movies based on **Agatha Christie** mysteries. Each one included plot twists and surprises...but at the end of the movie, the mystery was solved. We walked away knowing exactly “whodunit” and why.

We Know It All

I think sometimes we expect the same outcome in our relationship with God. We think that, with enough study or prayer (*or Google!*) we will know everything about God and how to interact with Him. But the truth is, **God is incomprehensible!** That's one of His attributes and the reason we refer to the mystery of God.

So many of His other attributes (*infinite, omnipresent, omnipotent*) reach beyond the boundaries of our finite limits, so we're never going to be able to fully grasp the fullness of Him. He transcends our understanding.

Incommunicable Attributes

These attributes are called incommunicable attributes, meaning attributes that we cannot possess or reflect in any part. Other attributes, such as *loving* and *patient* are communicable—humans **are** able to imperfectly show these attributes. God's love is perfect; our human reflection is less than stellar, but still shows the love of God to the people around us.

These qualities of **incomprehensibility** and **transcendence** are why it can be so hard to reconcile what seem like contrasting attributes of God.

How can He require complete justice for sin, yet be merciful? How in the world can He be self-sustaining and self-existent and infinite? Our minds will never fully comprehend these qualities.

How Do We Do It?

So...how do we interact with God and others in light of His incomprehensibility and transcendence?

First, we must accept that we are *not* God. We will never understand everything about God, or even about the world and His creation. No amount of Googling® is going to fill in all the gaps, and that's what keeps us looking forward to heaven, where we will see and understand God in a much deeper way.

Second, we need to keep seeking. It is the search for answers that draws us closer to God. Each time we question, each time we struggle through doubt, we must look to Him as the answer and allow Him to reveal the truth of Who He is in that situation.

When we look at our interactions with others, we must remember that we aren't all knowing...but we might seem incomprehensible to the person we are connecting with!

What If...

I think the phrase “*Seek first to understand, then to be understood*”

→ Please see “Attributes” on page 10.



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How can He require complete justice for sin, yet be merciful? How in the world can He be self-sustaining and self-existent and infinite?

EBC Christmas Program

A King Is Coming to Town!

By Lori Bassham

This December, the youth of EBC will perform "A King Is Coming to Town" by **Geron Davis**, **Sue C. Smith**, and **Craig Adams**. This 40 minute show takes us to the little town of Rumor's Mill, USA.

In the public square, a sign has been posted anonymously that "A King Is Coming to Town!" Just *who is this king?* No one seems to know. **Paige** and **Ellie** have the answer and they can't wait to tell their town about the real story of Christmas.

The show will be on **December 17**. We will offer both a matinee and an evening performance. *The cost is free.*



Attributes

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(**Steven Covey**, "7 Habits of Highly Effective People") could be a principle to hang on to.

What if, instead of trying to push our own view, we sought to understand the view of the person with whom we were speaking? Or, better yet, *what if* we invited the person to seek answers with us?

What if we prayed (on our own, and with the person) for God's help in understanding a difficult or

controversial concept, and then we sought to show God's love and patience as we searched for answers together?

Finally, let's take encouragement from the fact that, although God is

too great for us to fully comprehend, He still knows us personally and desires to be known by us. And then let's endeavor to know Him and reflect Him better each day. ✝



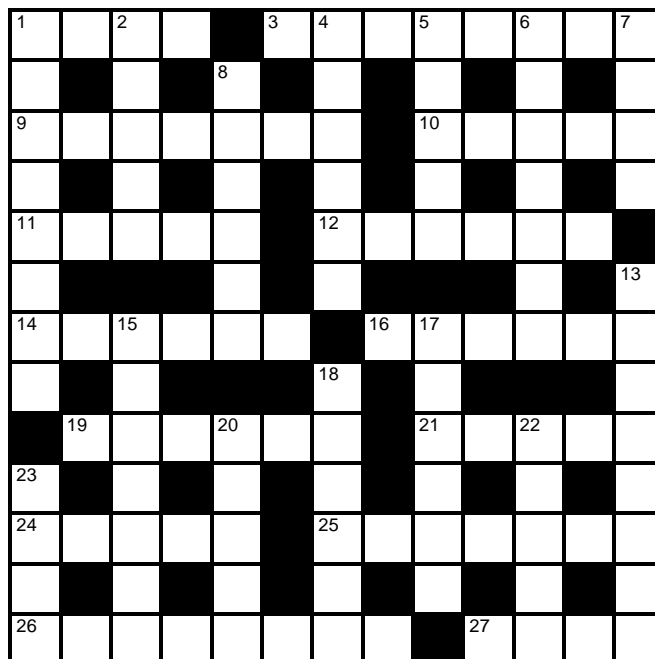
Our God is incomprehensible, yet He is also knowable. He is transcendent, yet He is also personal. These twin truths show the greatness of who God is. Though we will never wholly comprehend who He is, He invites us to know Him through His Word. Though we will never grasp His transcendent majesty, He also walks with us and knows us intimately.

Source: **Daily Grace Co.**
<https://thedailygraceco.com/>

Hebrews

Across

- 1 The Hebrews have more of a need for milk than this. Heb 5:12 (4)
- 3 "Again, he _____ a certain day, saying in David ... To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Heb 4:7 (8)
- 9 Christ entered into the holy place "_____ by the blood of goats and calves," but by his own blood. Heb 9:12 (7)
- 10 "Let us go on unto perfection; not laying _____ the foundation of repentance from dead works." Heb 6:1 (5)
- 11 "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus _____." Heb 6:9 (5)
- 12 How shall we do this, if we neglect so great salvation? Heb 2:3 (6)
- 14 "The Lord swore and will not _____, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." Heb 7:21 (6)
- 16 "And unto them that look for him shall he _____ the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb 9:28 (6)
- 19 "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the _____ of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God." Heb 10:7 (6)
- 21 These people "received their dead raised to life again." Heb 11:35 (5)
- 24 "And as a vesture _____ thou fold them up, and they shall be changed." Heb 1:12 (5)



- 25 Abraham sojourned in this type of a country. Heb 11:9 (7)
- 26 "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise ... _____ in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob." Heb 11:9 (8)
- 27 "Being made so much better than the angels, as he _____ by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." Heb 1:4 (4)

Down

- 1 Christ sprinkled with blood the tabernacle and the vessels of this. Heb 9:21 (8)
- 2 The writer of Hebrews urges us to lay _____ every weight and sin and run the race set before us. Heb 12:1 (5)
- 4 God made a new covenant with the house of _____ and the house of Judah. Heb 8:8 (6)

5 Abraham's son who was offered up. Heb 11:17 (5)

6 "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same _____ of unbelief." Heb 4:11 (7)

7 Christ sat down at the right _____ of the Majesty on high. Heb 1:3 (4)

8 "And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are _____, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be _____ may remain." Heb 12:27 (6)

- 13 "And again, when he _____ in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him." Heb 1:6 (8)
- 15 Esau is described as this type of person. Heb 12:16 (7)
- 17 Those who are enlightened have tasted of "the _____ of the world to come." Heb 6:5 (6)
- 18 God's Son is the "express image of his _____." Heb 1:3 (6)
- 20 "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, _____ I make thine enemies thy footstool?" Heb 1:13 (5)
- 22 The tabernacle contained a golden pot that had this in it. Heb 9:4 (5)
- 23 "Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so _____." Heb 10:33 (4)

Please see Back Page for Puzzle Answer Key!

Missionaries & Ministries EBC Supports!

Note: EBC is committed to supporting missionaries. Some supported missionaries are purposefully omitted from this page to protect their safety in hostile political or social climates.



Tim and Sondra Armstrong
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- ✠ Serving in Chang Mai, Thailand
- ✠ Tim is involved with training nationals in linguistics and Bible translation
- ✠ Structuring online class training for staff
- ✠ Sondra is involved in new member orientation and human resources within their organization



Tim and Mallory Brooks
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- ✠ Serving in Winema, Indonesia
- ✠ Tim is a mechanic for MAF planes on the base
- ✠ Both Tim and Mallory are studying to gain proficiency in the language
- ✠ Support for team members on the MAF base



Joshue and Diana Bulande
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- ✠ Serving in Lichinga, Mozambique
- ✠ Church planting, discipleship training
- ✠ Women's Bible training
- ✠ Children's ministry and tutoring



Dan and Judy Burke
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- ✠ Serve in Bolivia in Cochabamba and San Borja
- ✠ Development of a discipleship center in northwestern Bolivia
- ✠ Work with the Chimane people group
- ✠ Write and produce books and commentaries in Chimane for the tribal people
- ✠ Teaching, construction, leadership development



Kevin and Jennifer Domes
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- ✠ Work at Bethel Bible Camp in Wellfleet, Nebraska
- ✠ Involved in youth ministry, maintaining the camp facility
- ✠ Teach in the Awana program, lead a high school youth ministry
- ✠ Administrate retreats
- ✠ Jennifer also works in food preparation for the summer camps



Ivan and Mary Goossen
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- ✠ Serve in Mucambo, Brazil
- ✠ Involved in evangelism and discipleship

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EBC Supports

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✠ Adminstrate programs such as a coffee shop outreach

✠ Long time involvement with a Christian radio ministry



Eric and Judith Hedeon

Ethnos 360

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- ✠ Serve in Papua, New Guinea
- ✠ Mentoring new missionaries to the field
- ✠ Translation work
- ✠ Judith works in the medical clinic and member care
- ✠ Leadership development among the indigenous people



Andrew and Rachel Kruse

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- ✠ City Life/Leader In Training with Youth For Christ in Tacoma, Washington
- ✠ Andrew provides training, supervision and mentoring in three sites, reaching youth between 11–19 years of age
- ✠ Has an outreach program at Joint Base Lewis-McChord military base for military connected youth and their friends
- ✠ Rachel is involved in mentoring youth and a group for young mothers



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- ✠ Serve in Shell, Ecuador
- ✠ Administration of medical team outreach to rural areas via medical Caravans
- ✠ Administration of a program for repairing cleft lips in children
- ✠ Help with relief programs for families



Steve and Mikki Schmidt

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- ✠ Steve is the SIM regional Director for West Africa
- ✠ Supervises country directors in 11 countries
- ✠ Both Steve and Mikki work in SIM's Global Leader Development Program
- ✠ Mikki does educational consulting work, and also works in the Paths to School Improvement program which trains Christian school leaders throughout Africa



Andrew and Jerusha (Dressel) Yount

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- ✠ On staff with Moody Bible Institute's Mission Aviation School
- ✠ Learning Avionics in preparation for future Missionary pilot position ✚

Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

◆ Awana
◆ CEF

◆ Crisis Pregnancy
◆ River of Life

◆ Prison Ministry
◆ SAT-7 (Dennis & Cindy Wiens)

◆ Village Missions
◆ Weekday School of the Bible

◆ Mission Connexion

Missionary of the Month!

News from The Goossens



By Mary Goossen
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There have been a number of work projects in recent months. **Ivan** has been working hard on these projects for about a month now. I think he is overworking himself, but this is nothing new. He is building picnic tables for a sort of retreat center (*for pastor's families and more*) which his brother and fellow missionary is building. He loves this sort of work most. But while he is doing that, we continue to run the coffee shop and have multiple spiritual conversations throughout the week. We also make lemon cake, banana bread, cinnamon rolls, and brownies for the coffee shop.

Great Opportunity

This project has given Ivan one more opportunity to be a spiritual dad to several teenagers who are young believers. They thrive on the fatherly/grandfatherly attention they get from him. Most of them do not even know their fathers. And so naturally, they love it when Ivan teaches them to hammer, sand, or use a drill press.

Ivan also sometimes hires **Jaime**, who is seen with the hat and a smile. He is good help, and he needs to hear about Jesus. He is very open because of many difficulties in his marriage. ✝



Awana Store Coming Soon!

By Kim Disher
Awana® Shop Keeper

The next Awana® store night will be in early December, just in time for Christmas gift giving.

Please bring new or gently used items for the children to purchase with their hard-earned Awana® Bucks.

Always popular items are Legos®, stuffed animals, 18" dolls, Matchbox® cars and trucks, flashlights, balls ... to name just some.

Gift Giving Opportunity

Also, since the children are encouraged to purchase gifts for others, gift items for mom/dad or grandma/grandpa should be considered as well.

Store Days

The store for **Sparks®** will be on **Wednesday, December 7** and the **store for T&T®** will be on **Wednesday** of the following week, **December 14**.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have contributed items for our Awana® store in the past. Without the generosity of our EBC family, we wouldn't be able to offer this opportunity to the youth of our community. ✝



Stories from the FIELDS

Editor's Note: Stories from the FIELDS is produced monthly by Village Missions. They contain inspirational accounts from many of those supported by Village Missions who are currently working in the mission field.

If you would like to receive your copy directly from Village Missions or desire more information on this organization, please contact Tim Griffiths at:

tgriffiths@villagemissions.org.

Unique Baptism

This year a family from South Africa has been part of our church family. He works on a local farm. He recently requested baptism. The five men he works with requested the morning off and came for church and the baptism service. We don't have a baptistry, so we used the indoor pool at the hotel across the street. Many hotel guests came to watch, and their kids were especially inquisitive. Their questions and comments make me think they had never witnessed a believer's baptism. It was a special day!

Jim & Lynette Karg
Murdo, SD ✝

Chaplain Training

I attended my first Chaplains Training Conference organized by Southern Oregon Public Safety Chaplains. Chaplains from over 7 counties gathered for fellowship and training. Several members, chiefs, and personnel from the agencies we serve also participated. Some talked about their Christian faith and led the morning devotionals. The biggest blessing was hearing testimonials of the ministry chaplains have with first responders and law enforcement personnel.

Terry Hoeft
Sumner, OR ✝

Training & Service

We recently launched a new ministry at our church. "The Village Ministry" is focused on weekly training for evangelism combined with monthly community service projects. We were encouraged by the turnout at the first meeting.

A week later, we did our first community service project. The team spent a morning cleaning the property of a man in our community. We intentionally visited with him throughout the morning, and he was extremely grateful for the conversation and company. In fact, he came to our worship service the following Sunday and publicly thanked everyone. Our next assignment is to write out our personal testimonies.

Larry & Robin Walton
Bliss, ID ✝

Sunday Worship Services:

9:00 & 10:30 am Sunday Morning
Worship Services

10:00 am Coffee Time!

Awana: (September through April)

Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00 pm

**Please check the Sunday Bulletin and
the EBC website for updated calendar
items as they are announced.**

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**Thank
you!** ✝

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Sunday
13 Harvest Meal

Monday
14 Hymn Sing

Friday
18 Mom to Mom game night

Thursday
24 Happy Thanksgiving

Friday
25 Office Closed

**Article Deadline for
December ISSUE is:
Monday,
November 28
@ 5:00 pm!**



The Bible is a guide for our lives; for example
Psalm 119:105 tells us that ***Your Word
is a lamp to my feet and a light to
my path. (NKJV).***

This principle is certainly true for us as individuals,
but is also true for organizations and ministries. *The
Sentinel*, as a ministry, views **Romans 14:19** (***Let
us therefore make every effort to do what
leads to peace and to mutual edification.
NIV***) as a guiding passage for what to include and/
or exclude for print. ✝

Hebrews Puzzle Answer Key (from page 11).

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***And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the
pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame,
and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition
from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.***

Hebrews 12:1b-3 (NIV) ✝