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The New Kid

By Pastor Troy Bassham
Senior Pastor

Have you ever been the new kid? Do you remember feeling nervous and wondering if you would fit in? **I certainly do.**

Many Moves

Growing up, my family moved a lot. By the time I started high school I had already been in five different school districts. For my sister, **Julie**, it wasn't too challenging. She was outgoing and made friends easily. Each stop was a new adventure.

But it was harder for me—it always took me more than a year to get settled. And then, *just as I finally began to feel connected*, we were moving again.

Some Positives...

There were definitely some positive takeaways. I think this experience caused me to be aware of others who were new and unattached. Knowing what it felt like to be on the outside has given me some sympathy for people in similar situations. This is

a value that should extend to our faith—we should have open hearts to welcome people into fellowship, *not* only with ourselves *but* with the Savior.

Make Disciples

The Great Commission given by Jesus tells us to make disciples. We are not to be content with study, fellowship, and praise. Instead, we are to be taking the message of Salvation outside the church walls into our communities, families, and affinity groups. The command “to go” (*also translated “as you are going”*) has an outward focus. We are supposed to be adding new people.

Sad Times?

Now, in this present day, church attendance and the value of religion (*any religion*) seem to be on the wane. A more nebulous and self-determined spirituality seems to be the spirit of the age. Going to church

used to be a cultural value. Today, fewer people are self-motivated to attend on Sunday morning.

No advertisement, sign, or clever promotion will necessarily bring the motivation to attend a service for which there is not a perceived need or benefit.

Aware and Intentional

Because of this, when we have a visitor, we need to be even more aware and intentional. This was always true, but it is even more important now. The old adage goes, “*you never get a second chance to make a first impression.*”

If someone visits EBC will they feel wanted and welcomed? Do we view

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know. grow. go.

New Kid

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our services through the eyes of a first-time guest?

No Compromise!

Let me take a minute to interrupt this train of thought. I want to be clear. We are *not* compromising our values or watering down our message. The culture's call for inclusivity and sensitivity do *not* supersede the truth of God and our obedience to His Word. There are churches that have gone down that road—that is not our direction.

However, there is a difference between compromise and hospitality. There is a difference between being inward focused and looking outward.

Friendly?

If you were to ask any church body, almost all congregations list “*being friendly*” as one of their strengths. Sadly, numerous surveys indicate that this is *not* the impression that many first-time visitors have when attending those same congregations.

It is normal for regular attenders to feel welcome. They are happy to see their friends, they easily can engage in conversation with familiar faces, they know where the bathrooms are



and what style of dress is deemed acceptable. For the visitor, however, they can feel lost and overlooked as the regular crowd engages with one another.

We need to be friendly.

We need to remember what it is like to be new—and then to treat unfamiliar faces in the manner in which we would like to be treated.

Our Elder Board recently completed the book, “*Becoming a Welcoming Church*” by **Thom Rainer**. It is a quick and easy read. At the same time, it contains many practical and powerful insights on how we can do better. I would encourage you to consider picking up the book and reading it. It would be worth your time.



In closing, we are told to

“go.” It is *not* enough to wait for people to come to us. We *need* to take the message of Jesus out and into the community. At the same time, if we are actually blessed to have people enter our doors without invitation or work on our behalf, we *need* to be ready. Our outward focus *needs* to be a way of life, whether we are at work or sitting in the pew. Let’s keep our eyes open and share the love of Jesus with someone new.



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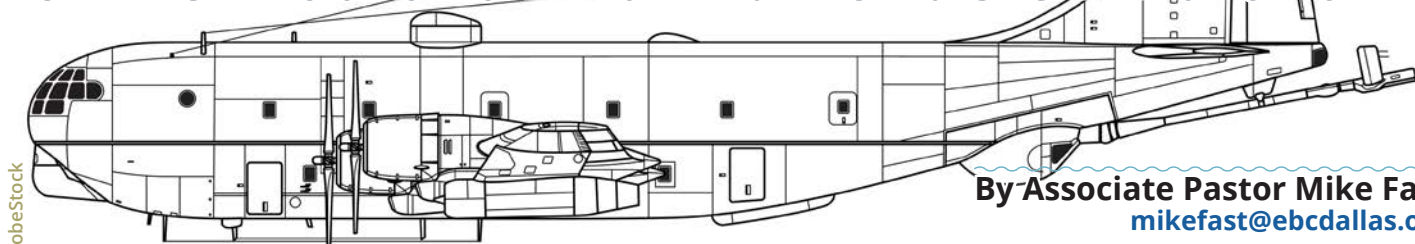
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Orientation and Observation



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By Associate Pastor Mike Fast
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A couple weeks ago **Lora** and I attended a birthday party for our youngest grandson in an airplane. It was a parked KC-97 Stratofreighter, a large four engine air-to-air refueling tanker from the 1940's. It has a flying boom line at the back of the plane that would connect to the aircraft being refueled by a person who was laying on his belly looking out a little window at the back bottom of the tail portion. It would have been a unique perspective and point of observation.

Part of ANY Job

Clear observations are an important part of any job done well. Years ago, **Air Force Colonel John Boyd** developed a process to be used in combat operations. Interestingly, the concept has since been used

in various commercial operations, learning processes, game theory, and yes, could even be applied in pastoring churches. It is referred to as the **OODA loop**, which refers to the cycle of **O**bserve, **O**rient, **D**ecide, and **A**ct.

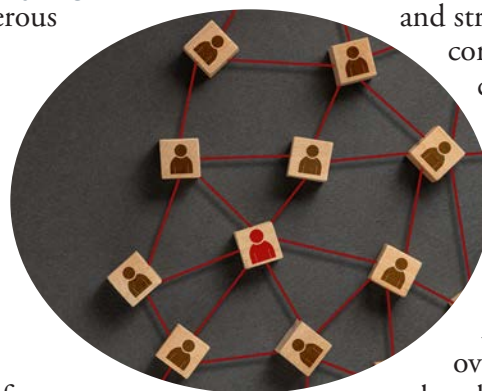
Our People — A Key Ingredient

I have made numerous observations since we moved here one month ago. I have been and continue to be impressed with the valuable qualities of Evangelical Bible Church (EBC), which at the top of the list includes the people. Every day I watch the people of EBC demonstrate love, generosity,

discernment, and obedience to the Word of God.

My Background

Allow me to qualify myself to make such a statement. After completing my Masters in Organizational Administration, I worked as an adjunct professor in administrative and strategic communication classes. I functioned for two years as a Trustee (*Regional Representative*) within the Conservative Baptist Association (CBA) over a large group of churches in Central and Eastern Oregon, dealing with the plusses and minuses of those fellowships.



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I have gone through interim pastor ministry training and am good friends with **Dr. John Vawter** and **Dr. Dennis Baker** who literally wrote the books on Interim Pastor training, and included some of my own personal experiences in their books.

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Observe

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I have worked on assessment teams with the Northwest CBA office for several churches. Lora and I started a ministry in 2000 whose sole purpose was to encourage pastors, wherein, we have heard many accounts of positive and negative qualities in churches. I have pastored six churches and been involved in, or worked with, more beyond that.

In other words, I believe I am qualified to tell you that the many positive characteristics of EBC are **not** to be taken for granted.

A Tangible Example

Our present home is an example of the EBC family's love and generosity. Lora and I (*and Lora's mom*) so appreciate and enjoy the cozy temporary home. I am also enjoying the product of yet more work and generosity in my new office space.

Lora and I have enjoyed meeting people over meals and at Connect Groups. We have so appreciated the opportunity to get to know so many, and hopefully many more. We have also had meals with some not from the church, but from the



community, and we will work at building relationships that way as well.

Getting More Involved

Lora and I are enjoying serving as greeters with the Welcome Team, and we are enjoying the various church events we have attended, and look forward to many more. I am also working to sit in on our church's assorted committee meetings periodically, and have attended most of them already. I am teaching a baptism class, speaking at a men's breakfast, spending time each week in visitation and orienting myself with administrative policies and procedures, and enjoying all of it.

Pieces of a Task

Observe, orient, decide, and act are simply pieces of any task, and I have been tasked to do what the elders and Pastor Troy have asked me to focus on. They have shared specific desires and directions with me concerning the Associate Pastor position, and I will work hard to meet those requests while at the same time relish time spent with a terrific group of godly people at EBC.

Pastor Mike Fast ✝

A Job for ALL!

By Sylvia Thomas
EBC Missions Committee

We all have a missionary job to do as Believers.

That job is to pray for the lost. And not just in a general way alone. There are specific needs and concerns outlined that can deepen our compassion and focus our prayers.

Excellent Resource

The Joshua Project is a wonderful internet resource that describes the location and details of people groups in need of prayer. It is also a great resource for families as an educational tool.

Maybe one day a week you could pray for the highlighted people group. It will expand your understanding of where the Gospel still needs to travel. If you haven't seen the Joshua Project yet, get on their email list for regular updates. ✝

<https://joshuaproject.net>





Allan Wiebe: 100 Years Young!

Happy Birthday!

By Marilyn Reischke, Daughter

Pastor Allan became pastor of Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas in 1962, and he and **Selma** were here with their family for 6 years.

Serving God's Kingdom

In 1968 the Wiebes moved to Omaha, Nebraska to teach at **Grace Bible Institute** in the missions department. In 1992, Allan and Selma moved back to Oregon to retire and in 1994

Pastor Jerry Franz invited Allan to become the visitation pastor.

Allan and Jerry worked together for 23 years until they both retired in 2017. Pastor Allan was 94 when he retired, but continued to enjoy

contacting people and visiting them. He loved to sing hymns with those he visited and many times that included singing in German!

Early Experiences

Allan was born in Saskatchewan, Canada on March 26, 1923, and his family moved to Mountain Lake, Minnesota when he was in high school. From there he went to

Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas where he met **Selma Schmidt** and they were married in 1945.

In 1950, Allan and Selma and their daughters **Ruth** and **Marilyn** sailed to

Belgium to study French for a year before going as missionaries to Congo in 1951. **Janet** was born in Congo in 1952, and **Gordon** was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1956. In 1960, Congo received their independence from Belgium and all the missionaries from the eight stations of the Congo Inland Mission evacuated through Angola because of the unrest in Congo.

Teaching & Pastoring!

While teaching at Grace, Allan pastored the Evangelical Bible Church in Omaha, Nebraska from 1968 to 1973. He also served on the boards of SEND and AIMM and made trips to Congo, South America, Asia, and Europe. Selma joined him on some of these trips.

Many Years Serving Him

Allan spent a total of 73 years of his life in ministry, starting in 1944 at Meade Bible Academy. His love for the body of Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel still motivates him today. He loves being with his family and we're so thankful to be able to enjoy life together with him as we celebrate his 100th birthday! ✝



Wiebe Family, 1962



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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 Nat Thomas
Chairman, Board of Elders

Every church has its own unique culture and personality. What is “underneath the hood” is what drives the church including values, doctrines, leadership style, and the cultural environment in the church.

For example, churches located in large cities typically have different ministries and styles than rural churches. There is a tough balancing act of communicating to the world around us without letting the world influence our churches with its negative value system, both in the city and in the country.



Our Core Value

Here at EBC we hold to the core value of the importance of the Word of God. This is our main driving force for why and what we do at EBC.

Why is the Bible so important? Let's look at some reasons for holding the Word of God as our highest value while we walk this straight Highway of Holiness (Isaiah 35:8-9).

1. The Word of God awakens and strengthens faith. (Romans 10:17; John 16:13-14)



2. The Word of God shows us the way to eternal life. (John 10:10; 20:31)

3. The Word of God gives hope. (Romans 15:4)

4. The Word of God shows us what liberty and freedom is. (John 8:32)

5. The Word of God gives us wisdom. (James 1:5)

6. The Word of God warns us of dangers. (1 Peter 5:8)

7. The Word of God is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is useful for discernment. (Hebrews 4:12)

What About EBC?

So, how do we demonstrate this at our church? We have a four point “ministry of the Word” which we promote:

1. WE PREACH THE WORD. Pastor Troy uses the Bible for his text as he prepares his sermons.

2. WE TEACH THE WORD. EBC has many opportunities to learn about the Bible through Bible Studies, through Sunday School, through Contenders, through Awanas, and through Connect Groups.



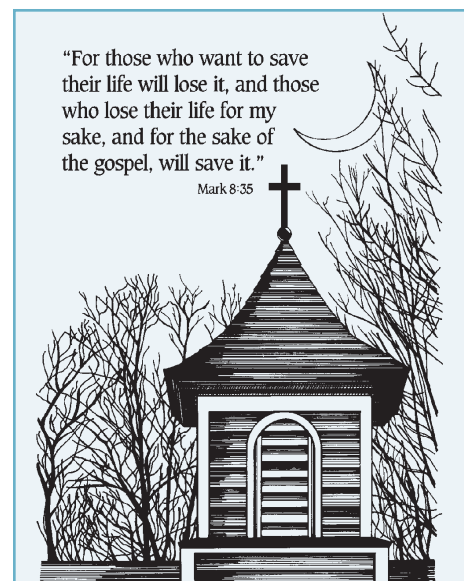
3. WE READ THE WORD. Both publicly during the service (1 Timothy 4:13) and encouraging folks to read privately for daily devotions.

4. WE REMEMBER THE WORD. While many people find it difficult to memorize Scripture, we have made materials available to assist. The Bible instructs us to meditate or reflect on the Word in order to know, understand and discern what Scriptures are telling us. (Psalm 19:14; 104:34; and 119:97)

OUR Challenge

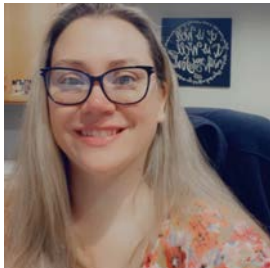
It is a daily challenge to myself and hopefully to you to use the Holy Scriptures as a steady, sure foundation for our lives even though the world around us crumbles. ✝

“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”
Mark 8:35



From the EBC Office!

Office News and Notes

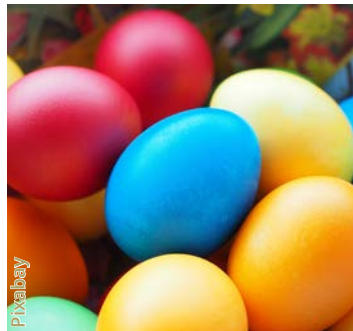


By Alison Johnson
Office Manager

Now that the business meeting has been held and budgets are set, things get into a routine for the office for the most part. Lately there's been a lot of events in the building which keeps us from being too bored or lonely.

Community Easter Event

EBC is working again with other churches to do the Community Easter Outreach Event. As with last year, we will again be filling Easter eggs and we will need some volunteers for the day of the event on April 8 from 9:30–12:00. So we can be ready for this well-attended event, please be on the lookout for bags of empty eggs in the foyer that you can bring home, fill, and return to the church.



This year, EBC will be responsible for the empty tomb station for this event. Sooooo, if anyone has a tomb laying around and can bring it down, please let me know.

Spring is so refreshing and leads to the warmer fun months of summer.

Mark Your Calendars!

We anticipate another spring and summer full of activities for the whole family. Some of the events coming up later this year are as follows. This way you can mark them down on your calendar and start talking them up with family, friends, and neighbors!

July 28–30 Family Camp at Triangle Lake
July 31–August 4 Vacation Bible School (VBS)
September 10 Annual Church Picnic* ✝

*Let me know if you would like to help plan this fun event.

Thank You!


By Tim & Gwen Griffiths

The Griffiths family would like to thank all who have supported **Jesalynn** and **Natasha** in their fundraising endeavors over the past few months.


Now ... Please Pray!

Your generosity and encouragement are much appreciated. *Would you now keep them in prayer as they continue to prepare for their trips?*

Jesalynn

 Jesalynn will serve as a Students International intern in Nicaragua from late May until early August.

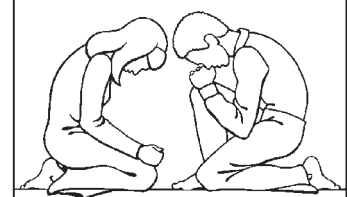
Natasha

 Natasha will spend the 2023–2024 school year in Germany as a foreign exchange student.

We know they will face many challenges and we trust God to lead them through each one. ✝

The Prayer of the Righteous is Powerful and Effective.

James 5:16



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News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



March 1, 2023

I wonder how often we miss the blessings of God—perhaps even miracles—that are right in front of us? I do not want to hyperbolize the importance nor the drama of my experiences these past few weeks, but perhaps there is something to learn from them.

A few weeks ago, I was suffering with a sinus infection and started my normal regimen of over-the-counter medications. By the end of the week, I was recovering, and enjoyed a trip to Saskatchewan as scheduled. I had the privilege of preaching in Indian Head and

Melissa and I participated in the **SK Pastors and Wives Retreat**. By the end of the retreat, I felt almost normal.

But on the drive home, my symptoms started to worsen, and soon I was miserable again. For nearly a week I steadily declined, until I finally relented and went to the doctor for antibiotics. With that treatment, I am gradually getting back to normal.

Within the past week I have had multiple moments of asking God why he would inflict an illness on me for three weeks, when I have so much to do! I have recovered from similar afflictions many times without antibiotics and in shorter time. It has been frustrating.

But recently, something else occurred to me. That first week of illness, my wife and I and several of our friends prayed fervently that God would give me the strength to make it to Canada and fulfill my commitments there. He answered that prayer powerfully! After my sermon that Sunday, my wife and I were both amazed that I had not coughed at all.

I was too ill to preach or to be very sociable the day before the trip and the day after. **God provided exactly the reprieve we had prayed for, and**

I almost missed this little miracle, because I was thinking “why am I sick again?” rather than “how did I feel well in the midst of sickness?”

Prayer is powerful. I wonder how often we miss that—even when it is right before our eyes?



Thank you for praying for
this ministry! ✝

2 Corinthians 1:11
as you help us by your
prayers. Then many will
give thanks on our behalf
for the gracious favor
granted us in answer
to the prayers of many.
(NIV)

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EBC Women's Ministry



Ladies, please lend **YOUR** voice and **YOUR** energy to help EBC's Women's Ministries flourish. We have a lot of exciting programs and activities planned for the year and we will **ALL** benefit from your help and enthusiasm to make them all happen.

Contact **Alison Johnson**, Chairwoman, to discuss how **YOU** can lend your support to this important ministry.

Alison: office@ebcdallas.org
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2023 Women's Ministry Event Schedule

Bunco: Friday, January 13 at 6:30 pm

January Journey Book Review: Friday, February 3 at 7 pm

Come enjoy dessert and discussion about "Gracelaced" by Ruth Chou Simons

DWELL Workshop: Saturday, March 11 from 10 am - Noon

Workshops offered on home decorating, baking, floral design, crafts, home painting tips and more.

Women's Worship Event: Sunday, April 2 from 6 - 7 pm

A special time of praise and worship!

May Fest: Friday, May 12 at 6:30 pm

Enjoy a floral celebration of the season as we eat a delicious meal with time of worship and encouragement.

Bingo: Wednesday, June 21 at 7 pm

Beach Day: Friday, July 14

Join us as we car pool to the beach to enjoy lunch, shopping and the beautiful Oregon Coast. (Time to be announced)

Women's Retreat: Friday - Sunday, Sept. 15 - 17

Breakfast & Bunco: Saturday, October 14 at 9 am

Secret Sister Reveal: Sunday, November 5 at 4 pm

Candlelight Dessert & Boutique:

Friday, December 1 at 6:30 pm

Boutique: Saturday, December 2 from 9 am - 2 pm



All EBC women are encouraged to participate in these events by inviting their friends, attending, and/or helping with the event. Contact the church office with any questions you may have. (503) 623-2331



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

2023 Women's Ministry Leadership Team

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

Position	Name	Phone	Email
Chairwomen	Alison Johnson Lori Bassham	503.623.2331	office@ebcdallas.org
Recording Secretary	YOUR name here!		
Treasurer	Linda Baton		
Retreat Coordinator	Lori Bassham		
Bible Study Coordinator	Sylvia Thomas		
Hospitality (weddings, receptions, & showers)	Ruth Quiring		
Prayer Coordinator	Lizette Chaffee		
Events	Allison Brown, Colleen Shinn, Cassie Kroeker		



MAY FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, MAY 12 AT 6:30 PM

TICKET: \$8

EBC ACTIVITY CENTER

SPEAKER: STEPHANIE TEAGUE
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

EBC WOMEN

FREE EVENT



Door Prizes
Coffee & Treats

2023 Women's Ministry
DWELL WORKSHOP
Saturday, March 11
Time: 10am – Noon

Invite a Friend
Sign Up for 2

House Plants 101 by Alyssa Mackey
Making Pies by Gaye Stewart
Home Painting Tips by Annie Dimick
Home Decorating Tips by Ashley Brown

EBC WOMEN



Palm Sunday
HOSANNA TO THE KING

Women's Worship Night
Sunday - April 2nd
6 - 7 pm
EBC Youth Center

All women encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

EBC WOMEN

The Attributes of God

Faithfulness

By Gwen Griffiths

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

Stay tuned!

It's Monday morning. I flip the laundry on my way to the kitchen and pick up two items that need to be put in the dishwasher. A few breakfast items still need to be put away, and then there's something on the kitchen table that can go back to my office as I head that way. Back at work, I send reminders about an upcoming event, work my way through email, and set priorities for the workday.

I'd like to turn on the electric fireplace and curl up with a blanket and a book after a busy weekend, but that choice isn't the right one for today. Others are depending on my work, and if I'm not faithful today, it will cause problems for tomorrow.

A Fruit of the Spirit!

Faithfulness! *What is it, and how do we live it out?* Faithfulness is a fruit of the spirit. An article I read (<https://www.gcu.edu/blog/spiritual-life/weekly-devotional-fruit-spirit-faithfulness>) tied the



As we begin to explore the concept of *faithfulness*, we move from incommunicable attributes—those which can only be shown by God—to communicable attributes. We haven't covered all of the incommunicable attributes, but I would encourage you to search out a list of those and work through them on your own. Discover what each one means, and then consider how it impacts your view of God and how it influences your interactions with others.

trait to loyalty and trust. My loyalty to my family motivates me to care for their day-to-day needs regardless of my level of desire to do so, and they can trust that I will continue to do so.

Two-Way Thing

When I look at faithfulness in light of my relationship with God, I see that it's a two-way thing. God's faithfulness has never failed me (*or any person to live before or after me, for that matter*)...and I am called to grow in faithfulness in my relationship with Him.

It's easy to remember the "Abraham-level" faithfulness and think that I have to live up to that measure: pulling my entire family up by the roots to start a new nation or being

willing to sacrifice a child to God. But the truth of it is, while I may be called to huge acts, the majority of my faithfulness will likely be lived out in the day-to-day, the small decisions and moments that are easily discounted or forgotten.

And the more I consider and observe God's faithfulness to me, the more I notice it.

And the more I consider and observe God's faithfulness to me, the more I notice it. Remembering the times he stretched our meager food budget reminds me of all of the hand-me-down clothes that were given to us when three kids seemed to grow out of shirts and shoes faster than we could supply them.

A small gift from a ministry partner causes me to think over decades of faithful gifts from a myriad of people standing behind us in ministry. And then I remember God's provision extends beyond my life to thousands and millions of Christ-followers

→ Please see "*Faithfulness*" on page 13.

Ladies Missionary Fellowship LMF Report

By Joyce Harms



On February 7, the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Mission Fellowship met at the church. A total of 22 ladies enjoyed time working together tying four quilts, working on adult clothing protectors, and placing baby dolls in their blankets for Oregon Right to Life.



Leslie Lanquist, of Village Missions, and **Sue Cacka** shared in our time of devotions. In small groups, we prayed for our church, mission needs, and our world needs. We especially lifted up prayers for Turkey and Syria which had recently been rocked by many devastating earthquakes.

Many husbands joined us for our potluck lunch, another super special part of our gathering. ✝



Photos By Joyce Harms

YOUR Ticket to LMF Fun!

NEXT Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

9:00 am Work Time Projects

11:00 Program*/Meeting

12:00 Potluck Lunch

***Program: Joy Franz (Devotional) and Rena Schuck (military family update)**

Admission Ticket
to Another Great Gathering
of the
Ladies Missionary Fellowship

Faithfulness

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who came before...all the way back to His provision for Abraham and his family as they journeyed out of Ur.

Following His Example

We should also consider how God's faithfulness to us and His call for us to be faithful then directs us in our relationships with others. God is faithful to me *regardless* of my attitudes and behaviors. And I *must* be the same. I *must* continue to make sure there are meals when needed whether or not my family members notice.

My Calling

I am called to give my best in my work each day, even when I feel overwhelmed or wonder about my value to the team. I choose to reach out to friends and those I pray for, even if the effort is not reciprocated.

You, the Reader

Your faithfulness towards God and towards those around you will look different, because *your* life and walk are different.

But each small, loyal choice or action will reflect your Creator and demonstrate His faithfulness to those around you. ✝

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

Psalm 145:17 (NIV)

Awana Updates



Awana Store Update

By Kim Disher

Three times a year the girls and boys who participate in Awana are able to spend their hard-earned Awana Bucks in the Awana Store.

Working Hard!

They earn their 'money' by memorizing Bible verses, completing sections in their books and participating in special theme nights. The last store this year will be on **April 12 for the Sparks** (K–2nd graders) and **April 19 for the T&T** (3–5 graders) and the **Trek** (middle schoolers).

Our Inventory is DOWN!

Thanks to a lot of hard work by our Awana kids, the store inventory is down quite a bit. In order to continue to reward the dedicated efforts of our youth, additional items to sell are desperately needed.

New and Gently Used

As you look around your house or while out at the store, please keep

the Awana store in mind. New and gently used items are welcome.

Specifically ... WHAT?

What can you donate? Well, anything that children in K–8th grade might like. Below are some ideas. Please keep in mind that the list is not all-inclusive so if you have something that you think is appropriate, but not on the list, please donate it.

All donations can be put in the Awana store box outside under the bulletin board outside the multipurpose room.

Ideas

Legos®, games, sports items (*balls, bats, gloves...*), trucks, cars and

tracks, dolls (*all sizes*), dollhouse items, doll clothes, stuffed animals, small framed pictures, knick-knacks, nativity sets, crosses, arts and craft items (*markers, paints, coloring books, stickers, pompoms...*), holiday items (*Christmas, Valentines, Easter...*), jewelry, flashlights, headlamps, speakers, tape measures, tools (*hammers, screwdrivers...*), small lotions, lip balm, bubble bath, hair items, items for gifts for moms, dads and siblings (*kitchen items, tools, ...*).

As you can see, the list is huge! Some of our more unique items have been: a Little Kitty Toaster®, a bean bag chair, a cooler, a clock, a suitcase, fishing poles....

Thank YOU!

Whatever you find to donate, we are greatly appreciative of your support of our Awana program. ✝



Photo By Kim Disher

Grand Prix Wrap-Up

By John and Julie West



Photo By Pastor Troy Bassham

The 2023 Awana Grand Prix was a huge success!! Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so well together to make it happen! With 54 cars racing, a huge crowd of families and friends were there to cheer the racers on! We were blessed to have our Awana missionary, **Becky Loughridge**, present the Gospel during intermission; and "Johnny Lightning" (*aka Alan Casey*) returned as announcer. Thank you for praying for the event—the Lord answered mightily! ✝

Men's Ministry Update

By Tim Griffiths & Rich Saum

EBC MEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

March 25—Men's Breakfast @ EBC

8 am

Speaker **Mike Fast**

Cost \$5.00

Contact **David Wolfe / Dan Roger**

April 15—Corn Hole Tournament

6:30 @ EBC

Contact **Nathan Brown / Rand Dow**

May 20—Men's Breakfast @ EBC

8 am

Cost \$5.00

Contact **David Wolfe / Dan Roger**

June 10—Pacific Northwest Men's Conference

@ Salem Convention Center.
Please sign up by May 31

July 15—Men's Breakfast @ EBC

8 am

Cost \$5.00

Contact **David Wolfe / Dan Roger**

August—Men's Picnic / Potluck

TBD

September 23—Men's Breakfast/ Trapshoot

8 am

Quiring Farms (815 Greenwood Rd, Independence)

Cost \$10 (Breakfast only: \$5)

Contact **Ken Quiring**

ebcdallasmensministry@gmail.com
ebcdallas.org

EBC MEN'S MINISTRY NOTES & INFORMATION

FYI—We are currently looking at an overnight men's retreat in October or November. *Please watch for additional information.*

Randy Flaming is organizing a backpacking trip this summer. To learn more contact him **(503.409.8257)**

Ron Brooks serves as Short Term Missions Coordinator. If you would like to learn more about the EBC short term mission trips and opportunities contact him (ronnyb@q.com)

If you are interested in learning about or serving at EBC, please contact **Joe Cacka (971.287.1583)** or **Darrel Heibenthal (503.623.5858)**

Men's Ministry Team Members

Tim Griffiths—Chairman (785.443.8119), **Ken Quiring**, **Rich Saum**, **David Wolfe**, **Nick Aimee**, **Nathan Brown**, **Rand Dow**, **Joe Cacka**, **Darrel Heibenthal**, **Dan Roger** ✝



Men's Breakfast

When/Where?

March 25 in the church gym at 8:00 am. *(Coffee will be ready by 7:30 am, so plan on arriving early!)*

Program?

Our new Associate Pastor, **Mike Fast**, will be our featured speaker.

What's for Breakfast?

Come and enjoy homemade breakfast burritos the way you like it!

The scrumptious menu includes: sausage, scrambled eggs with cheese, fruit, beverages: coffee, orange juice, milk, water!

How Much?

The \$5 tickets can be purchased during the Sunday Fellowship hour (10:00-10:30): March 5th, 12th and 19th

Who?

YOU, your sons, grandsons, neighbors, and friends. Bottom-line: Invite all your guy friends! So we have an accurate count for food planning, please remember to get them a ticket.

Questions?

Contact **Dave Wolfe (503.551.2081)**. ✝

The EBC Meals Ministry

A Phone Call Away

By Gaye Stewart, Meals Coordinator

The Meals Ministry Team is comprised of a group of volunteer cooks willing to prepare and deliver a nourishing meal during a time of need. Many of us have had our normal routine interrupted by an illness, a surgery, or an unexpected trauma so we want you to know that if that should happen to you, **EBC Help** is only a phone call away!



Call Gaye!

To alert the Meals Ministry Team to your need, call **Gaye Stewart** at **503.510.4370**, and your food needs (*i.e. allergies, food dislikes, and the best time for meal delivery*) will be discussed and a plan developed just for you.

A meal service schedule will be prepared, and once the meal cooks are notified, a copy of the schedule will go to the church office, so they know we are caring for you, a copy is sent to each of the cooks, and another copy goes to the meal recipient.



Delivery With a Smile!

The Meal Ministry has been a support to the EBC family for many years, so please do call if we can bless you with a delicious meal and a smile when we make our delivery during your time of need.

Thank You, Cooks!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteer cooks who make up the Meal Ministry Team! In 2022, the Team prepared and delivered 82 meals and we are grateful that God continues to bless each of us as we strive to serve one another in His name. ✝

Men's Bible Study

Stand Firm in the Word!

By Rich Saum

Men, don't forget, the **Men's Weekly Bible Study** is currently studying the book of **Nehemiah**. It is held **every Thursday at 7:00 pm** in the Youth Center Classroom. Rich Saum facilitates the study. All men are invited to participate!



Village Missions

2023 Spring Candidate School

Worship Service

On **Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 pm**, all are invited to the EBC sanctuary for the 2023 Spring Candidate School Worship Service.

Join this special time in person or via Facebook® or YouTube® to hear the testimonies of the candidates and how God is calling them into full-time ministry.

Questions?

If you have questions about the selection process that the candidates go through, please contact **Tim Griffiths** at tgriffiths@villagemissions.org.

Photos from the 2022 Candidate School: ✝



Youth Perspective

Valentines Banquet

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By Natasha Griffiths
FORGED! Youth Reporter

The Forged Valentines Banquet is a traditional event that I've looked forward to since I knew my older brother was going to it.

I'm not sure why I always looked forward to it. I don't particularly enjoy dressing up or eating fancy food. *But*, I do love learning and listening which is what the banquet is really for.

Taboo?

Dating is a subject that can seem taboo in the church. Marriage feels as though it's expected right after high school. That might not be how all of the high schoolers feel, but I know I am not alone in that opinion.

It's not so weird to talk about dating outside the church: *but once we enter that building?* It's tough to bring up.



Talking About It

So a night specifically designated to talking about dating, marriage and the gift of singleness in a godly fashion is needed for teens. The way we do this at the Valentines Banquet is having a panel of couples and singles on the stage.

This year, our panel consisted of a couple married for 50+ years, a couple married for less than a year, and a single lady.

Pastor Andrew (*our Youth Pastor!*) had a list of questions to ask our panel and we teens got to listen to the advice, stories, and regrets.

Our Panel

With the panel we had, we got a wide range of answers to the questions. The questions narrow in on dating, early marriage struggles, how well the couples know each other and lessons quickly learned with their partner. Our single lady answered some of these questions presented in a different form, applicable to her life.

Interactive Time

At the end we're allowed to ask the panel any further questions on any

subject. After that, Pastor Andrew gave a brief message before we left for the night.

It Can ...

This night *can* feel awkward.

This night *can* easily become about how we look, since the majority of us dress up. This night *can* feel useless to some. This night *might* feel out of place in the church building. **But** ... it's a night to talk and learn about something that takes up so much of a teen's thoughts.

We're in high school. There's a felt pressure to date, maybe even get married soon. *So to talk about it in a way that brings us back to what dating is for and how to do it in a godly manner?* That's needed and appreciated. Or to talk about singleness and the gift that it can also be? That is important as well. ✝



Photos By Gwen Griffiths, unless otherwise noted.

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Focus On Missions!

Andy and Jerusha Yount

Our Update:

We have been slowly getting back into our routines with work and church since the Christmas holiday.

Jerusha has been hard at work with the courts and has started serving our church by running slides on Sunday morning once a month as well as cleaning the bathrooms weekly.

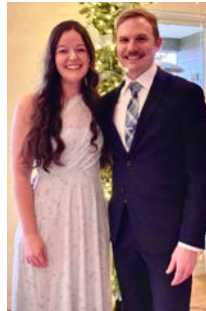
Our church is small, and up until this point, the operations pastor was the only one cleaning the bathrooms. Even though it's a small task, our desire is that the pastors will feel supported and cared for. Jerusha is looking forward to this summer as she has also been asked to be a coach for **Up and Running Again**, the summer running program for Spokane's UGM women's shelter.

Andy has been spending the bulk of his time at work installing autopilot systems in several of the training aircraft in preparation for the spring flight classes. He's also been enjoying getting to know several of the students through conversations in the lunchroom. Outside of work he has been leading worship at our church. He has also been leading a student worship team for Moody Aviation's weekly chapel services. We are excited for the warming weather and look forward to being able to visit EBC sometime soon!

Question:

What is one of the biggest challenges you are facing in your mission work and how are you addressing it?

■ *Excuse me, m'am. Hello?* I was walking briskly to my car from church, trying to get out of the cold and onto the next thing. Staring



at my feet, I was going through what I was going to make for lunch and the other items on my to-do list that needed to be accomplished before the week started. So it took me a moment to realize that the soft voice was talking to me.

I turned and behind me was a lady whose age I could not discern, but her face and body were obviously haggard from years of drug use.



Needles

"Hello," she limped over to me, smiling widely showing the few teeth she had left. Before I could respond, she continued on. *"I wanted to let you know, I'm so sorry. I've been coming around and cleaning up those needles, and I'm so sorry about them."*

I hesitated, confused, *"The needles?"*

"Yes," she nodded excitedly. *"They've been doing drugs and leaving the needles by your door, and I don't want the children to see them so I come around and pick them up. And this morning I didn't get to them in time, and I'm so sorry."*

I thanked her for what she'd been doing and tried to explain that no one was upset by the needles she had forgotten to come clean. She waved in response and started walking on her way.

As she was leaving, I asked her her name. She smiled that wide smile again in my direction and replied, *"Jaime."*

"Well, Jaime, thank you. And you are always welcome to come in and join us for church if you'd like to." She said thank you and

continued on her way.

And I stood there watching. Watching and wondering. Wondering what her story was. What her childhood was like. Whether she knew her father. Why

→ Please see "Yount" on page 19.



she had been cleaning up needles around the church.

I couldn't stop thinking about Jaime as I drove home that day. And I feel like God regularly brings her to mind and I look for her when I'm at the church. Maybe it is my reminder to pray that God would make himself known to her.

Biggest Challenge

One of the biggest challenges that we have faced in our current season is living in the present. We look toward the future and what God may be calling us to in the years to come and it can be very easy to spend time and energy thinking about what kind of missionaries we plan to be.

Here ... AND Now

The reality is, God has given us a mission field where we are right now in our church, in our community, and in our city.

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Everywhere we go, there are people like Jaime who need to see Christ's love. But if we are always trying to get to the next thing we miss the soft voices saying "hello" and calling us into what God is doing in the present. We are learning to be intentional about being present in the now.

When the anxiety of the future starts to creep into my mind and I find myself walking at a brisk pace, I remind myself to slow down. To watch and wonder about what God is doing in the lives around us and how he is calling us to be a part.



Thanks!
Cindy and Jerusha ✝



Well Done!



By Sylvia Thomas
EBC Missions Committee

The retirement reception for **Ian and Linda McFarland** was a great time of fellowship after the service on February 26.

In addition to the food, **Pastor Troy** brought comments from their missions organization expressing appreciation for their many years of service in Ecuador.

Jerry Franz spoke, having known them during their whole time of missionary service. Their life story and timeline gave us all a greater understanding of their specific work on the field.

Sarah McFarland put together a wonderful video of their ministry over the years.

In closing, EBC gifted them with an apple tree to plant as a reminder of the fruitful ministry that God does through his children. **MANY THANKS** to those who were involved in putting together this celebration. ✝



Photos By Sylvia Thomas

On The Road For Him

By Michael Barnes

As many of you know, I am starting a new chapter in my life. This is a new season without my best friend, my partner for the last 38 years, my beloved Sharon who is now rejoicing with the Lord.

Sharon and I have always had a heart for serving the Lord. We were always active in our local church with VBS, choir, Sunday School, etc. Any event involving food, Sharon was right there in the kitchen.

A Further Step

We took all that a step further in 1994 and went on the road for almost four years in a service ministry with several different groups. We served at Bible camps, Christian schools, churches, and other ministries helping out where we could. Much of our service was through an RV ministry called **SOWERS**. See the article about them on [page 22](#) of this newsletter.

Inspiration

About thirty years ago, a missionary spoke at our church how he was going to the mission field in a supporting role. Until that time, I had always thought of missionaries living in the jungle someplace translating and teaching the Bible. I had no idea there were other things to do. Then, I heard about Stephen in Acts 6.

Now I am no Bible scholar, I am terrible with languages, and, honestly, sometimes not that great of a people person. But, I do know how to wait on tables! Growing up poor, any time something needed fixing around the house, we did it ourselves rather than hiring it out. God taught

Acts 6:2-6

So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. (NIV)

me these life skills and allowed me to use them serving others. So, handling plumbing, electrical, and other basic repairs, fixing broken windows, taking out the trash, and other kinds of "grunt labor" became my service to Him. And, like Stephen, I did occasionally teach and share the Gospel. Fortunately, I was not stoned for it, although there may have been an occasional rotten tomato sent my way.

Resuming the Work

In recent years, we felt led to resume this ministry, and we worked at a few locations in California and Idaho, but Sharon's deteriorating health put future projects on hold.

Now, as I am in recovery, I feel God calling me to continue this path. In April I am embarking on a new road trip. I will be returning to Idaho to serve a month at **Hope House** in the small town of Marsing, near Caldwell and Nampa.

Hope House

"Hope House exists to provide a home for children who are emotionally impaired, developmentally disabled, and/or come from disrupted adoptions or dysfunctional families."

Hope House is home to approximately 25 young people

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On the Road

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who have had tragic early lives. They operate a grades 1-12 Christian Academy with a strong Bible based curriculum. Please visit their website at <http://ahome2come2.com/> for more details.

Duties

My duties at Hope House will include general repairs and cleanup. Hope House occupies a former Job Corps training campus which was abandoned for many years and fell into a very poor condition from neglect and vandalism. The campus has dormitories, staff housing and offices, a school, chapel, dining hall, maintenance shops, and other facilities. Always needing care and tending, as well as changes as time, programs, and needs develop.

Next Step

After leaving Hope House, I will take a little R&R time in Wyoming doing some camping, exploring, visiting, and participating in some special ham radio activities.

On To Nebraska!

My next stop will be at **Bethel Bible Camp in Wellfleet, Nebraska**, a ministry of InFaith. There I will be assisting EBC supported missionaries **Kevin and Jennifer Domes**. Serving on the maintenance staff, I will be getting things ready for the camper season



and handling some of the “grunt work”. I plan on being at Bethel for about two months. You can see more about Bethel Bible Camp on their web page at <http://www.bethelbiblecamp.org/>.

Not Done Alone

God’s work is never done alone. Even God had a team, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout time, He always organized groups in one way or the other to do His will. When He sent His Son to us, Jesus gathered the Twelve to assist His ministry. As I join the team at these different ministries, I can rejoice knowing I have a team here at EBC standing behind me with encouragement and prayers.

Romans 10:13-15

for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (NIV)

And I will add to that, how can they preach without someone fixing the lights and taking out the trash? We

are all part of the team, those who are being sent and those who send them.

Where to Go Next???

Where am I going after my stay at Bethel Bible Camp? At this time I honestly do not know. That will be up to the Lord. I may come home, I may go on to another ministry, or ???

Trip Log

I will be sending out a periodic report on my journey. If you may be interested in reading, you can subscribe at <http://eepurl.com/ikwzqf> or just drop me an email at michael@wa7skg.com. It will just be a simple newsletter. I do not share the address list with anybody and you can unsubscribe at any time. *It is free, no obligation, no advertising, no salesman will call.*

My Schedule

I have been blessed that the EBC Missions Committee has added its approval of my trip as a sanctioned Short Term Mission Trip. My schedule so far is:

April 5

✘ Depart Dallas

April 7–May 3

✘ Hope House

✘ Marsing, ID

May 9–July 6

✘ Bethel Bible Camp

✘ Wellfleet, NE

July 7

✘ TBD

Thanks for your prayers and interest!



Fulfillment — Challenge — Fellowship — Service

RV With A Purpose

By Michael Barnes



Got some time on your hands? Looking for a way to serve the Lord?

Full-Timers

In 1994 when I retired from the Air Force, **Sharon** and I decided to try full-time RVing for a while. Wanting to do something that had meaning, but with a minimal commitment due to Sharon's health situation, we considered volunteer options that would provide RV parking for volunteer work.

Finding SOWERS

Then we discovered SOWERS. For almost four years we traveled the country, serving at churches, Bible Camps, and other ministries, working over 35 projects.

During that time, we saw so many blessings from God. We made great friends, saw lots of interesting places, learned many things, improved skills, and other things that led us to and helped us with our continued ministry as the years went on.

One Month At a Time

A SOWERS project is typically a one month commitment. You can pick the projects you want with the types of ministries and locations you feel led to serve. You can work as much or as little as you like, one project per year or twelve projects per year, or anything in between. You will indeed be blessed by the experience.

What is the SOWER Ministry?

The SOWER (**S**ervants **O**n **W**heels **E**ver **R**eady) Ministry is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian RV work ministry that provides volunteer help to selected non-profit Christian ministries.

Where Can I Volunteer?

These ministries include:

☒ Camps

☒ Conference centers

☒ Orphanages

☒ Schools

☒ Missionary retreat centers and training facilities

☒ Homes for abused children and recovery homes for adults.

Ministries provide RV hookups, work supervision, specialty tools, and materials as needed. SOWERS supply hand tools, labor and their own meals. Additionally, SOWERS are allowed to stay at projects for one week following a three-week work commitment, giving them an opportunity to see the local sights or just rest and relax.

Many Opportunities!

There are approximately 170 ministries SOWERS has partnered with to provide work and

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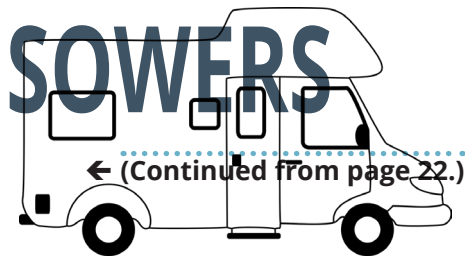
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Contact Info

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encouragement. The home office, located in northeast Texas, is where the SOWER ministries are coordinated.

How We Serve

The SOWER Ministry is primarily one of physical labor. Men use skills such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, roofing, masonry, mechanics etc., to do construction, remodeling, building repair, vehicle repair, or landscaping. Ladies use skills such as cleaning, painting, sewing, tutoring, landscaping, assisting in the office, and occasionally, maintenance type work. There are opportunities for everyone of reasonably good health to contribute in some way.

Whom We Serve

Service to our Lord and Savior by promoting the Kingdom of God through serving Christian ministries defined as a Christian school, camp, orphanage, retreat or other Christian ministries including those caring for or training people that is governed by traditional, evangelical, Biblical principles and openly proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These ministries are located throughout the United States and Canada.



Are You Interested?

Visit the SOWER Website at sowerministry.org or contact the SOWER Office for more information.

During the membership process you will be required to:

- ✠ Complete the SOWER application (both husband and wife).
- ✠ Provide your personal salvation testimony.
- ✠ Request your pastor send a separate letter to the SOWER ministry Office concerning your Christian commitment.
- ✠ Complete a criminal background check, as frequently

SOWERS work on projects in the presence of children and vulnerable adults.

After all application items have been received at the office, they will be sent to a SOWER Trustee, who will contact you to set up an interview time.

OR ... Ask Me!

Of course if you have any questions about the ministry, you may feel free to contact me. I'd love to share our experiences. Grab me at church, drop me an email at michael@wa7skg.com, or text or call me at 503.567.2218. ✠

Books for Bolivia Fundraiser

Keep on Printing!

By Sylvia Thomas

A short-term mission trip to Bolivia is slated for April. As with previous trips to help missionaries **Dan and Judy Burke**, this group from EBC will spend a lot of time assembling books used to teach Chimane believers in their own language.

Equipment Needed

Due to a lot of printing being done in recent years, the Burkes are in need of a new printer and other supplies. The EBC team will help with this need by raising money. Please be watching for additional word on this fundraising effort in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we ask that you prayerfully consider donating what you can to this worthwhile cause. In order to make sure your donations go to the intended place, please note them as **"Bolivia Books"**.

Team Ready to Go!

The team will be gone to Bolivia from April 19 to May 3. They ask for your prayers as they prepare and travel to this mission field.

This year's team consists of: **Doug and Chris Mollerstuen, Julie Gilreath, Ken and Ruth Quiring.** ✠

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
Wycliffe

the_armstrongs@the-armstrong-family.net

- ✠ 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
Missionary Aviation Fellowship
tbrooks@maf.org

- ✠ 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
SIM
dianaafrica@gmail.com

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



Dan and Judy Burke
Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes Missions)
dan_burke@ntm.org

- ✠ 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
IN FAITH
kjdomes.ministry@yahoo.com

- ✠ 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
Avant Ministries
ivary@avmi.org

- ✠ Serve in Mucambo, Brazil
- ✠ Involved in evangelism and discipleship

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EBC Supports

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✠ Administrate programs such as a coffee shop outreach

✠ Long time involvement with a Christian radio ministry

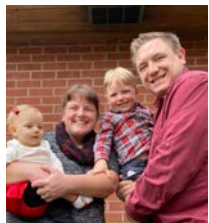


Eric and Judith Hedeem

Ethnos 360

eric_hedeem@ntm.org

- ✠ 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

Youth For Christ

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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



Steve and Mikki Schmidt

SIM Missionaries

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mikki.schmidt@sim.org

✠ 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

Proclaim Aviation Ministries

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✠ On staff with Moody Bible Institute's Mission Aviation School

✠ Learning Avionics in preparation for future Missionary pilot position ✝

Please Pray DAILY for our missionaries!

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
◆ The Gate



Concerning Our Missionaries ... Positive Reassuring Action Yielding Eternal Results

P.R.A.Y.E.R.

Submitted By Patty Van Well
EBC Missions Committee

Village Missions: Pray for the District Representatives who are meeting March 7–10 and for the 24 churches waiting for a full time pastor. The spring candidate school is March 26–31. Pray that those attending will learn more about VM and discern if this is God's will for them.

Stent: Pray for healing for the people injured in the earthquake, comfort for those who lost loved ones and wisdom for how we can best serve when the needs are so many.

The Gate: Pray for the new Discipleship Director as he settles into his position of mentoring staff and teens in their spiritual journey.

River of Life: Pray that they can maintain the stability of the men's house and have new opportunities to introduce others to God's word and ways.

Domes: Summer camp brochures are being sent out. Pray that many will be able to attend camp and learn more about Jesus as our Solid Foundation.

Yount: Pray that God would give them opportunities to serve the Moody community and in their church.

Bulande: The family is returning to Mozambique on March 21st. They have many preparations to make and pray that all the necessary documents arrive in time.

Hedeen: There are a number of different tasks on their 'plate' and they ask that we pray for them to find a good 'ministry balance'.

PTL (Praise The Lord!)

Stent: They are thankful that they are able to help cook meals for, and house people, who have been affected by the earthquake.

River of Life: All of the ladies that had to move found good places to live, way before the moving deadline!

Kruse: Praise that 16 high school students attended the winter camp in February and were given the opportunity to hear God's word, build relationships with Christian adults and be involved in small group discussions.

Hedeen: They are thankful for the health and strength to be serving in PNG. ✝

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.

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Little Joys

“Pastor, what passage of the Bible are we studying this morning?” Although this may seem like an ordinary comment, I was greatly encouraged. The question came from a 10-year-old girl who had not attended church until the last few weeks but had recently shown spiritual interest. I explained what passage we would be studying and showed her how to use her Bible index to locate the Gospel of Mark. Little joys like this make rural ministry beautiful.

Logan & Jennifer Matenaer
Audubon, IA ✝

Honored to Serve

I often conduct funerals for people I've never met. Recently I had the opportunity to minister to a family that experienced a stillbirth. They live in a town 25 miles away and don't have a church family. The funeral home director contacted me, and I was honored to comfort this grieving family with Scripture and to share hope. A couple of weeks later, our church hosted another funeral, this for a woman in our community. She and her boyfriend died in a tragic accident with a heater in their camper. None of her family came to the service or the meal afterward, but her friends did, and we were thankful we could point them to Christ.

Ben & Kristen Bielenberg
Blue Mound, KS ✝

Don't Underestimate!

Don't underestimate the value of a personal invitation to church! Two families whose children attend our Kids' Club came to our worship service Sunday morning. One of the mothers said, “We came because Debbie invited us.” Debbie helps prepare and serve the meals on Wednesday evenings after Kids' Club. A man named Randy visited one Sunday morning because of another personal invitation. Lee, from our church family, had helped Randy pull his vehicle out of a ditch. In their conversation, Lee invited Randy to church. Randy came and, after the service, let us know he would be back.

Paul DeVall
Wrenshall, MN ✝

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
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**Article Deadline for April ISSUE is:
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The Bible is a guide for our lives; for example **Psalms 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. ✝

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)