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Winter Olympics

By Pastor Troy Bassham

My family and I have very much enjoyed the winter Olympics, watching athletes from all over the world compete in varied competitions.

I am amazed at the talent, bravery, and dedication to reach such levels of performance. Some of the events require incredible skill and artistry. Others seem insane. Like, let's see who can go the fastest headfirst on a sled down an icy cliff. *Don't even get me started on the aerials that the snowboarders and skiers execute in the freestyle halfpipe competitions.* It almost makes bobsledders seem sane and pedestrian.



The Thrill of Victory

Of course, there was great excitement in the **Bassham** house to see both the United States men's and women's hockey teams bring

home the gold. There were also moments of sadness seeing dreams (*and sometimes bodies*) dashed. Also, I might be a little obsessed with curling.

Run the Race In Such a Way...

All of this led me back to the Apostle Paul's words in **1 Corinthians**

9:24-27 (LSB):

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Now everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a corruptible crown,

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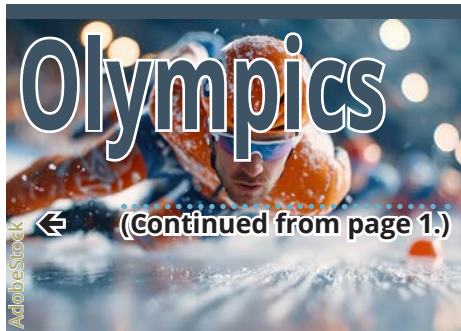
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Monday, March 30, 2026 @ 5:00 pm!

know. grow. go.



but we are incorruptible. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Spiritual Parallels

As we consider the Olympics, there are lots of spiritual parallels. The athletes competing need to be dedicated and disciplined to rise to such a level of performance. This can be a time for personal reflection.

Do we have such dedication as we consider our own spiritual formation? Are we content with

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mediocrity in our own lives and ministries or do we seek something greater?

In sport, not all of us are able to compete at a high level. We might not have the requisite gifting or opportunities. But in our spiritual life, our transformation and success is not dependent upon genetics and training but upon the working of the Holy Spirit in and through us. **(1 Corinthians 1:26-31, 3:5-9, Zechariah 4:6, Act 1:8).** We can do great things, because we serve a great God.

Do You Want It?

Do we want to grow in faith?

If so, we need to spend time in prayer and in God's Word. If we want to be productive in ministry, we need to pursue humility, righteousness, and faithfulness. An athlete has coaches and trainers; we need to have those who encourage us and mentor us spiritually.



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There is also the fact that the Olympics has many different events. *Is a gold medalist in skiing viewed as a failure because he does not have the skill to compete in ice dancing? Are the speedskating champion's accomplishments diminished because she cannot medal in biathlon?*

In the same way, while we all have the same Savior, the same faith, and are called to the same holy character.



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We have different giftings and ministries. Each of us is to use what God has given us for His purposes **(1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4)**. Consider the gifts and opportunities that God has given you. **Think about ways that you can use your abilities in ministry.**

A Difference

Olympic athletes compete to wear a medal and to hear their country's anthem. **Let us labor for God's glory and for an eternal crown.** †

Operation Christmas Child



By Kay Whitney

Throughout this year you will have the opportunity to contribute items for the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Ministry of Operation Christmas Child. The items collected will be put aside until next fall when we assemble the shoeboxes.

March Items:

The items for March are:

- ✘ Hats
- ✘ Scarves
- ✘ Gloves
- ✘ Mittens

Please use the box in the foyer for your monthly donations.

THANK YOU for your continued support of this outreach ministry. †



2026 Easter Services

Good Friday Service 4/3/2026 6:00 p.m.
Easter Morning Services 4/5/2026 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.



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He is Risen!

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Dear Friends at EBC,

We fondly remember our time with you toward the beginning of 2025. You received us so warmly and gave us ample opportunity to share about what God is doing in our part of Brazil.

And we thank you for how you have so generously contributed to the project of the distribution of radios and wifi boxes for Harvest Radio. We are so happy to have Harvest Radio in our area and are doing all we can to get the word out about it. Your donations are helping us do that.

We also thank you for once again sending us a Christmas gift. We don't spend so much on each other any more but love to buy gifts for the 13 grandchildren. We enjoyed that once again and we think the kids did too. Anyhow, you helped with that.

Again thank you for standing with us in the work. We couldn't do it without you.

May God richly bless the church and its ministry.

Ivan and Mary Goossen ✝

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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

The crazier the world gets these days the greater effort we must make to keep the Church of Jesus Christ a place that demonstrates His love, joy and peace.

Loving one another, bearing one another's burdens, forgiving one another, giving to one another, fellowshiping with one another, and worshipping with one another are some of the ways we make our church a place of His love, joy and peace.

Know One Another

Knowing one another is an additional effort we can make to keep our church growing in faith. The roster of the 2026 elder team includes **Jim Peters, Jim Walker, Galen Harms, Mike Huber, Pastor Troy and Nat Thomas.**

I will share the brief testimonies of our elder team as they shared with me, with some slight editorial license. Our first to share are Galen Harms and Mike Huber. *The rest will share in future issues.*

Galen Harms:

I was born and raised right here in the EBC neighborhood! When I was five years old I experienced salvation as a child at my mother's knee. Later there were times of recommitting my life—once in college and another as a young married man.



I went to Fresno Pacific College and graduated with a degree in Math. I later completed a Master's Degree.

Marriage to Jonell

After **Jonell** and I were married we joined the Christian Service program of our church. We were placed as teachers in an American school in Cali, Colombia, for two years. For me that served as Alternative Service.

We felt the call to continue to serve, so we applied to our denominational mission agency. Though not placing educators, they gave us contacts for overseas teaching opportunities in locations where there were denominational missionaries. We were employed by an international school in Curitiba, Brazil. After four years there, and after prayer seeking God's guidance, we accepted an offer to work in a much larger American school in a much, much larger city—Sao Paulo.

Not being with a mission agency but as followers of Jesus, our responsibility was to be salt and light to others—Brazilians, Americans, and other third country nationalities.

I worked at Central School District in Monmouth-Independence for



the last 27 years of my career in education.

After retirement we deliberately sought places where we could serve in a short-term capacity. That turned out to be with CRU in Germany, and three times at Lithuania Christian College.

We began attending EBC in the fall of 2011. When I joined the Elders, I was given a book titled Church Elders and at the same time **Pastor Mike** was doing elder training. From these sources I felt then that this is a huge responsibility to God and the church community. I still feel that way and pray that He'll help me in this position.

Mike Huber:

My wife, **Donna**, and I got married in this church 51 years ago. We have three children and eight grandchildren.



We have been attending this church for just over six years.

Growing up my family attended an Episcopal church. When I was 18, I joined the navy and got married. I spent my first 3 ½ years on an amphibious assault ship and took part in the evacuation of Vietnam and Cambodia. We spent the next 3 years stationed in Hawaii, where I worked with fleet intelligence.

After that I got out of the Navy and we moved to Dallas, where we have lived ever since.

Dallas and Career

I'm currently retired after spending 42 years working in the computer

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field at the following companies: Evergreen Aviation, Valley Insurance, Hewlett Packard, Western Oregon University, and the state of Oregon at Oregon Health Authority.

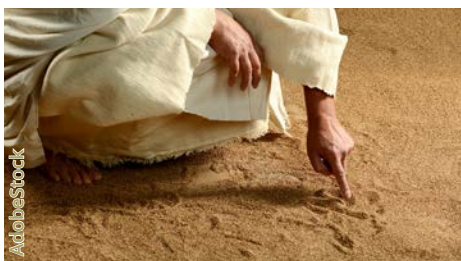
Giving My Life to Christ

When I was a freshman in high school, I was reading one of the gospels when everything I'd been taught became clear to me and I realized I needed Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. So, I confessed my sins and asked Jesus into my heart.

While stationed in Hawaii, we started attending a Southern Baptist church and both of us were baptized.

Since then, I have had the opportunity to be a part of a number of church ministries: Sunday School teacher, Elder, Trustee, Missions Committee, Connect Group, Youth Group, and Worship Team.

I have been a volunteer at The Gate Youth Association in Independence, International Students Incorporated (*which shares Christ's love with international students and scholars at Western Oregon University*), led the Contenders Discipleship Initiative (*a Village Missions program that equips Christians for ministry*), and participated in some short-term mission trips.



I am honored to serve you and the Lord as an Elder in this church.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, Galen and Mike for serving on the elder team! Our aim is to fulfill Peter's exhortation to elders everywhere in **1 Peter 5:2-3 (NKJV):** ***Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.*** †

Join LMF for a Special Activity

Ladies Missionary Fellowship (LMF) invites all women to join us for a special hands-on activity! Do you enjoy—or want to learn—quilting? If so, please join us for this upcoming event. †



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Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

News from FEBC!

By Kevin Stone
President, FEBC



March 2, 2026

I recently had the privilege of joining the FEBC directors for their winter meeting. They meet live twice per year and by video between the two live meetings. Naturally, the live meetings are a highlight, when the men can see one another face-to-face and work through the business of our Fellowship together. They are also a highlight because they provide the opportunity to connect personally, share stories, to laugh and cry and pray together.

Like most leadership boards, the directors face some difficult issues together. While quite rare, there are spirited debates and passionate discussions. But without fail, there is a true sense of camaraderie, and beyond that, these men love each other. When business has ended, there is an easy sense of togetherness, and mutual respect is obvious. It is a joy to witness and to be part of such a Christlike gathering.

I hope your local church leaders operate this way. I hope your worship team and your Sunday School team and your men's or women's ministry team exhibit love and compassion toward one another even when there are disagreements about the best way forward.

More than ever before in my lifetime, these traits are uncommon in society. It seems nearly impossible to find secular examples of people who disagree and yet work together in a healthy way. In fact, many seem unwilling to even be near people with whom they disagree. It seems that anyone who does not share one's ideas must be labeled an enemy.

Perhaps that's why Jesus said: **"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:5, ESV)**. Truly loving one another despite our differences is exactly what sets us apart. Fighting over our preferences is not supposed to be normal for believers. Leaving the church when things are not done our way is not supposed to be normal for believers. Nor is holding a grudge against someone in the church. Our love for one another is what will draw others to the work Christ is doing in us.

May we be churches that put our mutual love and concern on display for the community to see. May we be totally unlike the countless examples of selfishness in society.

Let us love one another in humility and selflessness.

Thank you for your ongoing prayer, support, and encouragement.

Kevin Stone

President, FEBC †

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The Gift of Conflict

Upward & Onward

By Gwen Griffiths

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT)

For years, our family participated in a homeschool cooperative. Our involvement required a regular parent meeting that I wished I didn't have to attend. The agenda was long, the questions were many, and the answers were lengthy. In order to attend the meeting with something resembling a good attitude, I would often bring a



current crochet project, then slip into my seat right before the meeting began and endeavor to leave as soon as the meeting ended.

The day after one of those meetings, I received a phone call from the mother of one of my piano students. She asked if she had offended me in some way—and I was stymied. I hadn't had contact with her since a piano lesson almost a week ago. Then she said, *"We were so excited to see you at the meeting last night, but it seemed like you were mad at us and wouldn't acknowledge us."*

The Wrong Focus

I was so embarrassed. I had been so caught up in surviving the meeting and just getting out of there that I never noticed them. My focus on myself caused hurt. When we focus on ourselves, we react (*to real and perceived negative emotions*) in negative ways. We speak defensively because we feel attacked or misrepresented. We try to self-protect, guarding ourselves. We make assumptions and fight the argument in our head instead of talking to the person. We may stop listening because we are trying to come up with the perfect retort.

We forget to consider the other person's needs and to find empathy and compassion for those needs or hurts. We desire to hurt the



other person because they hurt us. **Forgiveness becomes more difficult.**

Looking Up and Out

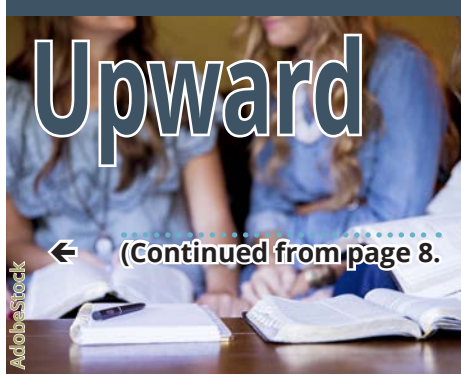
The trick is that we can choose to think upwards—*about God and His desire for this relationship*—and outwards—*about the person*. When we do this, we honor God.

The relationship grows: the bond grows stronger and one or both of us may grow to look more like Christ. As we *"rub up against each other"* in the friction of conflict, some of the rough edges of our hearts are smoothed out. We become better able to offer empathy, compassion, and grace.

What Is Most Important?

As we learn to look upward, aiming to reflect Christ, and outward, valuing the other person above ourselves, we show respect for

→ Please see "Upward" on page 9.



Upward

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the other person. It may help to remember this question: Which is more important—my point, or the person with whom I have conflict?

Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit (**Ephesians 4:3**) means speaking and acting in such a way that you don't destroy the dignity of the other person. And oh, what a temptation that is.

We want the world to know that we are right and someone else is wrong.

But the truth is, *the entire world doesn't need to know.* We should be more concerned with how Jesus sees our hearts, our actions, and our reactions than with how the world views them. Our words and actions should reflect our priority on honoring God and those with whom we interact.

Keep Thinking:

✦ *What is your goal, or priority, in conflict? Is it to be proven right, to return hurt, or to represent God well?*

✦ *How can you work to enter into conflict situations with respect and empathy for the other person?* †



Women's Ministry Update

By Erin Lovell
Chairperson, Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry Team is excited to share our schedule of events for this year. We hope and pray these events will draw the ladies of EBC closer to God as well as to each other.

Our 2026 Team!

The 2026 Women's Ministry Team of EBC consists of:

- ✦ **Amanda Schafer**
- ✦ **Beth Lyman**
- ✦ **Cathy Aime**
- ✦ **Chris Hafner**
- ✦ **Colleen Shinn**
- ✦ **Elly Ensz**
- ✦ **Erin Lovell**
- ✦ **Lori Bassham**
- ✦ **Ruth Quiring**
- ✦ **Stacy Foster** †



*"yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will take joy in the God of my salvation."
Habakkuk 3:18*

2026 Women's Ministry Event Schedule

January Journey Dessert
Monday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m.
Come enjoy dessert and discussion about, Joy: A Godly Woman's Adornment by Lydia Brownback

Bunco Night
Friday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Tea Time
Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m.
Savor a tea time menu as we hear an encouraging message and enjoy music and fun games.

Summer Social
Friday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Fun and relaxing evening to welcome in the beginning of summer.

Bunco Night
Friday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Retreat
Friday to Sunday, October 2-4
Location: Fern Hill Lodge, Monmouth
Enjoy a weekend getaway or a day retreat. You get to choose!

Christmas Dessert
Friday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.
Start the Christmas season sharing an evening together.

All EBC women are encouraged to participate in these events by inviting their friends, attending, and/or helping with the event.
For more information: (503) 623-2331 or office@ebcdallas.org

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By Gwen Griffiths

In February, moms were encouraged to build into their marriages and disciple their children.

Talking About Marriage

In February 10, **Pastor Troy and Lori Bassham** came to speak to the group about marriage. They shared a few stories from their own marriage over the years and challenged the women to offer grace to each other and strive to communicate well.



Troy and Lori Bassham spoke on marriage during our Feb 10 meeting.

Then ... Discipling Children

Then, on February 24, **Lonelle Mann** shared how parents can use holidays and the church calendar to disciple their children.

Lonelle gave specific examples and activities that parents could put into practice during holiday seasons to help their children better understand the reasons why we observe them the way we do and how those observances affect their relationship with Jesus. Lonelle used Lent as



Women created "Lent in a Bag" kits filled with activities to help them lead their children in observance of the time leading up to Easter.

Understanding Holidays & Events

Helping their children understand the holidays and events celebrated by the church can also help the parents grow deeper in their own faith.

Prayers Needed

Would you pray this month that the moms who attend Mom to Mom would be drawn into a closer relationship with Christ? †



Ladies also participated in a chocolate contest.

Mom to Mom Mom Swap

Bring items you no longer want or need for our setup time on **Monday, March 9** (3-7 pm). Then return to "shop" for free on **Tuesday morning, March 10**. We'll begin with brunch at 9, followed by the swap.

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Men's Ministry Update

By Darrel Hiebenthal, Chairman

Currently we have a steering committee that meets monthly to plan and brainstorm potential meetings/activities/events. Generally these meetings are held at EBC on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Your Input is Requested!

If you would like to provide input or assistance, please contact one of the people on our Men's Ministry Steering Committee.

- ✘ Nick Aime
- ✘ Martin Hauge
- ✘ Darrel Hiebenthal
- ✘ Patrick McMurchy
- ✘ Ken Quiring
- ✘ David Rand
- ✘ Dan Rogers
- ✘ Dave Wolfe †

Plan to be ...
Involved!



Men's Breakfast

March 7, 2026

Men of all ages save the date for the next men's breakfast on March 7. Fresh coffee will be ready when the doors open at 7:30 am and breakfast will be served at 8:00. Come for a morning of food, fellowship, and hear some words of encouragement from our speaker.



EBC MEN'S MINISTRY

2026 EVENTS

January 31
31 Day Journey Wrap Up Breakfast

March 7
Men's Breakfast

May 9
Men's Breakfast

August 8
Men's Breakfast

September (Date TBD)
Annual Trap Shoot

November 14
Men's Breakfast

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Winter / Spring 2026 Children's Classes

9:00 Service

Nursery Birth - 3 Years Rooms 61,59
Children's Church 3yrs. - Kinder. Room 52
Children's Church 1st-5th Grades Room 71

10:30 Service

Nursery Birth - 3 Years Room 59
3 Years - Kindergarten Room 183
1st & 2nd Grade Room 283
3rd -5th Grades Room 277
Middle School & High School Room 135



Winter/Spring 2026 Adult Sunday School Classes

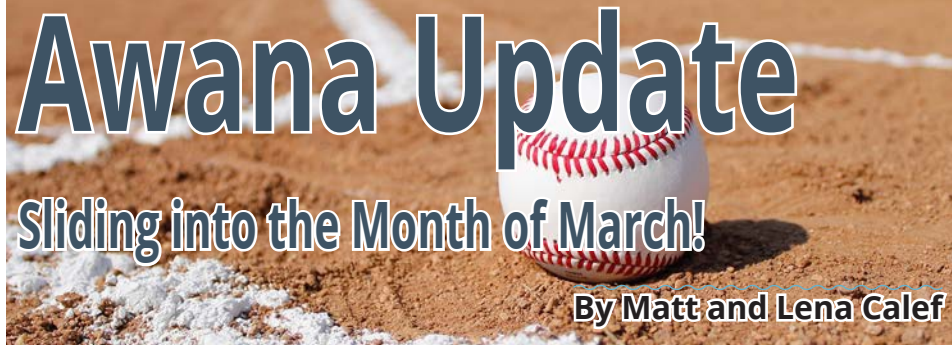
10:30 Service

Bible in Life Room 121
Book of Genesis Room 122
1 Peter Room 131
Foundations of the Faith Room 226
Sermon Recap Room 224
Faith Lesson Series Room 228
Young Adults Room 222



THANK YOU, Alison Johnson, for providing the Sunday School graphics.





THANK YOU, Friends!

By Kim Disher
Awana Store Coordinator

Our Awana schedule is rounding third base headed for home. As of this publication, the second round of the Awana store has closed. **THANK YOU** to the volunteers that stock and staff the store. The clubbers get to spend some of their hard earned Awana bucks on prizes and things to take home.

Calendar Items of Note

For March, we have some extra things on our schedule that promises a fun time for youth and leaders alike. Here's a brief run-down:

✦ **Beach Night: March 4**
I'm imagining flippers and swim goggles... Maybe a sandy beach imported into the gym for game time...??? That would be fun! (*Clean up on aisle 3!*)

✦ **Coin Drive: March 18**
We will be collecting coins to invest in Awana's international ministries in order to spread the Gospel around the world.



✦ **Spring Break**
Although not *nearly* as fun as a Wednesday night at Awana, there will be **NO** club meetings on **Wednesday, March 25.**

Please Pray—We're Not Done Yet!

We ask for prayers of endurance for our clubbers, leaders, and parents that show up week after week for our program. It only happens because of the dedication of the people. In a recent sermon the passage reading before the sermon was **Romans 5:1-5 (ESV):**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Lord Jesus, let our hope be in you. For ever and ever, AMEN. †

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated items to the Awana store.

These items are purchased by the children with their Awana bucks that they earned by memorizing Bible verses, attending Awana, completing exercises in their books and participating in activities.

The children had a lot of wonderful items to choose from to spend their Awana bucks on. **THANK YOU** for helping us to reward these hard working children.

Team Event

This is truly a team event and we are blessed to have a dedicated group of shopkeepers each time we open our doors. Those who have lent a hand this year are:

- ✦ Allie Brown
- ✦ Ashley Brown
- ✦ Nathan Brown
- ✦ Taylor Brown
- ✦ Bob Disher
- ✦ Kim Disher
- ✦ Sharon Flaming
- ✦ Kathy Reynolds †



Recent shopkeepers: Sharon Flaming, Kathy Reynolds, Ashley Brown, Allie Brown, Kim Disher (Not pictured: Nathan Brown, Taylor Brown, Bob Disher)

Missionaries Daniel and Aubrie Continuing to Answer the Call

Salaams

By Daniel and Aubrie

Have YOU Noticed?

By Linda McFarland
EBC Missions Committee

Have you ever noticed the little guesthouse that sits on EBC property on the west side of the church? It faces Ash Street. Our missionaries, **Daniel and Aubrie**, along with their two children, were the most recent occupants of this home for about six months. In January, after they left for their next assignment, the Missions Committee asked if they would help us with additional, practical suggestions for improvements at the guesthouse. The following is their answer:

Please let the committee know that we are so thankful to have been able to stay in the guest house. The best part was being so close to EBC. This allowed Hannah and Eli to participate in many of the youth group and other church activities. Many church members dropped by to say hi. People also brought us groceries and meals. It was a huge blessing to be so close!

It would be good to remove some of the shelves in the pantry to make space for taller items. You could also install a light that can be switched on and off rather than plugged in/unplugged. The back porch has a leak over the entrance. Daniel talked with Ron about this. The bathroom door swells in the summer and has trouble shutting properly.

Blessings,

Aubrie and Daniel

Pastor Troy has been leading us recently in the study of stewardship. As you read the last paragraph of the above note from our guesthouse visitors—*did you see any way that your practical gifts could be used to fix these problems?* If so, we would like to talk to you! Please contact **Ron Brooks**, chairman of the Missions Committee. Thank you for being a part of the local body of Christ's followers! †

We are so grateful that we have had the chance to visit with most of you. It is always encouraging to be able to share what the Father has done and to answer your questions. Now we are heading out to our next term in a new direction: to serving in the USA. Yet, it is also in a familiar direction, serving among the Central Asian people that we love.

Since we already have a quality vehicle, we have decided to drive to our new posting in **Lancaster, Pennsylvania**. On the way we hope to visit some of you that we haven't gotten a chance to see yet and also show the kids some of the neat sights along the way.

Precious Blessings

When we were discerning and seeking the Father's guidance about our next few years, our hearts were heavy for the Albanian brothers and sisters with whom we have been serving. We left Albania in July, 2025 planning on returning for another term. We were concerned about disappointing these dear friends (*pictured above*).



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Salaams

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Once I (**Aubrie**) had told our Albanian friends about our upcoming life changes, we were overwhelmed by the precious blessings and confirmation from our Albanian friends. Their affirmation has given us further peace of this new direction for serving the Father in Pennsylvania.

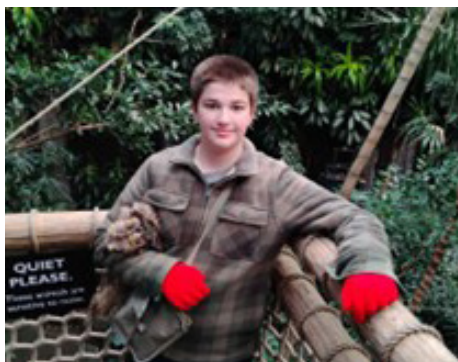
Valentina said, "Aubrie, you have become as dear to me as a sister! We are sad that you won't be serving in Albania, but we know that the Father has given you a special love for the Central Asian people. Of course, you will work with them!"

"The Father has used you in my life. I've been blessed by your love for me and my family. I never would have met the Albanian fellowship members if it hadn't been for you."



Ruby (pseudonym), who has been newly seeking the Father, said, "The Father has used you in my life. I've been blessed by your love for me and my family. I never would have met the Albanian fellowship members if it hadn't been for you."

Please pray for the Albanian seekers and believers with whom we've had the privilege of serving. Pray for the new fellowship that has just been planted among the migratory Albanians.



Dashing Through the Snow

THANK YOU for all your prayers and encouraging messages as we traveled across the USA at the end of January. We got to visit several friends and family members along the way. We also got to visit some historic sites that we've been studying in our US History unit this year. Our studies about Lewis & Clark, the Oregon Trail, and the Westward Expansion came to life as we traveled some of the same paths as these courageous explorers.



As we left Oregon on January 23, the news reports warned about snow storms and extreme cold warnings. After leaving Idaho, every state we passed through was covered in snow. However, we were a day behind the storms all the way, and the roads were completely clear and dry. **Praise the Father for His faithfulness!**



Eli's hope all winter has been for snow, so he is delighted that our new home in Pennsylvania is still covered in many inches of snow.

→ Please see "Salaams" on page 16.



Salaams

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Welcome!

When we arrived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, our teammates (*previous page*) gave us a warm welcome. During our first couple of weeks, we've gotten to join in several of the ongoing programs that the Haven is doing. We've gotten to participate in the Women's English classes, tutoring programs for elementary kids and teens, and some of the programs with families.

Speaking Their Language!

Not only has our team welcomed us, but the volunteers and the immigrants from Central Asia have also graciously made us quickly feel a



part of this special community. "You speak our language!" Several men, women, and children have been delighted when we spoke to them in their mother tongue. They're eager to learn about us, and to share some of their life stories.

One young woman grew up in Turkey after fleeing her passport country in Central Asia. **Eva** (*pseudonym*) shared with me (*Aubrie*) about the difficulties she has faced as a refugee. As our conversation flowed from English to Turkish to Dari, Eva's countenance changed from shy and withdrawn to laughing and animated. Please join us in praying for Eva and her family who are carrying a lot of heartache. Pray that they will come to know the Son, who heals and gives life.

Prayers, Please!

Over the next few weeks, please join us in praying for the following requests:

✠ Continue to pray for the ongoing work among the Central Asian immigrants in Pennsylvania.

✠ Continue to pray for our friends in Albania, that they may continue to draw closer to Christ and be living examples of His love.

✠ **March 1 – 7:** Pray for the "Cousins" around the world who are observing a month of fasting in February/March.

✠ **March 8 – 14:** As the month of fasting comes to an end, pray that the Father will give dreams and visions to those who are seeking.

Thank you for your prayers and friendship.

Blessings!

Daniel, Aubrie, Hannah, & Eli ✠



Village Missions Event

Prayer Time

You Can Join Us In Prayer!

You are invited to join an online prayer meeting to ask God for more future Village Missionaries.

The 30-minute prayer time will begin with a brief devotional led by **John Adams**, drawing inspiration from Jesus' prayers. Then we will share and pray together in breakout rooms moderated by Village Missionaries.

When: March 24 @ 8:00 AM (PST) / 11:00 PM (EST)

Where: Zoom® Meeting. Join us by sending an email to: partner@villagemissions.org

or phone ...

our International Service Center **(503.623.4107)** for the link. ✠



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.

A Helping Hand

A church in Pretty Prairie, Kansas, sent a team to assist with several projects at our church. They built new playground equipment to replace our worn-out set. We hope families from the community will enjoy this, too. The team ate meals with church members throughout the week and gave the church a gift for outreach activities.

Steven & Catherine Knorr
Double Adobe, AZ †

Movie Night

In the coldest months, we like to do a few movie nights at the church to encourage the community. We recently showed the movie *"The Case for Christ,"* about an investigative reporter's journey from atheism to belief in Jesus. Although it was a bitterly cold evening, 20 people came—including a few visitors—and we enjoyed warm fellowship

Landon & Renee Brent
Mattawamkeag, ME †

Basketball & Conversations

Our kids joined a volunteer-run elementary basketball league this year. I assisted with it. During the rehearsals and games, I had many interactions with the other volunteers and parents. We had conversations about parenting, spiritual growth, and the Bible.

Daniel & Kimberly Waide
Formoso, KS †

Missionaries & Ministries EBC Supports!

The focus of the Mission Committee is to follow the mandate Jesus gave to go into the world for the advancement of evangelism, discipleship and Christian education in a manner effective for the culture being reached. The committee exists to be a supportive and evaluative conduit between EBC and the work on the mission field that the congregation supports, maintaining an attitude of advocacy for missionaries and corresponding projects.

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



Tim and Mallory Brooks
 Missionary Aviation Fellowship
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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
 SIM
dianaafrica@gmail.com

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



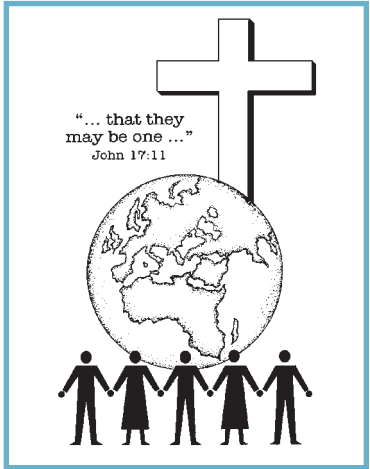
Dan and Judy Burke
 Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes Missions)
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- ✘ Serve in Bolivia in Cochabamba and San Borja
- ✘ Development of a discipleship center in northwestern Bolivia
- ✘ Work with the Chimane people group
- ✘ Write and produce books and commentaries in Chimane for the tribal people
- ✘ Teaching, construction, leadership development



Kevin and Jennifer Domes
 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
- ✘ Administrative retreats
- ✘ Jennifer also works in food preparation for the summer camps



→ Please see "EBC Supports" on page 19.

EBC Supports

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Ivan and Mary Goossen
Avant Ministries
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- ✘ Serve in Mucambo, Brazil
- ✘ Involved in evangelism and discipleship
- ✘ Administrate programs such as a coffee shop outreach
- ✘ Long time involvement with a Christian radio ministry



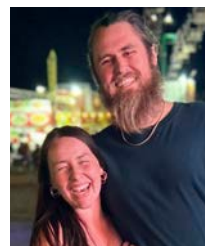
Eric and Judith Hedeem
Ethnos 360
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- ✘ Serve in Papua, New Guinea
- ✘ Mentoring new missionaries to the field
- ✘ Translation work
- ✘ Judith works in the medical clinic and member care
- ✘ Leadership development among the indigenous people



Paul and Leslie Lanquist
Village Missions at Tanwax
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- ✘ Developing outreach programs for the homeless in their area
- ✘ Starting a women's ministry program
- ✘ Leading the church in new directions after COVID divisions and other issues left the church without a senior pastor for nearly a year



Jake and Moriah Michalovich
Living in Dallas and serving
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- ✘ Jake is the Area Director for Young Life in Polk County.
- ✘ Moriah serves as a Young Life leader.
- ✘ Sharing the Word of God and discipling youth.



Steve and Mikki Schmidt
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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.



Other Outreach Ministries We Support:

- ◆ Awana
- ◆ Crisis Pregnancy
- ◆ Prison Ministry
- ◆ Village Missions
- ◆ CEF
- ◆ River of Life
- ◆ SAT-7 (Dennis & Cindy Wiens)
- ◆ Weekday School of the Bible
- ◆ Mission Connexion
- ◆ The Gate

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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items as they are announced.**

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**Thank
you!** ✝



March

- 3/3 Ladies Missionary Fellowship*
- 3/7 Men's Breakfast*
- 3/9 Hymn Sing*
- 3/10 Mom to Mom*
- 3/20 Ladies Bunco*



THANK YOU, Alison Johnson, for providing the calendar graphic.



But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV)