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Never underestimate the influence of a granddaughter!

The Hunleys had gone out to eat for Anna's birthday on Saturday night, and hadn't planned on going out to eat again on Sunday. That meant Grandma and I could go to MCL! But then, while bemoaning the fact that we would have to eat alone, Grace mentioned she needed to go to town for a few things. As long as we would change the location of dinner, she would be happy to go with us. We were glad to exchange our Jack Benny Roast Beef for time alone with Grace.

After dinner we went shopping. I'm not sure how she planned on shopping without any money, but we were glad to pay for a few things. I just didn't realize how much it would end up costing me.

In the midst of engaging dinner conversation, Grace started talking about going back to Mexico to build another house. Then she asked the \$500 times two question: "Why aren't you going Grandpa?"

My immediate response was that I had been on ten mission trips to Jamaica, and that I was now too old to go. She reminded me that Judy was older when she went, and continued to counter my every reason not to go. She even assured me that sleeping on the floor of a church was comfortable with an air mattress, and that I'd be so tired I'd go right to sleep anyway. I eventually said I'd think about it, and the more I thought about it, the more my reasons for not going vanished.

Two years ago I really didn't feel that I had the strength to go. My lack of endurance had been made evident on a family trip to Disney World, and I thought it was just because I was getting older. Now, however, I know at least some of it was because of Afib. Since that has been successfully addressed, I'm in better shape now than I was then. And I didn't take the CPAP with me to Europe, so I guess another week without it won't hurt.

When the Apostle Paul complained about physical limitations he was told, "My grace is sufficient." It looks like my Grace is sufficient as well.

Marilyn and I are now planning to join the crew going to Mexico to build a house in June. If you want to make it easier for an old preacher, there is still room for more workers. God Bless, Rick



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ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION



In our July report, we wrote to you about a rat plague which devastated all the crops in the Adung Long area where China, Burma and Tibet meet. IDES and concerned individuals and churches (of which Chatham was one) sent relief funds to ACM for those impacted by the plague. In October, Ati made the long journey to this area to coordinate and oversee the distribution of the rice and salt made possible with the funds. She first purchased the relief supplies in Myitkyina the capitol of Kachin State in northern Burma (Myanmar). Large lorry trucks were loaded with the huge bags of rice and provisions and sent ahead of her on the 11 day journey to the village of Ban Nam Dum which would serve as the distribution center. Villagers would have to walk 6-8 days from their respective villages to receive their share of rice and salt and carry it back to their families on foot.

(After delays due to heavy rains and landslides, and the need to hire smaller trucks to complete the journey, 980 bags of rice arrived at their destination.)

Since we had sent our word weeks earlier of when we would arrive with the relief aid, we immediately began setting up for the distribution. Over 1300 villagers from 13 different villages received rice and salt.

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School
9:15 AM
10:45 AM

STATISTICS

Worship 101
Offering \$5,396.00

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-1/19/20

Greeters Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand..... Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
Communion Meditation Rick Polley
Paul Hunley
Ushers..... Mike Donaldson
Kirk Polley
Scott Bales
Duane Carrell
Chad Formea
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WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers.....Janice McLaughlin
Madison Bales
Infants..... Marilyn Wenneborg
Stacey Cantrell
Anna Hunley
Sunday School
Toddlers.....Julie Divjak
Infants.....Karen Mann
Adora Burdinsky

The Hidden Word

THESSALONIANS 5:14

"And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men."

Let Us Pray For...

--Ken Lupton in nursing home to regain strength.

--Amelia Sperry having oral surgery.

--Conner Bales returning from mission trip in Haiti.



Thank you so very much for all the prayers for Jim and my father who have been in the hospital. By the grace of God, both are healing.

Higgins Family

ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

(continued from front)

The old and sick could not make it so young people volunteered to carry their rice for them. Several village elders told me about 10 crippled people who could not come, so we made provision for their share and left some money for them. I asked the elders to be sure and tell them that this was a Christmas gift from Christians in America. They were so pleased and said this was the first time they ever received Christmas presents.

A man from Dazung village was so thrilled to receive his rice. He told us, "My wife just delivered a baby and both she and the baby are not well. We had no rice to eat and my wife was not producing enough milk for the baby. When they told us there was rice coming, I was so excited, I could not sleep that night. It usually takes 5 days to walk from my village, but I made it in 3 days and I did not even feel tired because I was so happy to get rice for my family! Thank you so much for helping us!"

An old Rawang man told me, "I have lived under 6 different government administrations. No government ever came to help us like this. Please tell the American Christians 'thank you' for their kindness and generosity. May God's blessing be multiplied on our American Christian brothers and sisters."

On behalf of the villagers in this harsh and remote corner of the world, we are extremely grateful for the generous contributions for this relief. God's love was demonstrated in a very tangible way not only to our fellow Christians but also to the non-believers in Adung Long. You have been a conduit of God's love and blessing in such a time of need. We believe this will provide a window of opportunity to share the Gospel message especially to the Tibetans who have historically been very difficult to reach. Thank you for your generosity and good will toward people you do not even know!

Together in His Service,
Jesse and Ati Yangmi



Casas por Cristo
short term missions

It is exciting to think that in about 5 months we will be building another house for a very needy family in Mexico! We plan to visit the Avila family who we built a house for in 2018 to see how everyone is doing. Also, we will be sure to go visit the natural spring after a hard day's work to make sure it is still nice and cool. There is room to join our core group as we minister and plant seeds that we will trust our Lord to water. As a reminder, the mission trip is scheduled for June 8th-13th.

For those who have committed to going, please be looking into securing passports over the next few weeks. That is one item we don't want to forget! For those still considering this mission trip, I will be booking the group flight at the end of the month. Please keep the possibility of your involvement in your prayers and let me know your decision by the end of January.



Adults

Last Sunday evening the decision was made to open up the church for a game night this Friday evening for any interested adult. We will be gathering around 6:00pm to order pizza and break out the games. Please bring a munchie and a bottle of soda to share. A large variety of games will no doubt be here, so come on out and enjoy a night of fellowship and food.



4th & 5th Grade Students

Our first conference of the year will be here soon and it is SuperStart in Bloomington! Most of us enjoy at least one type of board or card game. Sometimes while you are playing the game just looks impossible to win, the situation you find yourself in is horrible. Then, out of no where, you draw a "wild card" and suddenly your attitude changes. You know you can get through any upcoming situation regardless of what happens next. The "wild card" completely changes the way you play and gives you hope you can win. It is a Game Changer.

This year's SuperStart is about finding our hope in the promises of God when moments in life get a little tough. Hebrews 10:23 says "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise." Knowing that changes everything. It is a Game Changer.

The cost of the conference is \$50 per student if we register by January 29th. Other expenses for the weekend will be two meals on the road, souvenirs and a fun to be determined activity on Saturday afternoon. We will be leaving CCC at 4:30pm on Friday, February 28th and returning by 4:30pm on Saturday, February 29th.



Lake Springfield Christian Assembly
Camp and Retreat Center

Registration is open for the 2020 summer camps. Please see me for the discount code to receive 1/2 off tuition for your child to attend one session of camp.