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We only planned on staying for a couple of hours. We ended up staying until they pushed us out the door. We were exploring what we discovered to be the number one attraction in Phoenix, the Musical Instrument Museum.

We were given headphones, and told to begin in the African section. Each display contained examples of the instruments used in that particular country, and the video gave us a taste of what it was like. We ended up spending too much time in Africa, and had to rush through Europe and North American.

The stated mission of the museum is to foster "appreciation of the world's diverse cultures by showing how we innovate, adapt, and learn from each other to create music—the language of the soul." And Marilyn and I quickly noted that much of the music did have an integral relationship with the religions of each region. Others have noted that as well.

I recently read that the Taliban, while not formally banning music, has been stopping performances and destroying instruments. Augustine noted that arts and music kindle desire which finds its home in God. Apparently the Taliban is afraid the God that music opens the heart to is not always the god they want worshipped. The question we must ask ourselves is are we letting music open our hearts to God?

God told Job that the morning stars sang together when He laid the foundations of the earth, and in Revelation we learn that the four living creatures and twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb and sang a new song. Psalm 22 prefigures much that happened on the cross of Jesus, and the writer of Hebrews paraphrases verse 22 by saying "In the midst of the congregation I will sing Thy praise."

I trust that will be true of us all on Easter Sunday morning.

God Bless, Rick



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"He is not here, for He has risen,
just as He said."



Sing praises to the Risen Lord
Easter Sunday morning at 9:15

STATISTICS		
	3/6	
Worship		101
Offering		\$9,167.44
	3/13	
Worship		72
Offering		\$3,701.00
	3/20	
Worship		97
Offering		\$7,318.36
	3/27	
Worship		95
Offering		\$6,158.72
	4/3	
Worship		94
Offering		\$9,016.00



Friends,

Thank you for your generous and faithful support to us at CSF. It's hard to believe the semester is almost halfway over! Some highlights so far this winter have been: sledding with international students (their first time!), studying Genesis in small groups and at Monday Night Worship, meeting new students while playing board games in the Student Union.

Above all, I'm grateful to say that despite the obstacles that may come from being on Jesus' mission, He has continued to send students open and hungry for discipleship. This is why we are here at UIS and LLCC and why your support makes such a difference.

Thank you and God bless!

David Lasley, Director CSF

Thank you, thank you, thank you for joining my support team both spiritually and financially with Encounter Ministry. God is moving MOUNTAINS on these college campuses!! I am PUMPED to have you on my team.

All glory to God!

Zachary Marcopulos

RIPE FOR HARVEST WORLD OUTREACH

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

March 26, 2022

Unless you have been living under a rock somewhere, you know about what has transpired in the Ukraine over the last month. This has created much debate about what the world should do to intervene on behalf of the Ukrainian people. It has filled our hearts with a mix of emotions. I have friends who are very intimately involved in the situation because they have family that have fled the country or are trying to leave. I have friends who are missionaries to the Ukraine that are safely out of the country but are heartbroken by what is happening to the country they call home and the people they love and serve.

I have heard a choir of people who respond to the situation with surprise saying, "How can such a thing happen in our day and age." A little over a century ago, at the end of The Great War, the world sighed and said, "This was the war to end all wars." They believed that man had now progressed past the horrors of war. About twenty years later, the world was in the throes of another major world engulfing war. The twentieth century ended up being the bloodiest in human history. Here we are again. Daily we see on the news the unspeakable atrocities committed in the Ukrainian.

There are many emotions that well up inside of me because of what is happening there but surprise is not one of them. The majority of mankind still lives in rebellion against his Creator. There is a cure. There is an answer. The heart of man must be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God and made new by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then and only then will we see a better day for evil comes from within the rebellious heart of man. It all reenforces for me the dire need for us to take the transforming gospel to all peoples, languages, and nations.

Peace of Christ to You,
Mark Fishel



It warmed my heart to see our Junior High Youth Group serving the residents of Inner City Mission last Sunday evening. We arrived with enough food to feed 25 people and soon learned a meal was already prepared! So, we ate some of their fantastic grilled chicken and baked beans (probably the best I've ever had, sorry Tina) and they enjoyed some of our barbeque. The kids took orders around the room and served everybody before we sat down to enjoy a meal with them.

Then, our kids played with their kids for a solid hour. They loved them! Since COVID, the number of groups having direct hands on involvement with the mission has decreased. But, some are starting to return. The mission is about at capacity with their current resident count being 32 people. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve and love those who need assistance at this time in their life.



High School Students

The decision has been made! We will be attending the CIY/MOVE Conference in Warrensburg, MO on July 18-23. The cost is \$329 per person if registered by May 1. Please see me on Sunday for all the details.



Our annual VBS program is less than two months away! I am excited about the theme this year that will enable us to reach others in the community with the gospel message. It is a great experience to work with a group of young ones for a week and watch them grow in their relationship with the Lord.

This year, our VBS takes the kids on an off-road monumental experience through colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's goodness in this manner, our goal is for the kids to establish rock solid faith for years to come. The main teaching points are as follows:

- **Monday:** God loves you no matter what. Joseph and his family are introduced to the kids. They will explore how God loved Joseph and his family, even when they fought and made a mess of things.
- **Tuesday:** God is with you everywhere. Even though Joseph is imprisoned, God is still with him. Kids will learn Joshua 1:9 "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" to reinforce this point.
- **Wednesday:** God is in charge. Joseph gets new responsibilities and meets with Pharaoh to interpret his dreams.
- **Thursday:** God is stronger than anything. Jesus dies and comes back to life. Just like Joseph is reunited with his family, we are reunited with the Father through Jesus.

The planning process is underway! If you would like to be part of VBS, let me know. You will be blessed and enjoy the week as much as the kids!