

A photograph of several green palm fronds lying on a light-colored wooden surface. The fronds are long and slender, with some showing signs of wear or damage. The background is a warm, light brown color, likely the wood of the table.

Boulevard Park Press

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THE NEWSLETTER OF BOULEVARD PARK CHURCH

Celebrate Easter!

Palm Sunday, March 25

Worship Services 8:45 and 10:30 a.m.

Our Kids Choir will sing at both services.

**Tenebrae Service on Good Friday,
March 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

Easter Sunday Services, April 1

**Join us for Family Worship Services at
8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

One Accord Choir will sing at both services. Nursery care and a Pre-school/Kindergarten class will be available. There will be no other Children, Student or Adult Sunday School programs.

Coffee Hour between services

PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS Twosomes Partnering with God around the World

This monthly PAGE 2 column reminds us that a partnership takes two. We should all be active, on-going SENDERS partnering with the SENT.

Compiled and edited by Ellyn Roe

*Because the Press is published online, some of our global workers must guard their identities. If you need email addresses, contact ellynroe@comcast.net



Before We Go...

By Michelle Harder

We are hosting a Dessert Night at the church so that YOU can hear the exciting story of how God called us to serve in Papua New Guinea. Special guests: Dave and Diann Younker, Ethnos360 missionaries who served the Mouk people of PNG where the Mouk church is now flourishing and sending missionaries to reach other tribes! Read more here: <https://ethnos360.org/magazine/stories/embers-fanned-into-flame>.

We hope you will join us for this fun evening at Boulevard Park Church on Saturday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. RSVPs are appreciated to tim_harder@ntm.org for planning purposes but not required. Find us on the Ethnos360 website at <https://ethnos360.org/missionaries/tim-and-michelle-harder>

Special Journey

By KD*

I'm so thankful for the chance to visit my former town in Chad where I lived for two years. It was a great trip with sweet reunions, visits to several



former neighbors and friends, and time with a former housemate. As I walked the dusty streets and sat on mats drinking sweet red tea, I was grateful for so many good memories and the season that the Lord gave me there. He's now given me a new season in the capital city and I appreciate your prayers as I continue to transition into new ways of life and new responsibilities.

Before Our Furlough Ends...

By Lisa Martinez

Noe, Lisa, Naya and Jocie Martinez invite you to come and get to know your Tigak brothers and sisters at one of these upcoming speaking engagements:

Sunday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Steve and Ellyn Roe. ALL are welcome! This is a

DESSERT POTLUCK, so please bring a dessert to share.

Address: 2700 SW 115th St, Seattle, WA 98146

Contact Ellyn Roe (206-242-2571)

Monday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m.

at the home of Chris and Angela Barton. ALL are welcome! This is a DINNER POTLUCK, so please bring a dish to share.

Address: 3122 SW 105th St., Seattle, WA 98146

Contact Angela Barton (321-537-4803)

In the next couple of months, when not traveling to supporters in Oregon, Colorado and Michigan, we also will be sharing at a few Home Community groups through Grace Church, and with the "Outriggers" group through Boulevard Park Church. Info? noelisa_martinez@ntm.org

Q: Why come to one of these events?

A: Because YOU are sending us out to be a part of reaching the Tigak people. Come and get to know the people in whom YOU are investing!

A: Noe is just back from a January-February visit to the Tigak church and tribe. Get the very latest news fresh off the boat (and 6 planes).



Photo by Shelley Wilcox



Photographer: Noe Martinez

Noe with Tigak Believers, February 2018



Noe with Paska, Tigak Teaching Elder, Feb. 2018

Learning from the Puritans

PART 2 – THEIR WORSHIP OF THE TRINITY

By Pastor Bud

The Puritans possessed a deep sense of God's glory. For them, the idea of God's glory was always in reference to the triune God. That Scripture taught a Trinitarian view of God was never in doubt. Nevertheless, the Trinity remained, in their minds, largely incomprehensible. "Our narrow thoughts can no more comprehend the Trinity in Unity, than a nut-shell will hold all the water in the sea" (Thomas Watson). Desiring to avoid any inappropriate expressions of God, the Puritans were careful to anchor their Trinitarian deliberations securely in biblical terminology. They were vigilant to avoid making distinctions not found in Scripture. We would do well to emulate their example.

Although many Puritans believed that the Trinity was incomprehensible, John Owen, Francis Cheynell, and Thomas Watson articulated a precise theology of the Trinity. The insights of these men contributed immeasurably to equipping the Puritans to glorify God through spirit-filled, truthful, and Trinitarian worship. They emphasized salvation as a divine act accomplished by each respective member of the Trinity. These acts consisted of the electing love of the Father, the mediating grace of the Son, and the applicatory work of the Holy Spirit.

The Electing Love of the Father –

The apostle John teaches that we have fellowship with the Father (1 Jn. 1:3). John Owen taught that the basis of communion with the Father is His electing love. It was a mystery to be unraveled and appreciated. Owen expounds on the characteristics of God's electing love, suggesting that God's love is *eternal* (Ps. 136; Isa. 54:8; Jer. 31:3), *free* (Rom. 9:11; Eph. 1:3-4; Titus 3:5), and *unchangeable* (Mal. 3:6; Jn. 10:29). Worship

of the Father must be mindful of His electing love and eternal purpose, which resulted in our fellowship with Him in Christ.

The Mediating Grace of the Son –

The Puritans also viewed the mediating work of Christ as the key that gave them access to the new covenant of grace and permitted them to have fellowship with the Father. They recognized Christ's unique qualifications, which were necessary to facilitate relationship with believers by virtue of His perfect obedience, suffering death on the cross (1 Pet. 2:24), and continuing intercession (Heb. 7:24). Their theology on this point was clear. Faith in Christ's mediating work was the condition for fellowship with the Father, Son, and the Spirit. Thomas Watson suggests the reason for such a condition:

Why is faith more the condition of the new covenant than any other grace? To exclude all glorying in the creature. Faith is a humble grace. If repentance or works were the condition of the covenant, a man would say, it is my righteousness that has saved me; but if it be of faith, where is boasting? Faith fetches all from Christ, and gives all the glory to Christ; it is a most humble grace.

The work of Christ as mediator distinguishes Him from the Father's work and from the role of the Holy Spirit. Christ fulfilled His role by humiliation of both His divine and human natures. If God's electing love warranted worship of the first person of the Trinity, the mediating grace of the Son warranted adoration.

The Applicatory Work of the Holy Spirit –

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Tending the Flock

There but for the Grace of God...

By Mark McClamrock, Elder



Mark McClamrock

Grace, the free and unmerited favor of God, is a central theme in the gospel. We are most familiar with saving grace, as reflected in Ephesians 2:8-9: “*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*” We don’t earn it, and we don’t add anything to it. We receive it solely based on God’s mercy and his provision for us through Christ.

There are other ways in which we might use the word grace. One such situation is sometimes referred to as common grace, the fact that God provides for all humanity. Matthew 5:45 tells us that, “*He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*” Again, it’s not something we earn or deserve, we receive it as a gift from God because of who He is, not because of anything in ourselves.

God also makes provision for people that varies according to the individual: the time and place into which we were born; who our parents are, and how they fit into that time and place; our talents and abilities. Even these are not something we have earned, but came as a gift from God. I am keenly aware that God placed me into circumstances that contributed toward me coming to Him at a young age, as well as prospering in other aspects of life.

It’s important to remember that there is no direct correlation between following God

and our well-being in this life. In Luke 13:1-4 Jesus tells us that we should not assume that people are greater sinners just because something evil or unfortunate happens to them, and the Psalms are filled with laments about the prosperity of the ungodly and the affliction of the godly. Does God sometimes bless us (in a variety of ways) as we follow Him? Yes, He does, but not always in the same way. And even when He does, our following Him is a result of His grace and nothing virtuous in us.

Once upon a time, there was a phrase people would use about those experiencing tragic misfortune or trapped in sin’s bondage; that phrase was, “*There but for the grace of God, go I.*” It’s a reminder that even those in the depths of trouble—someone perhaps who is homeless, in prison, or a refugee—are image-bearers of God, just as we are. It’s only by God’s grace and provision that we aren’t in the same situation or worse.

If we are mindful of this, it will impact how we view those less fortunate than ourselves. The parable of the Good Samaritan demonstrates how God wants us to treat others. No matter their circumstance or what they have done, no person is less than human or broken beyond redemption; they are a neighbor in need of help and care. May we extend grace and be the hands of God to minister to our neighbors.

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was sent as a “sanctifier and as a comforter.” About the Spirit as sanctifier, Owen describes him “as a Spirit of sanctification to the elect, to convert them and make them believers... though Christ merits grace for us.” Says Watson, “it is the Holy Ghost that works it in us. Though Christ makes the purchase, it is the Holy Ghost that makes the assurance, and seals us to the day of redemption.” The Spirit’s work in believers is to glorify Christ. But does the Spirit’s work glorify Christ? John 16:15 provides the answer. “*All things that the Father has are mine; therefore I said He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.*” Paul describes it like this, “*The love of God has been poured out*

within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us” (Rom. 5:5).

Puritan theology was biblically precise. Their intense study of Scripture led them to an unwavering belief that God is one, existing in three distinct persons with whom they communed and worshiped. Their worship focused on the Father’s electing love, the Son’s gracious work as mediator, and the Spirit’s work of applying the redeeming work of Christ to believers. Like the Puritans before us, we must tirelessly study the Scriptures, seeking to know how to worship and live for the glory of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



March 10, 2018

Light and Life Fundraiser Banquet:

Delicious, complimentary dinner (choice of grilled chicken or a vegan option) and a message from Christian Radio personality Carrie Abbot. Tacoma Convention Center. Bring a group of friends and enjoy a wonderful evening together. Info cards are at the Welcome Desk or call Lisa Lacey at 253-336-5781. Reserve your seat by emailing to Lisa at llacey@carenetps.org.

Thank you from CareNet of Puget Sound and your church liaison, Ellyn Roe (ellynroe@comcast.net)



May 13 (Mothers' Day) Baby Bottle Fundraiser Begins

(Start saving your pocket change!)



June 28 Benefit Golf Tournament

Register soon—this event fills up! <http://carenetps.org/event/golf/> SCRAMBLE FORMAT: \$175 Per Player, \$700 Per Foursome. Check-in Begins at 11 a.m., Shotgun Start at 1 p.m. Lunch & Dinner Provided, Golf Contests & Prizes. Questions? Call Lisa Lacey at 253-336-5781.

Milestones

Deaths

Jim Walters
February 16, 2018
husband of Norma, father of Carolee Walters and Steve Walters.

Anniversary

You are invited to a reception on **Sunday, March 11**, between services at 10 a.m. to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Jim and Kristi Shoe**.



Photo by Joyce Symons

Monday evenings, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Room 151 weekly from February 26 to May 21

Boulevard Park Church will be offering a GriefShare support group led by Lynda Eck and Katy Lynch. GriefShare meetings will meet in Room 151 and will continue for thirteen weeks through Monday, May 21, 2017. Each session is “self-contained” so you are welcome to begin attending the group at any point. This is a time for those grieving the death of someone close to them to be encouraged and find new hope during a difficult time. The time together will bring valuable information and words of encouragement from others who have come from mourning to joy. It will also give opportunities to share challenges and receive support from those within the group. If you have any questions, please contact Lynda Eck (206-246-4849) or Katy Lynch (206-242-6644).

Men's Ministry

Fishing Trip Sun Lakes June 8-10, 2018



By Ron Brown

Mark your Calendar – Men's Ministry Fishing Trip, June 8, 9 and 10. The 3-day Annual Trout Fishing Trip to Sun Lakes State Park will be held on the second weekend of June.

A \$40 deposit will reserve your spot for the trip. Total cost is approximately \$100. Cost increase is due to rate hike for the cabins.

Sign-up for the trip will start on April 1. If you are interested please contact Ron Brown (253-941-8910 or ronaldabrown@q.com) or Barry Dubnow (206-433-7872).

Spring Clean-Up – Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.
Bring Your Family and Your Yard Tools and Lend a Hand.



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00AM All-Church Prayer 6:30PM Outriggers Windjammers @ Bartons
4 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:45AM & 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School 10:00AM KIDs Choir Practice 6:00PM Youth Group	5 1:30PM Mission Prayer 7:00PM GriefShare	6 6:00AM Men's Huddle 8:30AM MOPS Leadership Team 6:00PM Business Committee 6:30PM Finding "I AM" Women's Study	7 9:00AM Women of the Word 12:00PM CE Committee 6:30PM Awana Wed. Bible Study	8 1:00PM Community Outreach Committee 7:00PM Family Life	9 12:00PM Clipper Club	
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18 8:45AM & 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School 10:00AM KIDs Choir Practice VBS Rally 6:00PM Youth Group	19 1:30PM Mission Prayer 6:00PM Trustees 7:00PM GriefShare	20 6:00AM Men's Huddle 6:30PM Finding "I AM" Women's Study	21 9:00AM Women of the Word 6:30PM Awana Wed. Bible Study	22	23 Awana T&T Sleepover	24 6:30PM Harder's Missionary Dessert Evening
25 PALM SUNDAY 8:45AM & 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School 6:00PM Youth Group	26 1:30PM Mission Prayer 7:00PM GriefShare	27 6:00AM Men's Huddle 9:00AM MOPS MOMSnext 6:30PM Finding "I AM" Women's Study	28 9:00AM Women of the Word 6:30PM Awana Friends in the Word Wed. Bible Study	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31 7:30PM Tenebrae Service

SAVE THE DATE



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 17
8 a.m. in the MPR

The Men's ministry team will host another delicious breakfast on Saturday, March 17. Ron Brown and his team will once again grace us with their culinary skills.



Our speaker will be Mark Mackey, founder of the Zaporozhye Bible Seminary in Ukraine. He was also a missionary for several years to the Navaho Mission in New Mexico and has been a consultant to Christian organizations in Peru and Israel.

We look forward to hearing from Mark, a man who was successful in the business world, who answered God's call to serve Him.

Looking Ahead – Meet New Members in the Press

By Peggie Recker

Over the last couple of years, thirty or so folks have become members of BPC and recently, Pastor Bud has been introducing them to the congregation a group at a time. Some are fairly new to our church and others you will recognize as having attended for quite a while. Just in case you haven't caught on to who is who, over the next few issues, the Press plans to help you out by supplying some biographical info as well as a photo of each new member. In the meantime, be sure to introduce yourself to anyone you don't know.

Outriggers' Activity Saturday, March 3 6:30 p.m. at BPC in MPR

Featuring an excellent faith-based movie.

Serving pie & ice cream for dessert.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Please contact Sharon Brown if you will attend (253-941-8910) or ron_sharon_brown@msn.com

Celebrations!

March Birthdays

- 1 Sue Becker
Robert Turner
- 2 Kinsley Carvo
Don Jones
Kathi Nagy
- 6 Teresa Diener
Michelle Harder
- 8 Joanne Mackey
- 10 Sean Kent
Lisa Martinez
- 11 Roger Gillihan
Steve Mosman
- 14 Jessalyn Henry
Mark Parish
- 17 Jylin Briet
Michael Kantartjis
Janet Ravander
- 19 Roxanne Parr
- 21 Maddie Borer
Gary Mosely
Kristina Schaefer
- 24 Mary Jordan
Lori Neumann
- 26 Chris McAllister
Pam Stariha
- 27 David Gonzalez
Lee Goodin
- 29 Tim Bryce
- 30 Harry Burlingame
Kara Siedenbug
LaVera Cowin

Early April Birthdays

- 2 Betty Bennedsen
Marlene Burton
- 3 Dave Huck
- 4 Tyler Siedenbug
- 6 Madison Burt
Elly Jackson
- 8 Anita Dakin
- 9 Penny Clifton
- 10 Chuck Verammen
- 11 Maxine Desimone
Thomas Wood
- 12 Tom Horton

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office.

Raised by Wolves

By Joel Lee

I'm pretty sure everyone has seen or at least heard of Disney's movie *The Jungle Book*, based on Kipling's story. If you haven't, it's essentially about an abandoned boy who was raised by wolves. I just wanted to bring that up to justify the title of my article. I recently heard a podcast from Dave Ramsey where he used that very phrase, "raised by wolves," as he referred to kids being raised by wolves instead of parents.

It was harsh, but accurate. We love our kids, but sometimes we let them run wild and do whatever they want for various reasons. What we don't realize is that when they become teenagers or even young adults then they are incapable of a few things: the concept of hard work/a good work ethic, taking responsibility for their actions, and shedding an attitude of entitlement.

I once told a group of parents that they need to remove the word "allowance" from their vocabulary and replace it with the word "commission." We don't give kids money simply because they're so cute, but because they worked for it...and guess what? That's how the real world works! We want to set our kids up for success in the world, not cripple them.

Ultimately we want our kids to become like Christ. So here are a few things that we can do to ensure they have the best shot of Christlikeness, which is success.

Model Your Faith for Them in Plain View

One of the reasons why I kept up in my own personal Bible reading throughout my life was because I always saw my dad reading his. I make it a goal to pray each day for others because that's what I saw my mom doing each day. I try to serve others with joy and a smile on my face because, yup, you guessed it. My parents did that too. When your kids see that your relationship with God is important to you and see you working out issues and circumstances from that foundation, they will follow.

Set Boundaries for Them

When you look at creation, you see that God set boundaries all over the place. Boundaries are a good thing, but when kids grow up without them they get into trouble on a lot of different levels: academics, relationships with

the opposite sex, money, to name a few. When we set boundaries for our kids we teach them to respect and submit to the authority in their lives.

What sort of boundaries do we need for our kids? It depends on their ages, so decide with your spouse each one you want to set and then ensure your kids understand why that boundary is in place.

Communicate and Explain

Treat your kids with respect using words they can understand; assume their intelligence and you'll get better results. Trust me. Why? Because that's how we want to be treated as well! When we reason and talk with our kids there is always some sort of teaching and mentorship going on. This will be of great benefit to them in the short and long run. This doesn't always mean you have to lecture. Asking questions is what Jesus did really well. Why not follow His example?

Give Them Opportunities to Be Responsible

As they grow up, kids will want to do more and explore. Set up a chore chart and work out a payment amount and system with your spouse to teach them the value of hard work. This doesn't mean that every chore under the sun is up for grabs for money. There should be some common family chores to be done alone or together and which don't require commission. But I would highly encourage all families to set up three jars, containers, or envelopes and label them: Give, Save, and Live. Teach your kids to do the following with their earned money: to "give" to God first, to "save" for bigger purchases, and to "live," by paying for their cell phone bill, gas, or whatever. Decide together what percentage goes in each container. This not only teaches them about tithing and saving, but money management 101! A good work ethic is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

Books, articles, and podcasts can add a hundred other things to this list, but I believe this is a good foundation and starting point. May God bless and grow our families to be kingdom workers with a kingdom mindset.

We Have So Much to Be THANKFUL for!

What's Happening in Children's Ministries

By Lisa Siedenburg

Here are some answers to prayer...

- ❖ We have a new toddler in the **Nursery!** That may sound insignificant, but it's an answer to prayer for those who have faithfully shown up to love on our littlest ones every week. We welcome the Jones family!
- ❖ 43 kids and their families, about 80 people in total, showed up for our **Family Skating Party** in January! Everyone had a great time and there were no broken bones!
- ❖ **43 Prayer Warriors** have chosen to pray for a child or youth this year! (There still are a handful of children needing prayer. Contact the office if you'd like to pray for one.)
- ❖ **Parents' Night Out** allowed us to bless 14 families with an evening off from parenting. A SHOUT OUT to our youth, VIVI, NOAH, REBEKAH, KRISTINA, KATIE, and MAKIN! They, along with our faithful adult friends, loved on and played with kids and willingly helped wherever needed!
- ❖ We have about 20 families with children who attend regularly on **Sunday mornings** and are growing in their relationship with Jesus.
- ❖ **Awana and MOPs** have had a number of new families join their programs this year and the children are blessed by the continued faithful servants who show up to point them to Jesus.
- ❖ **The Move** downstairs, the added technology for check-in, and the fresh clean floors and walls have recharged our "batteries" and our desire to be a ministry that honors the Lord in all that we do.



How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?

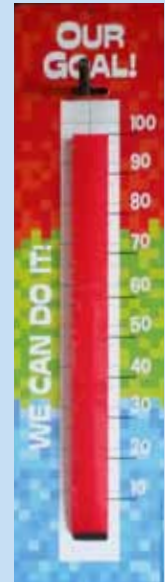
And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

—Romans 10:14-15

Our Goal Is Met!



The Food Drive for Transform Burien was a success! The total for the month of February came in at 2,030 pounds. A healthy ton!



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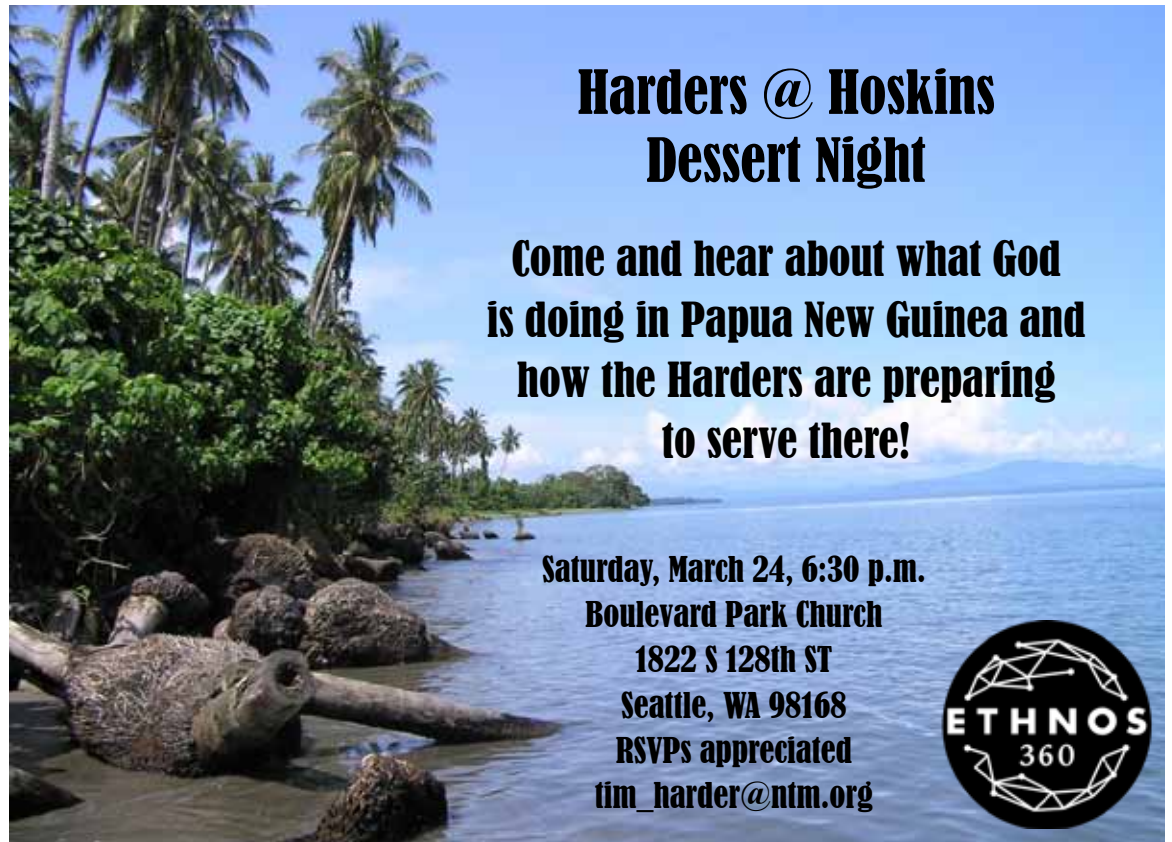
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Harders @ Hoskins Dessert Night

**Come and hear about what God
is doing in Papua New Guinea and
how the Harders are preparing
to serve there!**

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