

Reflections on a Resolution

By Lisa Bowen

OK, don't faint. I know it's now September, but I actually followed through with my New Year's Resolution! Hmm... I honestly don't remember a time that I actually did that... I'd heard rumors that people do it, but I didn't know it was actually possible!

Now, before I tell you what my goal was, I need to give you a little background about myself.

We all have our hobbies, those things that bring joy and fun into our lives, and one of mine is that I am an avid reader. Sitting down, devouring a good book is what I call "absolutely yummy!" I easily can find myself spending two hours in a comfy chair (inside or outside), with a big ol' glass of iced tea, getting completely lost in a story. With my favorite genre being historical fiction, there is no shortage of books for me to get my hands on. For example, one summer, a couple of years ago, I actually read 15 books! Ohhhh! I love spending time like that... just being able to unwind and go on an adventure in the past, with whatever book I choose.

However, last fall, I came to realize that the time I was spending in my Bible was **seriously** out of proportion with the time I was spending in my "other literary adventures." I began to feel that it was time to flip that scenario. After all, these other books that told stories of the past weren't going to change my life, but those in my Bible most certainly would/do. I wasn't reading the book that told the **greatest story**; my reading priorities, were completely out of whack.

So, I decided to set a personal challenge for myself. Starting in January, I would not read another novel until I had completely read through my Bible. I've

been blessed to know Jesus as my savior since I was 7 years old, and have read and heard scripture consistently throughout my life, but this would be the very first time I would read the Bible straight through. It was a new adventure for me. Accountability is a good thing so I told my husband, my kids, and my parents what I had decided to do as well. I dove right in starting with Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning..." and six months later, on June 26, I read the last verse, Revelation 22:21: "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen."

I remember closing the cover and looking at my Bible in amazement for a few moments. It was one of the most profound moments I'd had in a long time. No longer was my Bible "just my Bible." It had become MY personal treasure. We'd become friends.

I tell you this, because the experience changed me. Here are some of the things I learned and was reminded of:

- When I finished, my first thought was I wanted to start all over again!
- God loves His people.
- God forgives.
- He allows "do-overs."
- He listens.
- He seeks relationship with us.
- God blesses us with things beyond what we can imagine.
- He is just.
- The Bible is an amazing tapestry, intricately woven by the Hand of God.
- There are a lot of names in the Bible that I have no idea how to pronounce!
- Things repeat throughout scripture to give us "one more chance to get it!"

- God works through ordinary people and can do extraordinary things if we just "show up."
- He hears our prayers.
- He meets us where we are.
- God is in charge. Always.
- God sees us.
- He knows our hearts.
- God is a God of comfort.
- God means business.
- God's holiness is not to be taken lightly.
- His ways are perfect.
- God has a sense of humor.
- He uses our weakness for His glory.
- God keeps His promises.

I was reminded over and over that the Bible is GOD'S STORY, not just passages/verses for us that we can apply. We get the chance to KNOW, SEE, and EXPERIENCE the Creator and Savior through His Word.

This list of what I learned could go on and on. There is no end to His goodness. I am overwhelmed to think that He blessed us with His Word, so that we have access to how He has worked in the past, our present, and our future... that we can KNOW HIM in an intimate, personal way as we delve into scripture — God's love letter to each of us.

Now, was it an easy thing to do? I have to confess that I would find new books that I couldn't wait to read, but I would place them in a basket that was "waiting for me" when I was finished with my "best book." Once, I was reading through a book for a Bible study, and my husband said, "Hey! Aren't you supposed to be reading your Bible?" (I also learned that if you don't want accountability, don't tell anyone your goals!)

I decided to write about my personal journey to encourage you to take your own adventure through your Bible. I am so grateful for the example of so many in my life who have done this, and continue to do so. You don't have to give something up, it doesn't have to be done in 6 months, a year, or whatever... but oh, friend, JUST DO IT! I learned things I didn't know (yeah, the temple pillars were THAT BIG around!) I was reminded of, and blessed with those precious promises I'd heard for years and years, saw connections between books that I'd never even noticed, came to know, recognize, and understand better, those crazy humans that God worked with and loved no matter how much they goofed things up just like I do! And, OH! How grateful I am that, because of God's grace, I don't have to remember the 600+ laws the Israelites did! Throughout those six months, I realized how blessed we are to have the WHOLE story, not just one or two books, a few letters, or just one testament. We've got the whole picture right in front of us, waiting to be read and shared with a world that so desperately needs Hope — hope that can only come from God and His Word.

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned, and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy, you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

—2 Timothy 3:14-17

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

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- News from C & A
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Pressing On in PNG

By Noe and Lisa Martinez, Ethnos 360

We have been settling back into life in the Tigak tribe for these past 1.5 months. That has included adjusting to the Papua New Guinea time zone and climate, supply buying, house cleaning, reconnecting with the Tigak church and community, starting homeschool (5th and 3rd grades), fellowshiping with our coworkers, holding weekly "church" in our home in English (singing and a short 'devotional' with the girls), and more! In mid-August we said a tough goodbye to our homeschool teacher, Ashtin, who spent 5 weeks with us getting the girls' school year started. Please pray for us as we press on with family life and ministry here in Tigak!

Shortly after returning from furlough, the girls reunite with tribal friends on the Martinez porch. Below, L-R Jocie, David, Lavlin, Naya



Photo: Lisa Martinez

Not a Bunch of Women Just Sitting Around

By Ellyn Roe

Scenario: You are a missionary living in a remote location in a third world country and you want to provide a gesture of love and support for babies born into your new culture. What can you do?

Well, perhaps it's what BPC Ethnos 360 missionary Lisa Martinez did: she networked with BPC's Ladies Fellowship Circle (LFC) who donated their time and resources to provide over 50 (!) ADORABLE and much-needed newborn layettes for the Tigak Tribe with whom Lisa and family live in Papua New Guinea. Lisa was thrilled, as are the new tribal moms who have begun receiving these practical gifts from a group of women 6,000 miles away.

LFC is for women of all ages and meets at church on the second Monday of every month for prayer and sharing testimony of what God is up to in their lives. See what I mean? They are not just sitting around! They bring



Photo: Nancy Hook



Photo: Ellyn Roe

A layette is a set of clothing, linens, etc. for a newborn child.

Attending a spring LFC meeting, L-R: Jan Welch, Marlene Burton, Linda Rice, Joni Kisena, Penny Neff, Shari Hall, Barb Alsleben, La Ruth Christiansen, Jeanette Hall, Vy Nyholm, Kathy McFayden, Lofa Crowder, Penny Ellefson.

their own sack lunches, share a group dessert, and enjoy a presentation from a guest speaker. And then they get to work on service projects such as the layettes, collecting eyeglasses and meds for Guatemala, or assembling sewing kits or Easter egg packs for missionary use.

Want to sit around less and DO something for yourself and others around the world? Check out LFC in Room 151 at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 10. New members or visitors are always welcome. Questions? Contact Jan Welch at 206-854-0272, or jannwelch@comcast.net or Toni Kisena at 206-937-5277.

Alphabet Soup

By Randy Boyd, for BPC's Missions Committee

Background: BPC has two missionaries who were recently married and in early August left for the mission field in a country that does not welcome missionaries. Since the Press is published online, I'll call them C & A.

Please forgive the alphabet soup in this article, but it's best and also gives you a fun little challenge in tracking through it all. Feel free to stop me at church and ask what all these letters mean.

In July of this year, David Siedenborg and I attended a training session with C & A in Florida, before they headed off to SE Asia. Their parent organization is GSI and the training was at its headquarters. It turns out that we have another missionary, S, with this same organization, although she serves in Asia.

There were about 20 young adult missionaries at the training. How exciting it is to be among folks who are committed to giving their futures to share Christ. About 75% of those came through Radius International, the training institute where S's parents work, and both C and S attended. Radius is booming and just started their largest class of 51, in July. The next class will be 75. (Note: We love Radius and will work hard to send any young person from BPC interested in missions to their program.)

Training was a wonderful time to learn about GSI and their leadership. First, I met P, who is C & A's field



Photo: RB (see accompanying Alphabet Soup article)

P teaches C & A at GSI training, FL

supervisor in SE Asia. Surprisingly, P also taught S at a mission school in PNG (Papua New Guinea) when S was just 12 years old.

We also met G, the leader of GSI. G and his wife J, spent 20 years in North Asia (Siberia) planting churches and training pastors. GSI now has 155 missionaries in 10 different Asian countries and the organization is growing exponentially. I was very happy to learn that J knows and loves our S and texts her often to stay in touch.

So, you're wondering, how exactly do missionaries stay in a country that doesn't allow missionaries? That turns out to be a very astute question. That was a big part of the training time and also a big part of why we were attending, in order to learn more about this very thing.

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He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not

By Pastor Bud



Does God love me forever, or can I add up lifestyle demerits to such an extent that He will withdraw His love and cast me away? How can I know if He loves me or if He loves me not?

These questions haunt the minds of too many believers. It robs them of peace and hinders their progress toward spiritual maturity. Consider the analogy of a building. If the builder finishes the foundation but is forever questioning and inspecting it, he never completes the actual building. So it is with true believers who continually inspect the foundation of their Christianity and never move on toward spiritual maturity. The writer of Hebrews described this condition as being in spiritual infancy, only accustomed to milk and not solid food (Heb. 5:12-14).

In the next few paragraphs, I want to make a distinction that I believe will calm the flux represented by the daisy-picking mantra of *he loves me, he loves me not, he loves me, he loves me not* . . .

Foundational stability in the Christian life necessitates that we understand the difference between the security of our salvation and the *assurance* of our salvation. Consider the following characteristics.

1. Security of Salvation

Our security is monergistic. In other words, we are secure in our salvation because of one person's (God's) work. Salvation is not based on a cooperative work between God's wooing and our responding. The Bible teaches us that:

- We were dead in our sins (Eph. 2:1-3).
- God graciously *dragged* us out of the grave and regenerated us by the Holy Spirit (Jn. 6:44; Eph. 2:4; Titus 3:5).
- By means of God's gift of faith, we saw the gospel as irresistible and placed our trust in Him (Eph. 2:8-9).
- Being justified by faith (Rom. 3:24-28), the Holy Spirit placed us into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13).
- The indwelling Spirit secures our salvation as the deposit of our eternal inheritance (Eph. 1:13-14).

If we didn't *earn* salvation (Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2:16), then we can't unearn it. If an omniscient God wrote our names in the Lamb's book of Life before the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8), He certainly isn't going to erase our name now that we belong to Him. He loved you while you were at your worst (Rom. 5:8); He certainly isn't going to leave you on a bad day or a rough season of

your life. For this reason, Paul writes, "*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Rom. 8:37-39). The key point in this passage is, "*nor any other created thing.*" The implication of this is huge. God is the only uncreated being that exists. Neither you nor I have the power to change our eternal salvation; only God has that power. Thankfully, God never reneges on His promises. "*If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself*" (2 Tim. 2:13).

Security is monergistic. It is all about the God who promised, called, provided for, and applied redemption. That is our secure salvation, which He purposed before the foundation of the world, according to the kind intention of His will.

2. Assurance of Salvation

The assurance (i.e., the confidence that we are secure) of our salvation is synergistic. It is a cooperative work between the Holy Spirit and us. Paul indicates this cooperative work when writing to the Philippians. "*So then, my beloved, just as you have obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure*" (Phil. 2:12-13). God began the work in us and will continue it until the day of Christ's glorious return (Phil. 1:6). But, we also work, disciplining ourselves for the purpose of godliness (1 Tim. 4:7). As we grow in the knowledge of God, we mature (Eph. 4:13; 2 Pet. 1:3).

So how do we lose our assurance? We lose it when we are not growing in Christ by diligently disciplining ourselves for godliness. Peter says that if we aren't growing in moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love, we are blind and shortsighted. He says that we have forgotten our purification from former sins (2 Pet. 1:5-9). But, if we are growing, we are fruitful, useful in the kingdom; the narrow gate, which leads to life, appears abundant and ample, removing all doubts of our entering through (2 Pet. 1:10-11).

So, leave the daisy behind, along with the mantra of *he loves me, he loves me not*. Instead, live for Him, because if he loved you once, He will love you forever. The question is, will you remember that He loves you forever.



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KIDs Ministry

Looking Back...and Forward

By Lisa Siedenburg

Milestones

Birth

Hazel James Carter

July 6, 2018

daughter of David and Jessie Carter
granddaughter of Ken and Maria Carter

Wesley Andrew Siedenburg

August 12, 2018

son of Peter and Madelyn Siedenburg
grandson of Harvey and Diane Siedenburg

Baptism

Mitchell Isaiah Christian Henry

August 4, 2018 at Black Lake Camp in Olympia

Engagement

Harrold "Hal" Whidden and Joan Dehn

Anniversaries

Glen and Jean Rose

35 years on June 25, 2018

Mark and Joanne Mackey

25 years, July 16, 2018

Ron & Sharon Brown

30 years on July 30, 2018

Barry and Robin Groves

25 years on August 7, 2018

Tom and Judy Horton

50 years on August 10, 2018

Pat and Jo Ann Peterson

were blessed to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary August 24, 2018 with the families of their 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

Deaths

Fay Dyrness

August 14, 2018

wife of Will Dyrness

Roger Jones

August 16, 2018

brother of Don Jones

Looking Back...Sports Camp 2018 Highlights!

We're praising God for such a blessed week to reach out to our community! Thank you for whatever part you played in investing in kids before, during or after Sports Camp!

Our Sports Camp served 140+ kids representing 87 families. About 17 of those families heard about our camp through a school or community flyer and about 14 of the families are regular Sunday morning BPC attenders. The rest of the 56 families heard about camp through a connection with one of our church members, Sunday morning, Mops and/or Awana families.

We had 75 volunteers from our church come out to love on kids. A common highlight on the volunteer feedback forms was the joy in seeing our church family really come together to show Christ's love to our community.

All of our teachers who prepared lessons or classes did an amazing job. The gospel was shared clearly, the kids heard Bible stories presented from God's Word and they memorized Scripture. The Crafts, Music, Zumba, Sports, and Missions were all commendably done to the glory of God.

Please continue to pray for all those involved with the camp:

- For the children and teens to continue learning about the Lord and for their salvation.
- That they would find a church with a good Sunday School program and/or youth group.
- That we would be faithful in continuing to reach out to them.
- For wisdom and guidance as we begin to plan next year's summer outreach.

(photos below) Sports Camp activities



His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence...2 Peter 1:3

Looking Forward...Fall Programs Begin!

- **Sunday Morning Fall Kick Off & Move Up for Kinders & 5th Graders – Sunday, September 9**
- **1st Awana Club Night – Wednesday, September 5**
- **1st MOPs & Moppets – Tuesday, September 11**

We're excited to begin a new academic year of teaching our children and littlest ones to know Jesus and the truths from God's Word. Have you been praying about where the Lord is leading you to serve this year? Do you love the Lord and love investing in the lives of children and young families?

On a Sunday morning, 21 volunteers are welcomed including youth. When we are fully staffed, all volunteers get a chance to both attend the worship service to hear God's Word and to share His love by serving our young families. Moppets hosts children from infants through elementary ages on Tuesday mornings and Awana preschoolers through high schoolers on Wednesday evenings.

On Sunday, September 9, we will be offering a training on how to teach our littlest ones about God. Anyone who is teaching or wants to teach children ages 2 and under is encouraged to come. We'll begin with a light lunch in Room 151 immediately following the second service. RSVP requested.

Please consider serving in our many KIDS Ministries programs! Contact Lisa Siedenburg to RSVP for the training or for more information about serving in KIDS Ministries at children@bppc.org or 206-334-6775.



Photos: Jessica Barron

Youth Retreat Report

Six Twenty Three 2018

By Joel Lee

Summer Retreats are often the highlight for many students and leaders and it's easy to see why. This year we got to see students take water balloons to the face, dip their noses in vaseline, and wipe out on the water on an innertube. But we also got to see God plant seeds in the hearts of our students. Pastor Sam, our guest speaker, encouraged everyone with God's Word and helped them to see the value in pursuing the most exciting part about their faith—their intimacy with Jesus! Students were also challenged to make three things a priority as they pursue that intimacy: reading the Bible, praying, and coming together as a youth group consistently to build community and loving accountability.

All of our adult leaders did an amazing job of loving our students and showing them what it means to be in love with God. So, yeah, even with all the crazy fun we got to see and participate in, the highlight of any retreat is God's



glory made manifest in the lives of our students. Thank you Boulevard for giving us space and resources we needed for spiritual transformation.



Photos: Jessica Barton

All Hands on Deck...

A Journey Thru Christmas – Who's In?!

Christmas already? Yep! We're planning! This year our Children's Ministries would like to share the Biblical story of Christmas with our neighbors by hosting an outdoor walk-through Christmas story. But we can't do it alone!

We will need...

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| Actors & Actresses | Farm Animals | Prayer |
| Kids | Sets | Good Weather |
| Singers | Props/Hay Bales | Canopies |
| Hospitality Servers | Costumes | Umbrellas |

Are you in!? Contact Lisa Siedenbug to get involved! children@bppc.org or 206-334-6775

Children's Ministries & Schooner Lake Day... Saturday, September 22, 3-6 pm

Whether you're a kid or a parent, a one-time or every-time volunteer, a Schooner or a Clipper Clubber, you're welcome!

Bring the whole family and join us for some fellowship before we lose our sun for the winter! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and we'll provide the rest!

John and Lisa Siedenbug's home, 19453 Military Rd S, Seatac. RSVP to 206-334-6775.





Fall Kick Off

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Morning Fall Kick Off and Move Up
for Kinders and 5th graders

Adults: See class listings on page 11.

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>NOTE: To schedule an event on the church calendar, please check with Teresa or Kathy in the church office.</p>						<p>1</p> <div style="border: 2px solid brown; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>All Church Prayer Saturday, September 8, 9-10 a.m.</p> </div>
<p>2 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:45AM & 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School</p>	<p>3 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4 6:00AM Men's Huddle 6:00PM Business Comm.</p>	<p>5 6:30PM Awana Starts</p>	<p>6 6:00PM Deaconesses 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:00AM All Church Prayer</p>
<p>9 FALL KICK OFF 8:45AM & 10:30AM Worship Service Sunday School 12:00PM Nursery Training 12:30PM Welcome Lunch at Sizzler 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	<p>10 11:00AM Ladies Fellowship Cir 1:30PM Mission Prayer 7:00PM GriefShare</p>	<p>11 6:00AM Men's Huddle 9:00AM MOPS 6:00PM Board of Elders</p>	<p>12 6:30PM Awana Wed. Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 12:00PM Clipper Club</p>	<p>15 PRESS ARTICLES DUE 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 10:00AM Biblical Exegesis Class 2:00PM Fay Dyrness Memorial</p>
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Upcoming Men's Ministry Events

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 15

8 a.m. MPR

Bud Diener will share about his recent trip to Africa

MEN'S FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 12-14

Lake Retreat Conference Center
Ravensdale, WA



Fellowship, Challenging Teaching,
Fun Activities

Speaker: Buzz Huget

\$99 for the weekend
(scholarships available)

Sign-ups begin September 15
at the men's breakfast

Visitor Ministry

Welcoming Ways!

By Peggie Recker and Marie Thorne

BPC's doors open wide each Sunday to new faces coming to worship with us and we want each person to feel a warm welcome and to get to know us better.

A core group of folks already is committed to our Visitor Ministry and we'd like you to consider having a part in it. Whether you are a newcomer yourself, or have a long history with us, your help and ideas are welcome. Soon you will see the bulletin announcement inviting you to have a part in our Visitor Ministry. As our new program year begins in September, please consider some of the following opportunities and be ready to sign on!

GREETERS: Would you like to share the joy of greeting everyone with a smile and a friendly handshake at the entry doors before services? How about your family (and kids) taking a turn? How about your small group taking a month? Youth? Your fellowship group? You and your best friend?

WELCOME DESK: Would you take a turn at the desk to answer questions and offer a welcome gift to visitors? (every six weeks or so, before and after one service)

VISITOR LUNCHESES: Would you consider helping with a simple lunch for visitors, quarterly in the MPR? (The first one will be on October 28.)

NAME TAG SUNDAYS: It's great fun to interact with absolutely everyone as you distribute name tags. (Next date is October 7.)

Outriggers: Save the Date!

If you are an Outrigger* save the date
Saturday, November 3
for a group event. More details to follow.

Outriggers is a fellowship group for
seniors who meet monthly or bi-monthly.
Please join us!

Celebrations!

September Birthdays

- 1 Linda Rice
- 4 Paul Kido
- 5 Matt Ellefson
Edward Gunning
- 6 Ron Brown
John Gilleland
Pauline Kulle
Jeff Nagy
- 8 Tracy Johnson
- 9 Celeste Christensen
Naya Martinez
- 11 Ken Carter
- 12 Letty Acob
Nancy Norwood
- 13 Josiah Lee
- 16 Dakota Borer
Carly Siedenburg
- 17 David Siedenburg
- 18 Jean Hale
Kristi Shoe
- 19 Steve Roe
- 20 Jan Armstrong
- 22 Elijah Livengood
- 24 Jim Sybouts
- 25 Siggie Finnsson
- 26 Vic Santie
- 27 Abi Hall
Helen Kriedeman
- 29 Barb Alsleben
Scott Erdahl
Pat Snyder
Kynda Wiebe
- 30 Chris Faulkner

Early October Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Barton
- 2 Krista Chapman
Lisa Finnsson
Trent Siedenburg
- 4 Nick Papini
- 5 Vicki Gray
- 6 Katie Turner
- 7 Gladys Baxter
- 8 Brian Hudson
Miki Vercammen
- 9 Amelia Harder
Vi Nyholm
Glen Rose
- 10 Lois Esser

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

Lakeside Bible Camp

Yes, Lord

By Jill Boyd



Photo courtesy of Jill Boyd

A total of 19 girls went to Lakeside Bible Camp this summer. They were split into two cabins. The following article is about the older girls' cabin. Three boys also attended boys' camp.

By some divine joke, I accompanied ten 12- and 13-year-old girls to Lakeside Bible Camp for a week in June. A joke because my last day of junior high was my last day of junior high. Thankfully, by equal divine measure, the ten girls were the sweetest, kindest, most inspiring girls I've ever met.

Yes Lord, I'll have whipped cream and jello thrown at me.

Yes Lord, I'll put coffee paired with silence on hold for a week.

Yes Lord, I'll lip sync and dance to a Disney song, no problem.

Yes, Lord.

It was worth every awkward moment and more. The gospel was proclaimed with clarity, God's word was hidden in our hearts, and friendships were forged. We somehow got along without social media, cell phones, and

the mind-dulling background noise of modern culture. It was as if God unzipped a cloud to give us a peek into the heaven to come.

Lakeside Bible Camp has it going on. Think gospel preaching mixed with times of quiet reflection. Think hours of play mixed with skill building. Think crazy fun for campers mixed with caring adults. The result is changed lives for eternity.

On Monday night at chapel, the speaker came dressed as Noah and taught on the ark and the cross. We were all captivated with the descriptions of faith, scorn, agony and hope. At the end of the message, we turned to look outside, and there was a rainbow right over the lake framed by the window. It lasted about a minute and then vanished. A wink from heaven? You decide.

One of our campers came without the ability to swim. She worked on her swimming every day with the help of various peers and adults. When the weather chased away all but the stoutest of hearts, she went into the lake and practiced her skills. On Friday, after much cajoling, prodding and begging by her counselors, she took the swimming test surrounded by her cabin mates and a half dozen adults. She crushed it amidst great rejoicing.

One cabin per week is awarded "Honor Cabin." Scripture memory, cabin cleaning, exemplary attitudes and program enthusiasm go into the decision of that award. I am so proud to announce that our BPC 12- and 13-year-old young ladies were selected.

It's never too early to think of who you might send to camp next summer. There are weeks for kids 8-18. Of a better missions opportunity, I cannot think. Consider sponsoring a young person to camp or better yet, consider going as a counselor. Whipped cream and jello are not that bad.



THANKS CHURCH!

Care Net of Puget Sound Administration has notified us that BPC's returned fundraiser baby bottles yielded a VERY generous total of \$1,920.10!! Care Net and all the moms and babies who are served by this faith-based ministry are deeply grateful for your kindness. If you still have a baby bottle bank from this year or any other, please give it back empty or otherwise, and without embarrassment, to Ellyn Roe so it does not have to be replaced.

Women's Ministry

My Sister's Closet

By Lisa Bowen

Remember when you raided your sister's or best friend's closet to find something new and different to wear? Well, you can do that again! "My Sisters' Closet," our very own clothing exchange, is open and ready for you to come and find something new just for you!

Come on down to Room 244 in the MPR, and check out all the items just waiting for a new owner! Not only will you find amazing clothing, but coats, shoes, handbags, and jewelry...just about anything you might like or need!

This is a simple way that we can bless each other, have something "new" and not spend a dime!

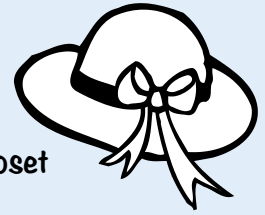
Thank you so very much for the generous donations that have come in! We are bursting at the

seams (no pun intended!) with incredible items. We are so grateful to be able to have so many options available to our BPC sisters!

My Sisters' Closet is open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. – Noon, and during each Bible Study time throughout the week. If you would like to come in and check things out during a different time, just call Lisa Bowen at 206-354-0339 to set up an appointment.

A huge thank you goes out to the fabulous Donna Lightfoot for being the closet coordinator and organizational queen! You will see her smiling face on Sundays, pointing you to "the perfect thing!"

Donations are always gratefully accepted. You can place your items in the basket outside of Lisa Bowen's office.



My Sister's Closet

By Donna Lightfoot

A great thank you, one and all
For clothes that are too large or too small.
My Sister's Closet is now quite full.
Come in and see it during the lull
On Sundays: eight-thirty until noon.
We dearly hope to see you there soon.



Look what's coming this fall!

LADIES! Save the date for our "Cozy Mountain Retreat" on November 30-December 2!

We will be heading to Lake Retreat Center in Ravensdale, WA for some time to connect and relax with our BPC sisters! Cost is \$100 (all meals included.) More information to come! Watch your bulletins and the next Press for all the important details!

Heart to Heart Bible Studies and Activities

MONDAYS:

Fellowship Circle

11 a.m. in Room 151
Begins 9/10

TUESDAYS:

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

9 a.m. in the MPR
Begins 9/11

Dinner and Study of Esther

6:30 p.m. in Room 151
Begins 9/18

WEDNESDAYS:

9 a.m. in the MPR - Begins 9/19 - Worship followed by:

Lighthouse Study: Psalms in Room 444

Precepts: Revelation in Room 151

Study of Judges in Room 431

"The Storm Inside"

6:30 p.m. in Room 306 - Begins 9/26

Questions?

Contact Lisa Bowen at

lisa.bowen@bpcburien.org

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Growing in Goroka

By Tim and Michelle Harder

Greetings from Papua New Guinea! We're four weeks into our culture and language orientation at the main New Tribes Mission center near Goroka. It's been a great time so far, as we see what God is doing here, as well as how many needs there are. We're anxious to get to Hoskins and to start working but are so thankful for this time to learn! We initially thought we would spend four weeks here, but the leadership really wants us to be confident in Tok Pisin, the Pidgin trade language, before we get to Hoskins, so it will be about eight weeks. Generally, our days include classroom time, walks to villages to practice what we're learning, and lots of chores. The kids have enjoyed the freedom of living in a fenced area with so many friends — this center has about 70 families and many children! Noah has been able to help in the computer department making repairs to laptops since the heat, dust, and humidity are really hard on them!

One of the unique things about life here is the closeness of everyone on the center — our co-workers are our neighbors as well as our church members, friends, teachers, grocery clerks, supply coordinators, parents of the kids' friends, etc. It would be easy to allow small irritations and issues to blossom into huge conflicts. We were challenged by these words from 1 Corinthians 13: *"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the*



photos: Michelle Harder

gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

It leads us back to the cross, realizing that without Christ, we cannot love like this. Pray with us that we would love well, not just the Papua New Guineans, but also other missionaries and each other!

Praises

- ~We had very smooth travel, and Tim's back did better than expected.
- ~God provided for all of the "small" details the last few days before we left the States.
- ~We have the next 4 weeks set aside for learning Tok Pisin and PNG culture.
- ~The kids have adapted well and are enjoying life here.

Requests

- ~That we would make the most of the time for language and culture learning.
- ~We found out that we were given incorrect information and that our house will not be furnished. This, along with the fact that not all of our support is coming in yet, has left us broke. We trust that God will supply all of our needs!
- ~For a smooth transition to our new home in Hoskins at the end of September, especially for the kids, who have already formed some close friendships here.

We'd love to hear from you! You can send snail mail to:

Harder Family
C/O NTM Hoskins Centre
PO Box 367
Kimbe, WNB 622
Papua New Guinea

Or email us at:
tim_harder@ntm.org

Also, if you'd like to hear even more from us, let us know and we'll add you to our email list!

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They do so by forming a legitimate business that provides a reason for their presence. C&A and S will both need to come up with businesses to start and run in their countries. GSI requires the businesses be economically successful, culturally appropriate, environmentally sustainable, and relationally tied to the people group they are working among.

Sometime in the next couple of years, these missionaries will need additional funds and oversight from U.S. business folks in order to start their in-country business. If you're a business person and this is something that piques your interest, let me know.

I hope this alphabet soup whets your appetite for the realities of missions in the 21st century. Missionaries are not welcomed in most of the countries that still need to be reached with the Gospel of Christ. We've correctly left the hard stuff for last, but that time is now upon us: Asia, North Africa and the Middle East need the Gospel; they need folks willing to go into these countries any way they can.

To the ends of the earth!

P.S. — Your reward for reading to the end of the article? If you haven't read C & A's Page 2 update, you will now be one of the select few who know they are expecting their first "B" (as in baby) in March 2019.

QUEASY BUT GOOD!

By C and A *

Hello Boulevard Family. We have arrived safely. We are in good spirits and excited about what is before us. We haven't yet found our long-term home, but we have some good leads — one house we are looking at is directly across from a soccer field where many people gather, so we are hoping it works out to live there. A has started language sessions. Yay! But she is also feeling quite queasy from the little person inside her! We love you guys and look forward to connecting again soon.

While looking for a house to rent, C and A live with this "home-stay family" who go by the names Mother, Little Sister, and Little Brother, a common practice in this region.



photo: C

(photo, above left) Micah and Noah practice the game played by PNG kids, using a stick to roll a wheel.

(above right) L-R: David, a classmate from Germany who will work in the New Tribes IT dept; Micah; Tim (in background); Amelia; Smith, our language teacher; unidentified national bystander. The kids are learning to use the toy version of bamboo blow darts.

Thumbprints Go Around the World

Below: Before our sweet Martinez and Harder kids headed to the Papua New Guinea mission field in July, they were given tee shirts secretly decorated with thumbprint memories of the BPC KIDS Ministry kids and teachers.



photo: Jessica Barron

More Missions!

Into and Out of Africa

By Randy Boyd, for the Missions Committee

Did you wonder where Pastor Bud was for three Sundays in July? If you missed church on Sunday, August 5, when Bud gave a brief trip report, let me fill you in.

Pastor Bud came to Boulevard after eight years as a missionary in South Africa, where he was training and teaching pastors in both urban and remote, rural areas. He returns every year to lead teaching conferences with many of those same pastors, plus new ones. Over the two weeks he was in South Africa this year, he led three multi-day conferences that averaged 75 attendees at each. In addition to that, he had one-on-one sessions with a dozen pastors with whom he has closer relationships for times of encouragement, teaching and unfortunately, for some necessary correction and discipline.

After those conferences Pastor Bud made two additional trips. First was an oversight visit to a Ugandan ministry that the accompanying pastor's church supports and the other was to check in on Patrick Malasi in Kenya, a native Kenyan whose ministry work in Literacy and Evangelism has been supported by BPC for 30+ years. There have been many changes over the last 5+ years to the organization Patrick is serving under, as well as changes in Patrick's personal life and ministry interests, so it was important for Boulevard Park Church to check in with him. The Missions Committee undertakes these oversight trips as the need arises.

Highlights of Bud's Trip:

A friend indeed – Traveling with Pastor Bud as a co-teacher was his good friend Pastor Jeff Moorehead of Christ's Church, Federal Way.

Celebration – Pastor Bud was able to attend the second graduating class from the seminary he



Photo courtesy of Bud Deiner

(above) Pastor Bud with co-teacher and friend Jeff Moorehead and students from the training in Harrismith.

helped found and for which he wrote the curriculum still being used.

Repentance – The heresy of the prosperity gospel is rampant in much of Africa (yet another terrible American export). Several pastors who had formerly opposed Pastor Bud's instruction because of his biblical teaching against this heresy have repented of their false gospel and met with Bud to repent, apologize and be reconciled.

Oversight – It was good for Pastor Bud to meet Patrick Malasi, see what he's been doing the last few years and hear where his interests are currently in ministry.

BPC is now one of three churches funding these pastoral conferences that Pastor Bud leads annually. These funds are provided through Faith Promise and allocated by the Missions Committee. We think this is a great work to be involved with. In places like southern Africa that have already been reached with the Gospel, it becomes an important task to build up the local church through the training of pastors.



Photo by Joyce Symons

GriefShare

Grief Recovery Support Group

Monday evenings, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Room 431
weekly starting on September 10

Boulevard Park Church is offering a GriefShare support group led by Lynda Eck and Katy Lynch. GriefShare meets in Room 431, starting on Monday, September 10, and continues for thirteen weeks through December 3, 2018. Each session is "self-contained" so you are welcome to begin attending the group at any point. Cost is \$15 (scholarships available).

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 (206-351-3462) or Katy Lynch (206-371-0554).

Adult Sunday School Classes Fall 2018

Beginning on September 9

8:45 a.m.

Parables – mixed class in Room 431, facilitated by Roger Gillihan and associates

Made Living for God's Pleasure – women's class in Room 444, facilitated by Jean Rose

10:30 a.m.

Men's Huddle – Room 435, facilitated by Rick Rose

Watch your Sunday bulletin for class updates



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Biblical Exegesis Class – How to Read the Bible

**4-week course starts on
Saturday, September 15,
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Interested? Contact Pastor Bud
at bud.diener@bpcburien.org.

Reading the Bible for All It's Worth

By Pastor Bud

Someone once wrote a summary of the Bible. In it, the author said, *"This book contains; the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are unchangeable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to nourish you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here, heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our redemption its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and is established forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its contents."*

The above description is true. Yet for many, the Bible is an enigma. I am passionate about helping people to learn how to read the Bible for all it's worth. So, beginning on **Saturday, September 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, I am offering a four-week course on how to read the Bible. This will be a practical introductory look at essential principles on how to understand the Bible including tips on interpreting biblical narratives, parables, poetry, and prophecy.

If you are interested in being a part of this course, please contact Pastor Bud at bud.diener@bpcburien.org.