

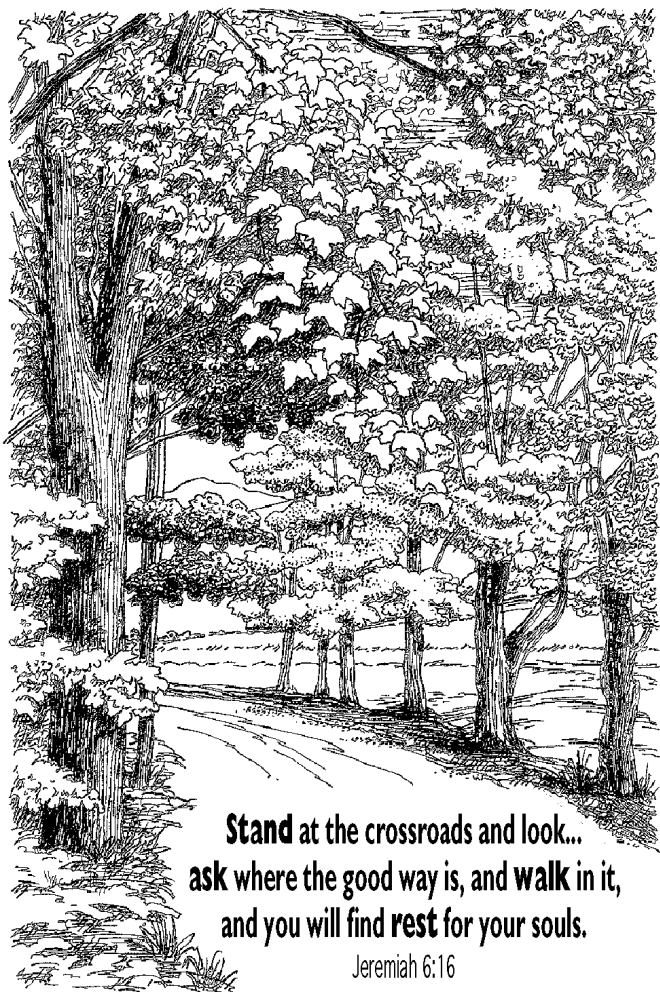
# Beacon Light

**We live to Grow Christ's kingdom by  
passionately sharing His truth in love.**

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**Stand at the crossroads and look...  
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,  
and you will find rest for your souls.**

Jeremiah 6:16



# Happy Birthday

- 3 Luke Sydow
- 9 Alberta Burnett
- 10 Kayla Ramsey, Sharon Alexander
- 11 Chelsea Caballero
- 13 Perry Miley
- 15 Rita Clinkenbeard
- 18 Mary Syester
- 23 Caleb Sydow, Andrea Hart, Steve Clinkenbeard
- 27 Grace Jones
- 29 Mary Kovaleski
- 30 Deanna Alston



## **Celebrating**

*An Anniversary This Month*

Happy 9th Anniversary to Paul & Debbie Kinnaman  
on March 17th

Happy 17th Anniversary to Jerry & Darleen Heironimus  
on March 20th

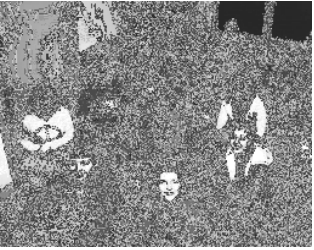
Happy 8th Anniversary to Robin & Sherri Caballero  
on March 23rd

Happy 28th Anniversary to David & Melissa Overton  
on March 27th



# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**HEARTS FOR HAITI**—The Grapple Youth Group (4th, 5th, and 6th graders) at First Baptist Church in Bicknell, IN recently collected items to send to earthquake victims in Haiti. We called the program “Hearts



for Haiti” and collected items suggested by the Red Cross. Students and others donated enough bottled water, granola bars, toothbrushes and travel toothpaste tubes to fill 50 shoeboxes. Our SonShine Kids group (ages 3-3rd grade) also colored pictures to be included in each care package. After the boxes were assembled, we

gathered around them to pray. And just like God does, He provided almost the exact amount needed in donations to pay for the shipping! It was a true blessing to see God work through the hearts of these children to provide and pray for those with such basic desperate needs.

**WEDDING BELLS**—Congratulations to Don & Margaret Hart who were united in marriage on Saturday, February 13th. Mr. & Mrs. Hart will be residing at 312 W. 5th Street, Bicknell, IN 47512.

**PREACHER GO MARRIED!**—Congratulations to our Pastor Seth & Lauren Alexander, who were united in marriage on Saturday, February 27th. This was not only a wedding, but a celebration of Gods love for this couple and all who attended.

**WORSHIP NIGHT** - What a wonderful night of praise we had on Friday, February 19th. The church was opened to the Community for a Praise & Worship Night. The numbers was few on that chilly evening, but the praise was Mighty! The Holy Spirit filled the room with his presents and a joyful noise was made! Watch the bulletins, for future Praise and Worship Nights. You won't want to miss them.

**WOMEN OF FAITH** -Interested in a weekend getaway filled with uplifting speakers, great music and fellowship? Join us for Women of Faith 2010. The event will be held August 20 & 21st in Indianapolis. Tickets are \$89.00, which includes lunch both days. Money will be due in May. Please see Carol Maze to reserve your ticket.

## HAITI NEWS FROM PASTOR DALE MUNSELL

In our preparation for going to Haiti, I have found that this kind of trip is most definitely a "faith" journey with the Lord! A "faith journey" sounds strangely like a code word for spontaneity, or impulsiveness. And to a degree, maybe that is a worthwhile description of those terms. And yet it is an important part of this walk with Christ! And is something that will help you to stretch and grow spiritually! And is therefore something we all need to be "willing" to do...especially if it is God who is prompting us!

I met several people the other day who were trying to use their influence to help supply medicine and medical supplies. One of my friends was meeting with the chairman of the board of one of the local hospitals. Another friend of mine will be talking to the Rotary Club. Yet another friend is talking to the refinery where he works to see if they would help our team to help those in Haiti. The reason they are willing to go talk to these people about making a "big" donation, is because they have already, at some point talked to them about smaller ones. Kind of like stepping out in faith. We have seen God's faithfulness in smaller things, so now we trust him (because of our experiences with Him) to test Him in the bigger things! And the same can be said of having faith in God for everything in our lives that He calls on us to do! So as you read of how God is providing for us on this "faith" journey to Haiti, realize that this could be or MAY be you... only change the circumstances and times, places, and people.

I know that it can be un-nerving at times to have to wait for things to fall in place. And there is a lot yet to be done. Humanly speaking it would be easy to think that it is impossible to accomplish what we need to do. But we serve a God who is the Master of the universe, the One who makes the impossible, possible! The One who hung the earth on its axis, started its rotation and put the stars and the moon in place. If He can part the Red Sea, then He can accomplish His purpose in us and through this trip. And He can accomplish His purpose through you in your "faith" journey!

When we find medicines or supplies that have not yet been provided, or even money needed for supplies that we don't yet know from where it will come, then we should turn to the Lord and trust Him! This mission like all missions in life, will be dependant on our complete and total trust in Him. God does not send his children to do His work without providing the means to get it done. So we can count on Him to supply all our needs in His time!

While we think we know the purpose that God has called us to accomplish, we may go there and find that He has different plans. I remember a pastor friend of mine who in the wake of hurricane Katrina was handing out clothing from truck loads of what had been sent from the northern U.S. states, when a man came to them, who had lost his prosthesis in the storm. As he was going through the line, he mentioned that he wished he could find an artificial leg, and my pastor friend told him that there was no way he would find one in that pile of clothes but he was welcome to look. So the man went through the line and when he looked in the last pile of clothes an artificial leg was sticking out... So he asked if he could try it on... and guess what... It was the correct one and it fit perfectly!

While someone may have thought it was crazy to send such an item, God knew what He was doing when He put it on somebody's heart to donate it. Most people would have thrown the prosthesis away thinking it would not do anybody any good... God knew it was needed, and knew when and exactly where to put it!

Just like that prosthesis, God knows what we need, when we need it and how to get it there! He has not run out of miracles. Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.

*Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope."*

This means that we can pray with boldness! Because God is able to what we ask and more! Don't be afraid or hesitant to pray big. Pray for that seemingly impossible situation to change, pray for the impossible... He is the God of the impossible. All things are possible with God. So let's stretch desires and thoughts beyond what we have ever in our lives before. For that matter we can expect that the answer to our prayers will be more than we request. When I think I have a great brainstorm and have come up with a great plan, God seems to always have a better idea yet! While we are giving our best to prepare to love and help the people of Haiti, God is preparing hearts, and while we are preparing what we think we may need to help them medically, God has already prepared the supplies even while we are just now beginning the search. Even while we look for a specific answer to our prayer, there is more that God is doing. There is what we see God doing and what we don't see yet. It is like receiving a gift but not realizing how truly precious that gift is when you first receive it.

Right now we as a mission team are praying that God will provide the needed medicines and supplies, as well as a way to transport them to Haiti! Pray boldly and then fully trust that whatever He supplies is enough to do the great work He has planned for us to do! And as you trust God in **your** "faith journey" pray boldly! Because He wants to do ever so much more than that you may ask or even think of!

*James 1:5-8 says, "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do."*

We rightly believe that God has put it on our hearts to go and help the people of Haiti who have lost so much... And we need to fully trust that our generous God will give us the wisdom and the means, to complete what He has started in us!"

I hope you are encouraged to realize that God's promises are true and he will provide all of our needs! And much more! So let's agree together with God's Holy Scripture, "... by His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. Glory be to God!!!"

God has gifted us with the necessary skills to complete the work that He has planned for us to do! Go forth boldly, and serve the Lord in whatever He lays in front of you... **"So the whole world will know, that He is God!"**

May God richly bless your faithfulness to work for His kingdom!

In His Majesty's Service,

Pastor Dale Munsell

One of God's blessed children!

## **MISSIONARY NEWS**

A Letter for Dave & Betsy Perkins

About hundred miles north of Chennai, International Ministries has just started its final housing construction project for victims of the 2004 Tsunami in partnership with Abundant Life Ministerial Associates (ALMA). The village of Busagudapallam is home for 46 families. One section of the village is made up of 24 Yanadi tribal families, whose primary livelihood is fishing. Shortly after the tsunami they were promised new houses by a government/NGO collaborative project. The foundations for homes were laid, and even partial walls raised on a couple of the houses, but then the project halted. Weeds now grow out of these structures, emphasizing the empty promises and discouragement. Yet a few of the residents of Busagudapallam did not lose hope.

Kruppayah and his wife, Krupamma, became believers in Jesus Christ through the love and witness of the ALMA ministry to the Yanadi people. These two staunch believers, who have been trained by ALMA, now lead a church in their village with 14 members. These believers have been praying for the completion of the sturdy houses for their village—and now we have the opportunity to be a part of God's answer to their prayers! The remaining balance of the Tsunami relief grant sent from International Ministries and one Great Hour of Sharing offering in 2005 is just enough to cover construction of 20 houses. We visited Busagudapallam shortly before Christmas to assure them of our commitment to build their homes. Kruppayah and his church have continued to pray for the four families that might be left out—and God is answering those prayers, too. In a Skype call just before Christmas, we shared the story of our visit to Busagudapallam with those gathered for Sunday worship at Avoca Baptist Church in Avoca, Indiana. A New Year greeting to us from Pastor Kyle brought with it the news that they had raised \$2,000 for the construction of one more house! The followers of Jesus Christ in Busagudapallam are confident and testify of their faith: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble! (Ps. 46:1)...Please continue to pray for God's provision for the three remaining homes and a small community center.

We appreciate your partnership in our efforts to reach out in the name of Jesus Christ to people in India. We are thankful for each one of you in our support network –grateful for the prayers and the financial gifts which make it possible for us to be serving in India, living in the city of Chennai. Actually, we live in a suburb of the city called St. Thomas Mount. It is named for the small hill which is believed to be where the disciple Thomas went to pray and the place where he was eventually martyred. There is a chapel at the top of the hill. It is amazing to think that missionary witness to Jesus Christ has been present in this area since not long after our Lord's death and resurrection!

As part of giving thanks for being here, we would like to share with you what a single dollar can purchase in St. Thomas Mount. In these days of Dollar Menus and Dollar Stores, a dollar can still have a lot of impact. In fact, the dollars you give through International Ministries and One Great Hour of Sharing s-t-r-e-t-c-h a long way.

What can \$1 buy you in St. Thomas Mount, Chennai, India?

- 1 rice "meal" for lunch (this includes a full meal with fruit)
- 2 small loaves of bread and a stick of butter
- 1 liter (about a 1/4 gallon) of gas/ "petrol"
- 1 grass straw broom used to sweep our house each day
- 1/2 dozen bananas and 4 oranges
- A tiny jar of instant coffee
- 1 hour of cell phone talk-time within India
- 7 minutes of cell phone talk-time to the USA
- 2 bottles of Coke
- 1 small, coarse roll of toilet paper
- The internet access megabytes necessary to upload 25 pictures to the photo website or to send in email attachments
- 2 round-trip tickets on the commuter train from a nearby suburb into the city center and back
- A ride in an auto-rickshaw from our neighborhood to the nearest train station.

We continue to covet your prayers and wish each of you blessings in this New Year and many things to be thankful for!

Dave & Becky Perkins

## DOOR GREETERS

March 7	1st Service	Christina Byrer
	2nd Service	Anna May Robinson & Kelsey Wheatley
March 14	1st Service	Nina Mahan
	2nd Service	Lauren Alexander
March 21	1st Service	Terry & Evelyn Chambon
	2nd Service	Deanna Alston
March 28	1st Service	Tom & Alberta Burnett
	2nd Service	Bonnie & Micah Sydow

## USHERS

March 7	1st Service	David & Melissa Overton Mitch & Carla Arthur
	2nd Service	Doug & Bonnie Sydow Steve & Andi Hart
March 14	1st Service	Don & Margaret Hart Tom & Alberta Burnett
	2nd Service	Luke Sydow, Caleb Sydow, Micah Sydow & Ben McVay
March 21	1st Service	Bill & Chris Grabbe Randy & Sharon Hobson
	2nd Service	Becky & Tali Boyles Beverly & Grace Jones
March 28	1st Service	Jill & Tom Woodburn Paul McMillin & Nina Mahan
	2nd Service	Doug & Bonnie Sydow Steve & Andi Hart

## SCRIPTURE READERS

March 7	1st Service	Sharon Hobson
	2nd Service	Luke Sydow
March 14	1st Service	Margaret Hart
	2nd Service	Grace Jones
March 21	1st Service	Lu Miller
	2nd Service	Steve Hart
March 28	1st Service	Gary Byrer
	2nd Service	Becky Boyles

## YOUTH CHURCH WORKERS

March 7	2nd Service	Carol Maze
March 14	2nd Service	Helen Maze
March 21	2nd Service	Ben McVay
March 28	2nd Service	Jennifer Lemons

## OUR TITHES AND ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship Services</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Feb 7	51	155	\$4,039.14
Feb 14	60	135	\$2,676.09
Feb 21	53	133	\$1,739.11
Feb 28	44	118	\$2,641.19
		Average Offering	\$2,773.88
		Average Needed*	\$3,060.87

\*Please note that the average needed is without a full time youth pastor.  
The average needed with a full time youth pastor is \$3448.22