

Free in the In-Between

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Recently I heard someone say that we are living in the “in between.” We have the promise of the second coming and the new life that we receive with that, yet experientially we are not seeing a lot of that coming to fruition. We know there is hope, yet we do not live in a world where much abounds. We wonder, as believers, where is God and what is he waiting for?

As international workers that lived in a few other countries it always pleased my kids when I told them we were aliens. They equated that with extra-terrestrials, of course, and that wasn’t what I meant. The truth is we were foreigners in a strange land. No matter how long we lived there, we would never be fully engulfed in that culture. When we came “home” we often felt this same sense of foreignness as we navigated new life back in a country where we were born but didn’t feel fully a part of. We felt like we were “in between.”

Our theme this year is “Set free to live free” yet I wonder how many of us really live free? Often, we think the word free means independent and not having to rely on anyone else. That definition means that we are simply slaves to our own abilities, and we will quickly find that enthroning ourselves means we have a weak and fallible leader. The life of the believer is anything but independent and self-reliant. In fact, we see many times throughout scripture that we are all slaves to something. We are slaves to self, to the opinion of others, to power, to control. We are slaves to this world before we know Jesus. But when we have given our life to him fully and truly make him Lord, he becomes our master and we are, essentially, slaves or servants to him. While we are in this world of the in between, we need to remember this. If we live our lives as though we are foreigners in this land and citizens of Heaven then, as it says in Philippians 3:20, we are eagerly awaiting his return as our Savior. While we groan and cry inwardly as we lament at the state of this world, we sit and wait in hope because we know our holy, perfect, loving Master has promised that there is more.

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Short-Term Missions Scholarships Available

The District Missions Committee offers four \$250 scholarships to anyone 13 years or older interested in doing a short-term mission's trip to an international C&MA field or with a C&MA International Worker. This is a first come first serve opportunity.

If you are interested contact the Terri Groh at terrigroh@yahoo.com for an application and guidelines

Pompidou Guest Home Needs



Just a reminder that we have a new guest home that we are supporting in Libreville, Gabon, Africa. Libreville is an important city as this is where all team members entering and exiting the country travel to as a starting point. The Pompidou Guest House has many needs and we have decided to take this on as our district project. Our goal for 2020-2021 is \$1,500 and the monies will go towards the following items that the Libreville guest home needs.

Pompidou Guest Home Needs:

Bedroom Curtains—\$150.00

Sheets—\$300.00

Pillows—\$50.00

Mattress and Frame—\$800

Paint for the bedrooms—\$200

Total Project Money—\$1,500.00

Amount Raised to Date—\$ 1,726.44

Any extra that comes in over the \$1,500.00 will go towards paint for the guest home as every room in the house needs new paint.

Missionary Wheels

Spring Grove C&MA Church in Pennsylvania acts on faith to provide vehicles for international workers to use while on home assignment.

Please Contact Pastor Nate Conklin @

www.sgacma.org

You may donate online (or)

Make checks out to:

Spring Grove Area C&MA Church

213 N Main St

Spring Grove, Pa. 17362

717-225-0343

The Jamestown C&MA Church is working in support of the Wheels Transportation Ministry. Our hope is to bring part of this ministry to the Jamestown area. Until then, our goal is to support what is already in place through the Spring Grove Area C&MA Church.

Please contact Julie if you would like prayer requests, Information on how to donate or if you would like more information on how your Church can be a part of this ministry. We are all partners!

Philippians 1:4-6 and Colossians 4:1-7

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Pray for our International Workers

Eikosts, Mark & Kathy, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Prayer:

- Since we are on tour, one of our main prayer requests is for our connections with the churches. Due to covid, our time with them is often severely curtailed. Pray that we would be able to communicate well in spite of speaking over Zoom or limited time with families.
- As we look forward to returning to the field this summer, we have several requests connected to that.
 - for travel arrangements. I've been having a hard time finding a good flight option and working out where/when we can get a Covid PCR test just before we travel.
 - for housing. Although our previous landlord would love to have us back, we want to make sure we are living in the place God has for us, not just the easiest one to arrange. Pray for wisdom and clear leading.
 - for loose ends. There are a few loose ends with Kathy's mom's estate that need to be resolved before we leave. Pray that we could get this all done in a timely manner.

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- Pray for our English Center:

This first trimester is almost done. We have one more week of regular classes and then the final exam, followed by parties and handing out the certificates. Those who do not pass don't seem to be that disappointed as they just take the class again. We will have a little break from teaching then start some specialty classes for the months of June and July.

We were able to dedicate the upper room in our center in mid-March with a special grand opening. A big Thank You to all who have helped us invest in this place that we hope will not only provide classroom space, but more importantly, opportunities to show Christian films, do plays, have musical opportunities, experience God classes, or just hang out with the local people and students. Pray with us for God-talk times. More on that in our next newsletter.

- Pray for our Experience God Classes:

I have been doing storying with our students for the past month each Saturday morning, and another teacher has been doing storying on Tuesday evenings. Attendance varies. The point is that they are hearing the Word of God and will hopefully not only come to Jesus through it, but tell the stories to their friends and families. I (Keith) had my last session this past Saturday before the students have their final exams and we take our scheduled break. The Prodigal Son story with which I finished, brings a powerful message of God's love. Thank you for praying!

- Pray for our Discipleship Class and the Almasira class

Both classes have been going well. Once again, God/Jesus is the end goal of every conversation. Continue to pray for our students to understand, accept and commit to him. Pray for dreams of Jesus. Thank you!

Ingrassias, Phil & Chelsea, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa

Praise:

- Hannah accepted Jesus into her life! Her 5th b-day is soon. Homeschool is so helpful for her amidst the tough transition.
- Simeon is getting ready to walk soon! He is fun.
- God is giving us new friends from all over the world.
- Covid is not all that bad here.
- Our home feels like a special abode

Prayer:

- We appreciate prayer that we can get in a good routine with our kids so we can focus our energy on raising up disciples outside of our home (as well as inside). Wisdom how to set up our schedule, for example, with homeschooling, breastfeeding and 2 parents working.
- Michael and Fredia are an African doctor couple (PAACS resident and pediatrician) that are in need of prayer for renewed strength from the Lord.
- Water and electric situations here to be fixed quickly and easily for the hospital and mission. We've had 3 electronics fried in the last few days- one of them was a mac laptop. -For the ability to work through any fear or discouragement as we jump into new medical roles
- Hannah has developed "esotropia" of one eye ("lazy eye"). Pray for healing
- Pray our nursing/ anesthesia students, that we can establish good relationships (even as some of them babysit our kids or help with house projects). God to continue to raise them up as His instruments of peace to the Gabonese and ultimately the world.

Spronks, Wayne & Suzanne

Prayer:

- Pray that God would provide for Bongolo hospital during our upcoming departure from the field in May and June. Ideally a visiting physician would fill in. If not, the local staff will have to rise to the challenge. Two doctors we had hope would come have said that they cannot due to Covid complications.
- Pray for HIV medications to arrive. There is a complete rupture of supply for many medications.
- Pray for stamina for Wayne. Currently, he and one pediatrician are the only primary care doctors caring for the entire hospital. Pray for wisdom in drawing boundaries. Pray for courage and kindness in teaching the staff what they need to do to help.
- Pray for the staff--for hearts of service, for perseverance, for strength and good attitudes
- Pray for our travels--currently flights are getting changed again. There are many complications.
- Pray that we would be able to make it to all 3 of our children's graduation ceremonies. This includes complicated itineraries and many negative covid tests with results in time.
- Pray for our kids who are graduating--for their future plans and transitions
- Pray for Pascal and the future plans he needs to make for where to live and work
- Pray for our fathers who are both in their 90s and experiencing heart failure
- Pray for wisdom about knowing when, how or whether or not to try to visit them while we are in the US. Canadian covid restrictions make it extremely difficult to see Suzanne's dad.
- Pray for Andre to finish his highschool career well in the middle of all this travel and transition

Valach, Dr. Renee, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa

Prayer:

- Pray that Bongolo would find a doctor to cover the Medical service in May and the beginning of June, while both Dr. Wayne Spronk and Dr. Renée Valach are away.
- Pray for a steady supply of medicines for Bongolo patients. Especially since Covid, it has been very difficult to have enough medicine.

Zogg, Ed & Sandy, Dominican Republic

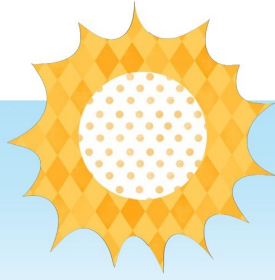
Prayer:

- Pray for Juan Valentin. He is a homeless muslim guy who we are trying to help get off the street. He seems open to hearing the truth.
- Rachel gets a summer job in her nursing field.
- We continue to be able to help out the prisoners at 15 de Azua prison with food and medical supplies. And that the door opens for us to go back inside.
- Pray for our womens and couples programs and their leaders. God is really blessing these ministries.
- Pray for Krista and her college decision. We are looking at a christian university in Michigan where she can study chemical engineering and be on the swim team.
- Keep Robert and his wife in your prayer. He started a new job in a plastics factory recently which he really likes.



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I want to encourage you to think about what freedom looks like for the children of God, sisters. Have we found ourselves enslaved to fear, anxiety, depression, or despair? Maybe we've crowned ourselves master and we hang on to that false sense of control. If we only look with physical eyes at this world around us, we only see the present. But if we surrender to the Holy Spirit and ask our Lord to open our spiritual eyes, we will start to see the hope, the joy, the anticipation, and the true freedom now that comes from living as though our citizenship is in an eternal place because of the work that Christ did for us on the cross.



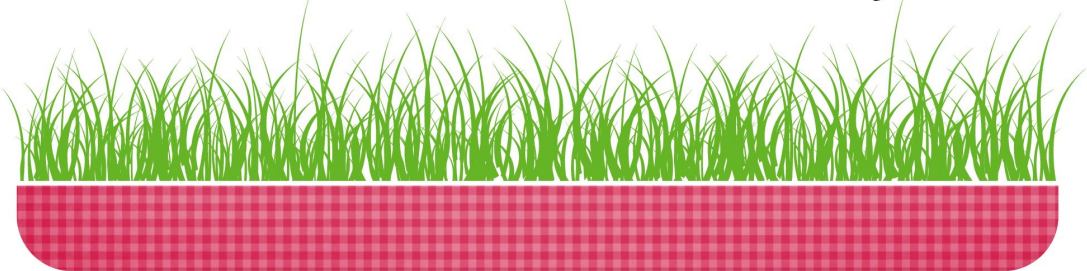
Summer Renew!

Delta Lake Bible Conference Center
During Family Camp

**Where: Delta Center
(Downstairs in Room A)**

**Time: 3:00 p.m.
Date: Sunday July 4th**

**Worship
IW Kathy Eikost
2021-2022 Theme & National Project**



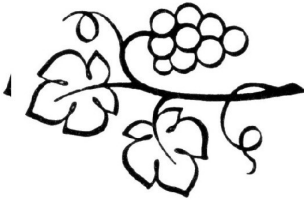


National Project

NED Alliance Women 2020-2021 Goal—\$16,000

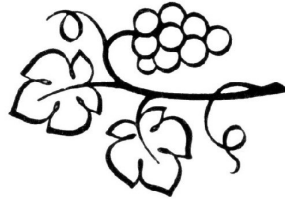
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August 2020



\$ 620.50

September 2020



\$ 1,871.00

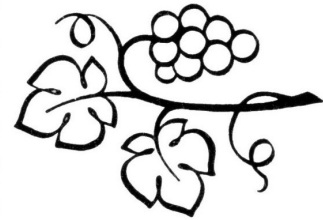
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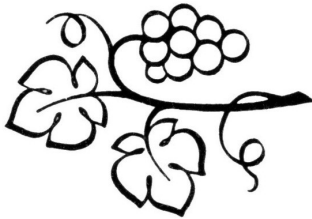
I AM THE Vine,
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.
APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO *Nothing*
JOHN 15:5

November 2020



\$ 757.00

December 2020



\$ 228.00

January 2021



\$ 650.00

February 2021



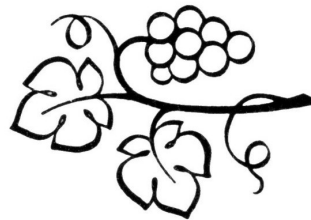
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March 2021



\$ 1,084.50

April 2021



May 2021

