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THE IMPACT OF ONE SHOE BOX

By Nancy Hudler

Recently, Bobby and I attended a meeting for Operation Christmas Child in Delaware. Connie Zinn, our regional director, conducted the meeting and shared a story with us about the impact made by one shoe box. I would like to pass it on to you, to encourage those of you who faithfully pack shoe boxes for this ministry.

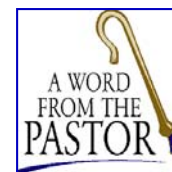
A pastor, who serves in a sensitive country, traveled to a special event for the distribution of the shoe boxes. After the event, as he was driving home, he noticed two young boys beside the road selling walnuts. He decided to stop and buy some and struck up a conversation with the boys. As he was talking to them, he remembered that he “happened” to have two shoe boxes in his car that were left over from the distribution. He decided to give them to the boys. The boys were delighted with the unexpected gifts and listened intently as the pastor shared the good news of the gospel with them. One of the boys was eager to pray and receive the Lord as his Savior. After he had prayed, the boy wrote his phone number on a piece of paper and asked the pastor to call his family and share with them how they could know Jesus.

About a week later the pastor found the paper in his pocket and decided to give the family a call. A man answered and the pastor explained who he was and how he had met the boy. The man explained that he was the boy’s father. Then he said, “I am afraid I have some bad news. My son was killed when he was hit by a car while he was selling walnuts.” However, the father went on to say that the day his son came home with the gift-filled shoe box he was glowing. Something had happened that really changed him. The father said, “We would like to know what happened so that we can have that same joy.”

The pastor happily explained the plan of salvation to each one as they passed the phone around. When he had finished, each one prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. The grandfather then made the remark, “My soul has been hungry for truth all my life. Now I have found it!”

Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our 20th annual mission trip to Ontario, Canada turned



out to be one of the best yet. We led four boys and girls to faith in Christ, and one teenage girl is seriously

considering trusting Jesus as her Savior. Pastor Walid Bitar had invited three refugee families to come to the retreat, and at least one of the fathers opened his heart to Jesus! God is good. Nearly all of these families have come through unbelievable circumstances and/or persecution to get to freedom. They still may have a difficult life, but that pales in comparison to being safe and free. We have all gained a new appreciation for how God has blessed each one of us. May we never take our liberty for granted.

Our team this year consisted of Brian Musser, Tim Bayer, Bronwyn Bare (our three first timers), Jim and Patricia Adkins, and myself. I was able to preach to the adults through an interpreter (my Arabic is a little rusty). The interpreter was the ambassador from Lebanon to Senegal, West Africa, who also happens to be a member of their church! His wife and four boys are an active part of the church, (Continued on page 2)





- 1 Chris Johnson
- 2 David Bibey
Cheryl Marvel
Lisa Wilson
- 3 Richard Culver
Karen Jackson
Alexis Street
Courtney Ward
- 4 Peter Keyes, Sr.
- 5 Stephanie Jones
Eric Reeder
- 7 Katie Preisch
- 10 Courtney Simpkins
- 12 John Sprout
- 13 Chandis Johnson
- 14 Scotty Clemons
Vincent Sklodowski
- 17 Addison Hokuf
- 18 John Cavanagh
Eula Harrington
- 20 Dawn Robinson
- 21 Summer Deaver
- 23 Michael Beachel
- 27 Daniel Neall
- 28 Laura (Hokuf) Moyer
Anmarie Walsh
- 29 Edward Hobson



- 2 Ron & Mary K. Parks
Ralph, III & Eunice
Veasey
- 5 Daniel & Mary Mohler
- 6 Dean & Bessie
Finnfrock
- 7 Jack & Ruth (Mash)
Pusey
- 8 Daniel & Carol Neall
- 10 Kurt & Erica Hudler

- 14 Eric & Sandy
Jackson
- 16 John & MillieBee
Cavanagh
- 17 Dale & Stephanie
Jones
- 20 Brad & Chrissy
Grant
- 24 Jim & Marsha Hall
- 27 Arthur & Mary
McClellan



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while he is now stationed in Africa. He had been the head of the Lebanese embassy to Canada for the last four years, before being promoted to ambassador. It strikes me as a perfect illustration of the body of Christ having many diverse members, but being one in Christ. From the lowliest war-ravaged refugee to an ambassador, we are all brothers and sisters; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ! Praise the Lord.

Thanks to all of you who prayed for us and supported us with your offerings. We were able to give them \$500.00 to help defray the expenses of those who came, but couldn't pay. We all work together for the kingdom of God.

On June 17th I will be taking the youth to Camp Skycroft. Wendy and Peggy Clough will be the chaperones for the girls. Twelve of us will be going; several for the first time.

On June 19th, Chris and Laura Moyer and family, will be leaving for France. They will be career missionaries with World Team, as church planters and counselors to missionaries. We hope to have a dedication service as we send them off, on Father's Day, June 17th. I hope you can all join us as we

celebrate this initial step of a life-long journey, as they follow God's call. Janet and I are both excited and torn; please pray for us too.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



(left to right: Bronwyn, Patricia, Tim, Brian, Jim & Pastor Steve)

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	1 10:30am: JLMCC graduation ceremony	2 7:45am: Men's Breakfast @ Chef's Kitchen w/ a Deacon's Mtg to follow
3 Graduate recognition Sunday	4	5 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ FBC Calvary	6 1:30pm: Nominating Committee Mtg	7	8	9
10 8:30am & 10:30am: Gideon speaker Jay Mendenhall *SKYCROFT MTG. following 10:30am service.	11	12	13 6:30pm: Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study 6:30pm: Kids Klub begins	14	15 7:30pm: Outdoor family movie night sponsored by JLMCC	16
17 FATHER'S DAY 10:30am: Dedication ceremony for the Moyers	18	19 Youth—Skycroft	20	21	22	23
24 July/August <i>Lamplighter</i> articles are due 6pm: Movie night "The Shack"	25	26	27	28	29	30 8am-1pm: Work day

See page 6 for regular events/services



- ~ It's VBS time!!!
- ~ Gear up! Get ready! Game On!
- ~ Sun, July 15 to Thurs, July 19
- ~ 6pm to 8:30pm
- ~ Children entering Kindergarten to grade 6 completed.
- ~ Contact Jess Wagner for more information. Volunteers needed!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am
9:20am
9:30am
10:30am
6pm

WORSHIP

Breakfast (1st Sun, monthly)
Bible Study/Sunday School
WORSHIP/Children's Worship
Monthly Last Sunday **WORSHIP**

Wednesday

6:30pm
6:30-7:30pm

Kids' Klub (starting June 13)
Prayer/Bible Study
BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday

10am
5:30pm

Ladies' Prayer Time
 Praise & Worship Team Practice



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
5/20/18(20wks): **\$3,608.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,691.**

Budget Status: **-\$1,652.**

Maintenance/Building
Repairs Fund: **\$259.**

PARKING LOT FUND:
Received to date: **\$38,760.**
Church goal: **\$47,745.**

Average morning worship
attendance:
4/22/18—5/20/18: **87**

