



# The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



Newsletter of the Dillsburg Brethren In Christ Church

July 2017

## New Beginnings

By Rob Douglass

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33 (NIV)*

I am in a season of remembering. The recent events of our lives and those that are just around the corner have caused me to reminisce recently.

As you may be aware, my oldest daughter graduated from college last month. This milestone in her life combined with the fact that we are on the verge of going back into pastoral ministry has caused me to reflect on past ministry experiences. These events have been even more closely connected in my mind since Rebekah was only two weeks old when I took my first "solo flight" as a pastor of a congregation.

Prior to taking my first congregation, I was the associate pastor of a church in the middle of Amish country in Ohio. We loved our time there, the congregation and the pace of life.

At that time, I was in another denomination that was much less consultative than the Brethren in Christ in their approach to pastoral appointments. As I was concluding my seminary training, I had asked for a rural or suburban appointment but was given a church in Pittsburgh.

When we went to meet the church leadership, we were also shown the parsonage. Standing on the porch with the pastoral couple that was retiring, we heard some strange popping sounds that almost sounded like fireworks. The pastor's wife looked at us and said, "That's gunfire from the projects. Don't worry; it tends to stay up there." Her words started my head spinning. In fact, I don't remember much else about the evening.

In my head, I knew that God could protect us and take care of us, but



in my heart, I was sure it was much safer to stay in Shreve among the Amish. What had I gotten us into? Here we were – two country mice getting ready to live in the city against our desires, and to make things worse, we would be bringing our newborn daughter into a place where you regularly hear gunfire? On the other hand, to say "no" to this church was to say "no" to an appointment and that meant not having a job. We submitted to the appointment and began to get ready for the move.

A week or so before we were to leave Ohio, I was taking the last things out of my church office. As I left the church, I saw about ten police cars across the street from the church. This was a big deal since the town was small enough to only have one police car. The rest were the tactical units from the county drug task force and the Ohio state troopers. Apparently, the house across the street from the church was a place of significant drug dealing for some time.

The lesson for me was clear.

It was like God was saying, "You think you are safe here and not in Pittsburgh? Guess what,

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evil is here too. Why do you think I cannot take care of you in Pittsburgh?"

In sharing this story with you, I don't mean to suggest that we are fearful about coming to Dillsburg. Actually we are really excited. I am also writing because I am expecting that you are fearful about our arrival. I pray that is not the case, because ready or not, here we come. Instead, this new chapter has simply reminded me of an important lesson from the Lord from a previous new beginning.

I want to trust God and often declare that I do. But when push comes to shove, I too easily, quickly, and frequently put my sense of safety and security in external things or in my own feeble hands. The good news is that while we cannot escape the presence of evil in this life, we also cannot escape the presence of our good Father, whose eyes never close in sleep, whose arms are not too short to rescue, and whose final victory will be evident to all one day.

May we all learn to trust him regardless of where we find ourselves today or where he leads us tomorrow.

### Transition Team News

*By Avis Whitesel*

Pastor Rob and his family will be here and he will begin his ministry with us on July 1! On July 2, Bishop Ken Hoke will be here to lead us through the installation service.

Let's extend a warm welcome to Pastor Rob and his family! Join us on July 9 at 9 a.m. for an informal time of fellowship and getting to know our new pastoral family. Please bring a breakfast/brunch item (e.g., fruit, egg dishes, pastries, whatever *you* like to eat) to contribute to our potluck. Beverages will be provided.

### Children's Sunday School Promotion scheduled for July 30

Please mark your calendars and join us for a special Children's Sunday School promotion during the Sunday School hour on July 30.

This event will take place from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. We will recognize children who are moving into the next class up and also those fifth graders who are moving into youth class.

This is always a special time of celebration and prayer as we thank God for the growth and excitement we see in the children He's entrusted to our care! We hope you can join us.

## Leadership Council Report By Avis Whitesel

At our May Leadership Council Meeting, Ed Strayer joined us for a report from the Deacons, reporting that it is great to see the growth and input from the two new deacon couples. The deacons have worked on a document outlining the responsibilities and guidelines of the deacons. This will be worked on further in the future.

We received a report from Properties and Facilities Team about the work that has been done since the beginning of the year.

Pastor John read Pastor Nathan Stonge's resignation letter. We are grateful for Nathan's leadership and talked about making the announcement to the congregation.

We talked about a Percept Group study of Dillsburg in an eight-mile radius. This is a study that helps us understand the surrounding community.

The full minutes of the Leadership Council meeting are located on the bulletin board in the lobby. If you would like additional information or to follow up on any items, please contact a Leadership Council member,

Mike Beachy, Clarence Brubaker, Jason Brubaker, Christie Gustafson, Gary Lebo, Pastor John Reitz, or Avis Whitesel.

## *New Hope Ministry Musings* *by Ginny Spurrier*

*"You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Colossians 3:12 (Good News Translation)*

Many thanks to each and every one of you who have worn this clothing! Many of our neighbors have been blessed by your generosity in donating items requested each month. For the months of June and July, there will be no request for New Hope items. As June will have already passed when you read this, please direct your attention to helping fulfill the Youth Impact Project item of **toothpaste**. We will resume donating to New Hope in August.

The building project of the New Hope facility next to the existing one, on 6 North Second Street, has been under way for over a month now. Workers are busy hoping to have the building completed in time for Christmas. Please pray for the construction to go smoothly and without delays or injuries. Do drive by and join the fun of watching this new building grow out of the ground!!

May you sense God's presence in your lives and experience His many blessings as you reach out and share with those in need.





## In The Pew Next To You...

Mary Faulhaber

**Born and raised in . . . .** Nebraska

**A bit about my family . . . .** I have four siblings; two brothers, Carl and Max, both residing in Grants Pass, Ore. and two sisters, Terry and Lori. Lori also lives in Oregon. Terry lives in Long Beach, Calif. My niece Angela also lives in southern California and she is the family member I am closest to and plan on moving back to be near as soon as I can. My mother and father are in heaven. My family has always been very close. I'm too far away from them!

**I spend my days doing . . . . .** Reading, going for long walks, for exercise and to look at creation. My favorite book is the Bible of course.

**How I became a Christian . . . . .** I was always a believer but I made it official on July 28th, 2003. That is when I started reading the Word!

**A time I really saw God work in my life was . . . .** In 2003 I was in a dark place in my life. I was very depressed and I started getting books at the library on the same subject. Unintentionally, that is. Probably five books in a row ended up being stories about how God changed people's lives. Then I picked out one about a football player. I said to myself, "Surely this one won't be about God!" But it was. The next book I read was the Bible.

**My biggest passion is . . . . .** Jesus. I gave up dating; I completely lost interest in a relationship with men and consider myself married to Jesus. I finally posted that on my Facebook page to ward off players.

**I spend my free time doing . . . . .** Reading, taking walks, and in the evenings I watch a lot of TV.

**Favorite Bible verse . . . . .** Isaiah 40:31: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

**My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is . . . . .** The music and the people.

**Something that might surprise you about me is . . . . .** I love being single! I never plan on being in another relationship on earth.

**My favorite song is . . . . .** "Something in the Water" by Carrie Underwood.

**A prayer request I have is . . . . .** May God help me to get back to California to be with family and friends soon. The biggest mountain is getting a car to drive back there in!





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*Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA*

\*We gratefully acknowledge your faithful investment in Messiah College through your monthly giving. **Thank you** for your support of Collaboratory operations.

*Beth Trott Clark, Director of Annual Giving, Messiah College*

\*On behalf of the Brethren in Christ U.S., **thank you** for your gift in support of Shalom. Ministry taking place within the U.S. and around the world is made possible through our church family's sacrificial giving.

*Alan Robinson, National Director, BIC U.S.*

\*I was overwhelmed to receive your generous donation! Your gift helps us to accomplish our mission of empowering families through relationships and skill building to move from homelessness to home. As one 2016 graduate family recently told us, "We now keep track of all of our bills on a white board to make sure everything gets paid. That's not something we were able to do before." **Thank you** for your constant support!

*Kristina Marshall, Executive Director, Family Promise of the Harrisburg Capital Region*

\***Thank you** for your gift to New Tribes Mission to support Andi and Krishauna Brubaker. Reaching the unreached has been New Tribes Mission's vision since it was founded back in 1942. Thank you for partnering with us as we anticipate the next 75 years!

*Larry M. Brown, Chairman, New Tribes Mission USA Executive Board*

\*I know that you did choose trust when you partnered with us to invest in Push the Rock's ministry. We continue to choose trusting God's leading as we look to expand to a potential six new locations, internationally and locally. **Thank you** for being with us on this journey.

*David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock*

\*Our current Abortion Recovery Ministry group is finishing up the spring season. We praise God for the women and men He has brought to our center who are hurting from previous decisions to end a life and we pray God's love and forgiveness can be experienced in their lives. Gifts like yours enable us to be used of God to help these men and women as well as those who are facing life and death decisions right now. **Thank you** for your partnership – we thank God for you!

*The Rev. John Shaffer, Executive Director, Capital Area Pregnancy Center*

\***Thank you** for joining with us as we continue to provide help and hope to close to 17,000 people every year. Your continued prayers and support changes the lives of those we serve.

*Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries*

## Stop Traffic

By Marj Strayer

Quick and beautiful story. Whoever said that food could reach a man's heart was right. But I would change that from "man" to "mankind."

One of the dancers from the adult club where we have an outreach texted Patty Seamans, the director of outreach to clubs for Peace Promise, on the Thursday that we provided the meal and treat, saying, "I can't be there. I will miss the meal and my treat." Patty invited her over to the church to get her treat. She came and sat down and ended up talking with Patty and her husband, Jason, who is pastor of the Exchange. In the discussion, she spoke of being so tired of dancing and wanting to feel, at the end of the day, that she had accomplished something worthwhile. All this while munching on a brownie prepared by one of our own. The discussion went on and she agreed to work with them in putting together a resume. She is currently looking for another job. This girl once said she would never leave the club because she loved dancing there. A brownie, faithful servants, and the Holy Spirit. What a recipe for transformation.

Please keep praying for her!

The following information is one way we can support this beautiful, but challenging work of God.



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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**  
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**SOLDIERS AND SAILORS  
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## Upcoming Host Week July 30 — August 6

Come help us share the Love of God with our Family Promise guests.

Mission: empowering families through relationships and skill building  
to move from homelessness to home.

## *How You Can Help:*

### *Setup Volunteers*

Volunteers will meet upstairs at the conclusion of church service. We will set up the bedrooms and fellowship area.

### *Meal Volunteers Drop off at 6:00 p.m.*

Needed each night, Sunday through Saturday. You will provide a meal for up to 14 guests as well as for the evening hosts. Please drop off the meals by 6:00 p.m. The Meal Coordinator will be in touch with you the week prior to give you details about dietary restrictions and ages of the guests. We ask that you let the Meal Coordinator know what you will be fixing, as we try to provide a varied menu throughout the week.

### *Fellowship Volunteers 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.*

Needed each night, Sunday through Saturday. You will need to arrive at 6:00pm and visit with the families that are in the fellowship area. Some families head to their rooms after dinner, but your presence is still critical to protect both the families and the facility. Please do not take it personally if they want private space. You are there to provide hospitality and a welcoming, loving environment.

### *Overnight Hosts 8:15 p.m.—6:45 a.m.*

Needed each night from 8:15 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. This is an easy job, as your main responsibility is to get a good night's sleep! Bring your own sleeping bag if you'd like. Linens and blankets are provided, but please bring your own pillow. Quiet time begins at 10:00 p.m. Families will leave the church no later than 6:45 a.m, so you'll be able to head out then too. Please check the rooms to ensure there are no fire hazards but do not go through families' belongings.

### *Takedown Volunteers*

Volunteers are needed at 7:00 a.m. on the Sunday that ends our host week to take down the rooms and set them back up for Sunday School.

### *Laundry Volunteers*

On the final Sunday of our host week, laundry will need to be laundered, folded, and returned to the church by the following Sunday.

### *Supply Donations*

Please contact one of the coordinators to identify what is needed for our hosting week. Once you purchase the items, please bring them to the DBIC Kitchen by Sunday of hosting week.

### *Van Drivers*

Transport the guests each morning and evening. We need volunteers to help with driving Sunday evening of our first hosting week and Sunday morning of our last day. Please show up at least 15 minutes before you are supposed to leave. Sunday-Saturday evening the guests are to be picked up at 6:00 p.m. from the Day Center. Monday-Friday morning they typically arrive at the Day Center by 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning they leave our church at 8:30 a.m, Sunday morning they leave our church at 7:30 a.m.

### *Family Promise Coordinators*

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## HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

By Steven and Rachel Miller

### WE'RE COMING HOME!

Perhaps I should explain. Back in 2013, Judy and I informed our mission board that we would be returning to the USA in the summer of 2016 to continue with our ministry to Muslims there, flying to around 43 countries with i2 ministries.

But we couldn't really leave London last year, since I still needed to finish my PhD, and work on some exciting and new historical material on Islam which had 'dropped into our lap' at the Pfander Centre of Apologetics.

Suffice it to say that I have now finished my PhD (yep, I'm Dr Jay), and am about to complete filming much of the historical material we have been working on in the past year, allowing us to return to the USA.

So, in June Judy and Jason (our youngest son) flew back to Pennsylvania (where we'll be headquartered for at least the first year), and in August I will follow them, having hopefully completed all the filming, and sold the house our mission bought for us 20 years ago. Eli, our eldest son is already in Pennsylvania, and our middle son, Caleb, will remain here in London. We'd love to see you!



Our latest family picture:  
(CALEB - ELI - JASON - JUDY - JAY)



Dillsburg BiC Men's Softball Team  
June 6, 2017





# The Book Nook

By Harriet Conrady

As librarian, it's fun for me to look at the checked-out cards when I come into the library. I think you might be interested in who checks out the most books from our church library. I don't really keep any count of who checks out the most books, but I have a pretty good idea of who it might be. I haven't asked to use her name, so I won't do any great reveal here, but I will give you a clue. Her name begins with a V \_\_\_\_\_. To honor her use of our library, I've purchased a couple of books this month that I thought she might like. Look down over the list of new books below and see if you can guess which ones are for V\_\_\_\_\_.

## NEW BOOKS OF FICTION

- ***Stars in the Grass***, by Ann Marie Stewart. Abby is nine years old when she and her family walk through a time of loss. Each one in the family deals with tragedy in different ways, even Abby's father who is the pastor of their church. Abby and her family develop a growing faith in God . . . and Abby develops a sense of humor that makes the book both insightful and touching.
- ***The Newcomer***, by Suzanne Woods Fisher. This book is the second in the series "*Amish Beginnings*" and traces, as a novel, the history of the Amish coming to the New World. Anna arrives in a small wooden ship after ten weeks at sea, and is eager to start a new life on the Pennsylvania frontier.
- ***Shine Like the Dawn***, by Carrie Turansky. The author transports us back to Edwardian England for this novel of history, suspense, and even a bit of romance. Margaret works in her grandmother's millinery shop and cares for her younger sister. A wealthy industrialist and his son enter the picture with a terrible secret.
- ***Deep Extraction***, by Diann Mills. The cover of this book will turn away many of our readers, but don't let that happen. It's an excellent mystery that will keep you reading until FBI agents solve the puzzle. It is a Christian novel with characters who lovingly care for hurting people as the mystery unfolds.

## NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

- ***God Bless You and Good Night***, by Hannah Hall, and illustrated by Steve Whitlow. Prepare your little one for cuddle time and sleepy time as you read about animal families getting ready for bed – secure in God's love.
- ***The Oak Inside the Acorn***, by Max Lucado. Even when Little Acorn becomes Big Oak, he still wonders what he's supposed to be. Then one day he knows he is just right for a very special job.

See you in the library!



The more that you READ,  
the more THINGS you will KNOW.  
The more that you LEARN,  
the more PLACES you'll GO.

- Dr. Seuss

## THE QUIZ BOX

By Mel Brough

By the time you read this article, the Dillsburg quiz team will have participated in Denominational Round Robins and Finals at the **Bongiorno Conference Center** in Carlisle on **June 23 through 25**.

The Quiz Box article in the August Doulos will have results from quizzing finals.

*Verse of the month: Luke 23:69 – “But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.” (NIV 2011)*

*Luke 23:69 from the Berean Study Bible (BSB 2016) – “But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”*

Next year we will be quizzing on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians using the Berean Study Bible version. The World Bible Quizzing Association (WBQA) uses the Berean Study Bible. It was decided that BIC quizzing should use the same version as WBQA.

A great way to financially support the quizzing ministry at Dillsburg is to purchase Giant gift cards. Please see Avis Whitesel to purchase gift cards or if you have any questions.

To be eligible to quiz, you must be between the ages of 12 and 19 sometime during the quizzing year, which is defined as beginning Nov. 1 and running through Oct. 31. Quizzing provides an opportunity to study God's Word, fellowship with other youth, participate on a team and experience positive competition.

If you have any questions about quizzing, please contact one of us:

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Brent Whitesel	432-9048	btw10@comcast.net

## *A note from the Brubakers...*

Hola church family!

It's great being back in Pennsylvania seeing friends and family. It has been a time of encouragement, refreshment, and unlimited use of high-speed internet. :)

We will be heading back to Guatemala on July 11, after five weeks of being in the area. For those who are not aware, we have officially partnered with Push The Rock while continuing to serve with Hope for Home Ministries. We are excited and look forward to what God has in store for the coming months and years. You can check out our blog posts for more information regarding this step in ministry. As we head back to Guatemala, we ask for your prayers as we begin our respective ministries, a teacher training program and an after-school program, and all the details that come along with these steps of faith.



Thanks again for all your prayers and support,

Andi and Krishauna Brubaker

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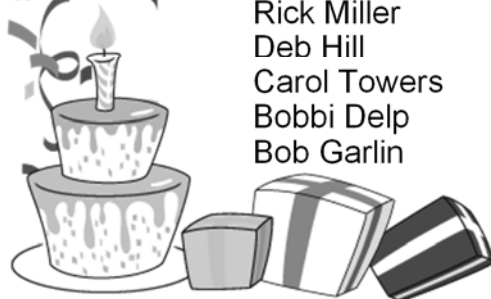


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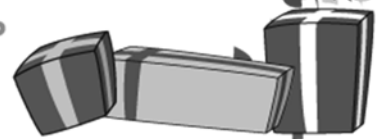
Ron & Betty Engle	July 10
John & Terry Reitz	July 12
Mike & Sue Lawver	July 15
Marlin & Ruth Zook	July 18
Terry & Donna Stoudnour	July 20
Dave & Patti Miller	July 23
Levi & Emily Sowers	July 25
Ed & Marj Strayer	July 26
Ron & Dianne Rudy	July 27

### Birthdays of the Month

Mark Kimmel	July 1	Gloria Smith	July 18
Landon Horton	July 2	Chris Owens	July 19
Dwight Rotz	July 3	Cassidy Straw	July 20
Marlin Zook	July 3	Rachel Pease	July 20
Jim Lewis	July 6	Marilyn Smith	July 21
Cindy Raboci	July 7	Terry Reitz	July 22
Sherry Eyster	July 11	Daphne Rank	July 24
Sarah Oldham	July 13	Bob Brubaker	July 25
Caleb Reitnour	July 14	Elizabeth Hatch	July 26
Rick Miller	July 14	Meghan Kanazawa	July 26
Deb Hill	July 14	Mike Beachy	July 27
Carol Towers	July 15	Henry Storm	July 27
Bobbi Delp	July 16	Dee Maxwell	July 30
Bob Garlin	July 16		



Happy Birthday!



July 2017						
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2 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	3	4 Church Office Closed	5 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise	6	7	8 Doulos Deadline
9 9:15 a.m. Welcoming Pastor Rob and family 10:15 a.m. Worship	10 6:30 p.m. Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers')	11	12 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise	13	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	17	18	19 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise	20 6:45 p.m. Leadership Council	21	22
23 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	24	25	26 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise	27	28	29
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Family Promise July 30 - August 6						

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