





Newsletter of the Dillsburg Brethren In Christ Church

Sweet Sustenance By Olivia Kimmel

And yet, you are faithful.

Last month I started my new job as a nurse at Harrisburg Hospital. Wow, that sentence carries with it such weight because I really still can't believe it's true. For what feels like as long as I can remember, I have been a little nursing student, following in the shadow of my clinical instructors and other staff nurses, trying not to get in the way, in hopes of learning and experiencing as much as I can. What a journey these past four years have been and what a testimony of the Lord's faithfulness they have showed me.

In July of 2013, right between high school graduation and the beginning of college, I went to Macha, Zambia. At that time, I wasn't quite sure what I wanted my major to be beyond something in the medical field. My prayer before my mom and I left for Macha was simply "Lord, give me a glimpse of what I should be." Looking back, that feels like a rather overzealous prayer, but I suppose my 18-year-old self didn't think anything was too big for God.

In perhaps the most unlikely of ways, the Lord answered the prayer. One morning, during rounds in the female ward, the doctor had just told a very sick, elderly woman that there was nothing more they could do for her and that she would not live much longer. With many patients to be seen and not much time, the doctor moved on to the patient in the next bed, leaving this older woman lost in her thoughts of the news she had just received, tears rolling down her cheeks. As I was trying to focus on the next patient's diagnosis, I turned back to the elderly woman and noticed, for the first time since beginning rounds, that two nurses were following behind us with the med cart, passing out morning meds and reading the doctor's latest orders for each patient. In that moment, one of the nurses came, sat on the bed and took both of the woman's hands in her own, squeezing them and talking softly to her in Tonga. As I became lost in this simple, yet beautiful interaction I heard a voice say to me "Olivia, this is you." And in that moment, I remember thinking, "What did I just hear? Am I going crazy?" But I soon realized those four simple words were the answer to my prayer and the start of what



would become a journey full of many challenges, but much joy.

I have replayed that moment in Macha in my head a thousand times during these last four years of college when I just didn't think I had it in me to study for another moment or learn another disease process and the implications that come along with it. Despite the many late nights and weekends spent in the academic buildings studying for what felt like was never enough time, there was always this intimate sense of peace that I was right where I was supposed to be and that the Lord who has brought me this far was not going to decide to leave the picture anytime soon.

In January when I returned to Macha for my senior nursing practicum, I ran into a man named Amos whom I had met during my first trip to Macha, but whom I had not thought about since leaving in August of 2013. When I ran into him most recently, I didn't recognize or even remember that such a man existed. But after a few minutes of getting details straight in my head, we had a wonderful reunion. Perhaps the most profound part of it all is that he told me he has been praying for this Olivia girl ever since she left in 2013, that she would have the strength and energy to do her nursing school, that the Lord would be watching over

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After graduation, before starting a job as a nurse, we must take the NCLEX national licensure exam. The exam consists of computer-adapted questions in which you can receive anywhere from 75 to 265 questions and have up to six hours to complete the exam. When I took my exam, I was lucky enough to receive all 265 questions and spend 4.5 hours in the testing center taking the exam. I went into the exam, enveloped in prayer, feeling at peace. As I kept getting question after question after question, I had a moment of doubt that there was no way I was going to pass. Around question 150, I sat back in my chair, closed my eyes and took a deep breath, picturing that moment in Macha, reminding myself that the Lord is ever-present. From that point on, I can give credit to no one other than the Lord and all those praying for me because the stamina and strength to finish the remaining 115 questions did not come from Olivia, but from the prayers and grace of the good Lord.

The beginning of this new journey as an RN, at long last, though exciting, is also scary and full of the unknown. As I look back at the last four years and remember the moment at Macha that got me started on this adventure, I am reminded that the Lord who has called me to this profession has and will continue to sustain me each step of the way.

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Join Us Outdoors

Our annual Outdoor Worship Service begins at 10:15 a.m. on Aug. 20 at Ponderosa Park.

However, this year, don't bring eggs, bring sandwiches or the like because we'll be

worshipping together first and then enjoying a fellowship picnic together afterwards.

Watch the bulletin for more details!





Dillsburg Brethren in Christ

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or place them in Carolyn's church mailbox by **August 8th**.

Our Challenge Until We See Him Face to Face

The following is the text of the challenge that Pastor Rob offered at his installation. As he indicated, it is adapted from a message that Graham Cooke presented at a Youth With A Mission conference several years ago. A number of people have requested this, so we decided to offer it to you here.

I am convinced that teaching the gospel without demonstrating the gospel is not enough,

That good preaching, good doctrine, being good people is not enough,

That having a good church club is not enough, That good fellowship is not enough.

I am convinced that having good Bible studies is good, but not good enough,

That just making it to heaven is not our goal And that knowing about God without truly knowing and experiencing God is meaningless.

I am convinced that having good programs is not enough,

That change without transformation is intolerable,

And that staying the same is not an option.

I am convinced that confident faith is good; bold faith is better.

I am convinced that that having faith without works is not enough,

That having works without love is not acceptable.

I am convinced that singing songs without worshiping is hallow,

That having meetings without God showing up is pointless.

I am convinced that reading about the book of Acts without living the book of Acts is silly,

That hearing about the Holy Spirit without experiencing Him, is futile,

That saying we believe in His presence without seeing it manifested in our lives is hypocrisy.

I am convinced that believing in healing without

seeing people healed is absurd,

That believing in deliverance without people being delivered, is absolutely ridiculous. I am convinced that living saved, but not supernatural is living below our privilege and short of what Christ died for.

I am convinced that it is better to fail while reaching for the impossible that God has planned for us than succeed in settling for less.

I am convinced that nothing short of His kingdom come and His will be done in our world as it is in heaven will satisfy.

I want us to be Holy Spirit filled, Holy Spirit led and Holy Spirit empowered.

I want us to be people of engagement not observation.

I want to be the ones telling the stories of God's power – not the ones hearing about them. I want us to be a battleship not a cruise ship, an army

not an audience.

I want us to be infectious instead of innocuous, Contagious instead of quarantined.

I want us to be radical lovers and outrageous givers. A mission station not a museum.

Therefore, we will honor the past but we will not live in it.

We will see past events, both success and failures, as stepping stones not stop signs.

We will focus on what could be – not on what has been.

We will be more concerned about how many we send out into ministry than how many we convince to come into the building.

We will raise up world-changers, not tour guides.

And in love, we will keep giving ourselves away in worship, prayer, and work until his name is on every tongue and we see him face to face.

Leadership Council Report By Avis Whitesel

At our June Leadership Council Meeting, we spent time discussing the possible purchase of the property at 27 N. York Street Dillsburg, Pa. The money from the John Fries insurance policy has been deposited into our account which could help with payment of this property.

We received a report of progress on the painting of the church offices.

We spent time going over Pastor John's end-of-the-year report and praying for him and our church as we enter this new season.

We approved additional hours for Kathy up to 25 hours/week if needed during this time of transition.

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, Pastor Rob Douglass, Christie Gustafson, Gary Lebo, or Avis Whitesel.

New Hope Ministry Musings by Ginny Spurrier

Good News! Every day, you can see progress at the construction site of the future Dillsburg Center. Be sure to check out regular postings of photos on their Facebook Page. The excitement builds for this community-centered project serving the greater Dillsburg area! Please be sure to take a drive-by look at what is happening and please continue to pray for safety for all workers and timely completion of each phase.

New Hope is also looking for good-working vehicles to help people obtain reliable transportation to get to and from work – a key ingredient for stability. Do you or someone you know have a car that may fit the bill? You can make a

life-changing recycling gift through New Hope Ministries. Contact Molly at 432-2087 x203 to find out how you can donate a gently-used car to change a life.

Thank you once again for remembering your neighbors who are less fortunate and need a helping hand and encouragement to get through another day. It's all about loving our neighbors. Love is what feeds the hungry. Love provides housing to a homeless single mom. Love helps a young man earn his high school diploma. Love gives help and hope to those who walk through the doors of New Hope Ministries. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus teaches us that loving God and our neighbors are of utmost importance.

Our **donation request** for August is **body wash or bar soap**. There have been several food drives this summer, but they generally do not include toiletries or other non-food items. Electronic Benefit Transfer and Food Stamps also do not cover non food items so these are especially appreciated. Reminder: you do not need to spend a lot of money! One item per family/household would be a wonderful contribution and makes a big difference.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

By Grace Holland

Special Opportunity This Month: Come and Meet Our Missionaries

You might have seen a picture of her riding a camel or one of her holding a hunter eagle by its tether. We cannot publish her name or the creative access country where she is working, but you can come see her and hear her speak on **August 2**. She will be showing pictures of the exciting work she does in that country to help translate useful books on discipleship and encourage those who lead workshops on personal and family life. You won't want to miss this!

Our special missionaries Tariq and Angelina W. are here in the U.S. for a few weeks to fill people in regarding the amazing work God is doing in Pakistan. They will be all over the country bringing people up to date, but they have saved Wednesday night **August 30** to let us know how our prayers are being answered since they visited last time. There is lots of good news out of Pakistan. Come and rejoice with them, welcome their little daughter, and let them know that we have been praying.



Both presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Neighboring Property Purchased Approved

By Pastor Rob Douglass

More than 10 years ago, the congregation made the decision to stay in our current location. As you are aware, staying where we are has meant that we have been landlocked.

Over a year ago, a Properties and Facilities Team member was approached about the possibility of the church purchasing the property next to the rear parking lot at 27 E. York Street by a family member of the owner. The family has indicated in the last few months that they are now ready to sell.

On Sunday, July 23, after the worship service, the congregation came together for a meeting in an effort to discern God's will for us regarding the purchase of the property. After questions were asked and comments made, those gathered agreed unanimously to empower the Leadership Council to purchase the property.

As we want to be both gracious in dealing with the seller and wise in this transaction, the parameters of the price that was authorized will be reported later.

No decision has been made regarding the use of the property and all suggestions are welcomed.

We believe that the purchase of this property gives us new ministry opportunities and room for growth.

Please pray for the real estate transaction as it moves forward. We want to handle this transaction honorably and to be a good neighbor. Please also pray for the Richwine family as they are going through a season of grief and loss.



Join the New Kids' Club Team this Fall!

This Fall, Children's Ministry is excited to launch a brand-new Wednesday evening kids' program and we need your help!

Kids will grow closer to Jesus as they explore God's Word in both large and small group settings with our new Kids' Club program – **DELTA** – **D**isciples Equipped for Life Transformation and Action.

DELTA hopes to affect the three aspects of a child:

Mind: By studying God's Word and memorizing Scripture, children begin to experience a renewing of their mind.

Heart & Body: As kids apply God's Word to their lives, their hearts are changed, leading to godly actions and behavior, which serve to protect and preserve them physically, as well as spiritually.

Each Wednesday night we will work towards accomplishing Bible awards, skill awards and game awards. This high-energy program promises to bring about transformation as our children begin to trust Jesus in new ways and learn to follow Him in every aspect of their lives.

We hope you will be interested in partnering with us this fall to reach community children who may never have heard about Jesus and deepen the faith of DBIC kids in a new way! We believe this is the year that Kids' Club can grow by leaps and bounds and change children's lives for eternity as our Children's Ministry Team makes an enhanced commitment to our Wednesday night program!

Here are some areas of need where we hope you'll be called and excited to help:

- Large Group Leaders Individuals willing to lead singing, Bible exploration and Bible memory in a large group setting
- **Small Group Leaders** Individuals willing to lead small group Bible exploration and application as well as work on Bible memory
- Small Group Helpers Individuals willing to assist leaders with classroom management
- Skill Award Coordinator An individual who helps to gather supplies and lead skill award activities
- Games Coach An individual that assists teachers with weekly game awards
 - **Prayer Pals** Any individuals willing to support Kids' Club by regularly praying for our club leaders and members

If you have interest in helping out with Kids' Club this Fall please e-mail children@dillsburgbic.org



*Dear Church Family - What a surprise to arrive in Dillsburg and find a wonderful basket full of a variety of gifts and gift cards! We used several already, especially the restaurant ones, as it was difficult to cook a meal at home during our move into the house. You amaze us with your generosity and love! **We appreciate** all of you!

The Douglass Family

***Thank you** for your recent donation to Messiah College Collaboratory Operations. We are so grateful for your ongoing investment in the Collaboratory and the mission of Messiah College!

Beth Trott Clark, Director of Annual Giving, Messiah College

***Thanks** for your donation to My Coins Count at the 2017 Pennsylvania Relief Sale. With contributions that arrived after the sale and the \$50,000 match from the Stabler Foundation as well as an additional \$15,000 match from the church in Harleysville, My Coins Count at the relief sale raised \$147,256.51. We appreciated all the many volunteers who helped with the sorting, welcoming and running the coin counting machines. This year's collection benefits the MCC water projects in various places around the world.

*Thank you for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. It's our joy to connect God's people to God's work in the world.

Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA







Did you know you can download and listen to past sermons on our website? http://www.dillsburgbic.org/media

> You can also submit your prayer requests online: http://www.dillsburgbic.org/prayer-request

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The Doulos



In The Pew Next To You...

Rich & Evie Eshleman

Born and raised in EVIE: Maryland RICH: Manheim, Pa.

A bit about my family

EVIE: I have one brother and three sisters. I am the second to youngest.

RICH: I have one brother and two sisters. I am the second oldest.

I spend my days doing

EVIE: I work at Amazon in Carlisle. **RICH:** I work in the sporting goods department of the Walmart in Mechanicsburg.

How I became a Christian

EVIE: I became a Christian at age 13 at a prayer meeting (youth group.)

RICH: I grew up going to church, but I didn't accept the Lord until I was 22. I met a retired lieutenant colonel who invited me to church. I accepted Jesus three months later.

A time I really saw God work in my life was

EVIE: All the time in many ways.

RICH: There are many ways: 1)He watched over me when I was in Vietnam, 2)While I was in the hospital for various reasons, 3)Leading me on a short-term mission trip where I met my wife, plus many more.

My biggest passion is

RICH: Wanting my grandchildren to accept Jesus.

I spend my free time doing

EVIE: Catching up on my teachings I miss during the week. **RICH**: Reading and watching TV.

Favorite Bible verse

EVIE: Psalm 121: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

- ³He will not let your foot slip—
- he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

'The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life;

⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

RICH: Ephesians 4:1-6: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is EVIE: So far, the sermons have been meaningful; I walk away learning something. Worship is a healthy mix.

Something that might surprise you about me is EVIE: I enjoy doing things outdoors (sports). RICH: I like to cook and I enjoy outdoor activity.

My favorite song is EVIE: "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" RICH: "The River"

A prayer request we have is That we and our family draw ever closer to Jesus.

The Book Nook

By Harriet Conrady

You will find two recently released denominational items listed below under the nonfiction heading. Read the reviews and see which one includes the picture of a lovely lady in our congregation when she was just 10 years old. You will want to "check-out" the picture of Ruth on page 39.

NONFICTION

- Brethren in Christ History & Life, April 2017. Included in this issue are papers from the Sider Institute Conference on Nonconformity and a history of the Sikalongo Mission in Zambia.
- Manual of Doctrine & Government, BIC U.S. 2016 edition. From the preface, I quote, the manual "is intended to promote spirituality, unity, and cooperation in our quest for piety and obedience. United in our common purpose, we seek to follow Jesus Christ as Lord of the Church."

FICTION

- **Bread of Angels**, by Tessa Afshar. Afshar is one of my favorite authors and I'm getting lots of "likes" by other library readers. Her gift is writing fictional stories of biblical women. Her writing includes research into the history and culture of the time of which she is writing. From page 391 of this book, I have taken a quote: "This story can in no way replace the transformative power that the reader will encounter in the Scriptures. For Lydia's story, please read Acts 16." Read about Lydia, a merchant's daughter who loves three things: her father, her ancestral home and making purple dye.
- Someone Like You, by Victoria Bylin. Single mom, Julia Dare, has a lot on her plate. She's a • new Christian, trying to raise her troubled son well and run her own business. All kinds of new opportunities open up for her when a big account opens up for her at the Caliente Springs Resort. But there are choices to be made!
- Love Story, The Baxter Family, by Karen Kingsbury. This book made the New York Times Bestselling list when it first came out. Karen Kingsbury books tend to do that! This one tells how John and Elizabeth Baxter met and of their relationship; stories of joys, of faith, of forgiveness, of mercy . . . and more. heir stories are tied together with that of other characters from the Baxter family books.

DVDs

The Shack. Based on the best-selling novel, The Shack takes us on a father's transformative spiritual journey. After a family tragedy, Mark questions God's existence and life's purpose. He gets a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack, and there God reveals Himself in the form of three strangers. We found this DVD to be helpful and inspiring.

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.

THE QUIZ BOX

By Mel Brough



The Dillsburg BIC Quizzers won first place at Denominational Finals, their fourth consecutive top win!

Dillsburg won its fourth championship in a row at Denominational Round Robins and Finals, tying us with Pilgrim Chapel from New York (1981-1984) for the most wins in a row. It was also Dillsburg's 5th overall win.

Thanks to the many spectators who supported the Dillsburg team at the event, held at Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle on June 23-24. Thanks also for your continuing support of the Dillsburg quizzing program through prayers, buying Giant gift cards, and attending tournaments.

In addition to Dillsburg, the following teams were at the June event: Elizabethtown, Fairview Avenue (Waynesboro) and Souderton. Dillsburg quizzed Elizabethtown in the finals. Dillsburg

had four quizzers in the top ten: Ryan Brubaker – First, Tyler Whitesel – Third, Meredith Engle – Eighth, and Toby Brubaker – Tenth. Ryan was also the top scorer on the Dillsburg team. Congratulations to all the quizzers.

erses of the month: Luke 24:46-47 – "He told them, 'This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (NIV 2011)

Luke 24:46-47 from the Berean Study Bible (BSB 2016) – "And He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and in His name repentance and forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem."

We will be quizzing on 1st and 2nd Corinthians using the Berean Study Bible version. The World Bible Quizzing Association (WBQA) uses the Berean Study Bible. At the most recent meeting of coaches and regional directors, 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.



Quizzers relax playing "Apples to Apples" during a break.

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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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Beth Shelly August 2 Mark & Sarah Renard August 3 Steven & Rachel Miller August 5 Jim & Jill Poole August 7 Adam & Tanya Moesch August 8 David & Ariela Vader August 8 Tom & Susan Hatch August 12 Dave & Christie Gustafson August 14 J-Lynn & Harriet Conrady August 14 Tim & Becky Horst August 20 Gary & Gloria Lebo August 21 Wendell & Nina Hoover August 30 Jeremy & Nicole Rank August 31 Mark & Carolyn Kimmel August 31



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Family Promise						
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