



The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



Dillsburg BIC Church Monthly Newsletter

March 2018

Transition

By Marlin Zook

At the end of October, Ruth and I moved from our home of 23 years to Messiah Lifeways at Messiah Village. Each transition is unique; but with all transitions, there is the physical aspect of moving and the psychological aspect of adjusting.

The transition to Messiah Lifeways is unique in that we not only changed our location, but we entered a system designed to support our needs until we are transitioned to the grave. This fact puts some emphasis on our mortality and the spiritual aspect of the transition.

The impetus for our move came from my wife, Ruth, who was already volunteering twice a month here at the Village. When she realized that she could walk from an apartment to where she volunteers without going outside, she set her heart on our move. As for me, I knew that the upkeep on our beloved home and gardens was becoming a lot to handle. I also knew our physical capabilities were not what they used to be. So, for me, the move made sense—and of course I wanted to please my wife. She wanted an apartment that had southern exposure and not too much shade from trees or other buildings, and one was available on the third floor. Our financial situation determined the size of the apartment.

The first aspect of our transition was physical: how to transfer the contents from a 2,000 sq. ft. house to an apartment of 780 square feet. A lot of things had to be discarded. I took numerous trips to Mission Central, where I was happy to know that even my Japanese Bible and songbook, along with all the other books we had, were gladly received. We had times for the family to choose anything they wanted, and it was a pleasure to see carloads of things leaving our house but staying in our family, with grandchildren who said they would cherish them.

The day of the move was difficult because of the logistics—a time limit of four hours to unload because of

the number of people moving in, the distance from the truck, through the parking garage, down a hall to the elevator and then to the apartment. Ruth had planned meticulously how to make everything fit. In the end, the movers ran out of time and just left many things in a storage area.

The second aspect of our move was the psychological or emotional adjustment. Ruth had chosen the apartment and with her gift of spacing and design, she was able to make it a fit for us and our things. For her, it was a joy to see it all come together. Even so, there is the constant question: now where did we put . . . ?

The psychological or emotional adjustment for me, as an introvert, has been a challenge. The emphasis on socialization is everywhere. We are encouraged to get acquainted with each other, to know each other. This fits Ruth's personality. She put chairs in the hall outside our apartment and served tea to any who would stop to talk. She loves to talk. I, on the other hand, would rather read—a solitary activity, I know. Every week, there are numerous activities and group trips planned. Even exercise is focused on group activities, such as the Silver Sneakers walking group and water volleyball. Did I mention I would rather read?

Perhaps the most surprising—and difficult—adjustment for me has been the spiritual one. Human frailty and death are constants, of course I knew that; but here, it is a daily presence.

People here have lost so much; many need help to dress themselves and some can no longer feed themselves. For some, the ability to remember is gone. To counter the decline of physical stamina, a well-planned exercise and activity schedule is maintained. There is also emphasis on relaxation, massage and hot tubs to make this possible.

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Still, each day, we hear the names of those who have been hospitalized announced, as well as of any who have died. This begins to take a subtle toll.

I want to be an encouragement, to let the joy, peace, and love of Jesus flow through me. I see my calling here as not so much in doing things as being a channel of God's grace. Yet, if I'm honest, the spiritual aspect of the transition is still in progress for me.

One thing I am learning is that I must die to my own personal desires, to sacrifice every aspect of my life to the Lord, so that he is free to live his life through me. This is an ongoing task. I sense that one way to minister to people who love Jesus but have lost their ability to be active is to remind them that, although the body is wasting away, the spirit is alive—and encourage them to pray and intercede for whatever the Lord brings to their minds.

As I travel this new road—which may at times require that I trade my book for Silver Sneakers—I am keenly aware that Jesus is “God with us,” and I long for others to know that truth too. My hope is that we would be people who spend our time being focused on Him, and the *life* of His Spirit making us *alive*. This demands turning our focus from the physical to the spirit and its continual renewal.

Perhaps now more than ever, I know the truth of what I have always believed: The body will cease to exist, but the spirit will not . . . Oh what blessed assurance!

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!



Sermons & Scriptures

“The God Who Won’t Stay Away”

March 4		Genesis 3
March 11		Exodus 25.1-9
March 18		John 2.12-17
March 25	Palm Sunday	Mark 11.1-11
April 1	Easter	Matthew 28.1-10

Dillsburg Brethren in Christ

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mailbox by **March 8th**.

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

Our dollars at work in Africa: The Macha Play Therapy Program

By Carolyn Kimmel

Almost five years ago, the Children's Ministry Team at Dillsburg BIC undertook a project to raise money for toys and books to benefit the children at Macha Hospital in Zambia.

Children who are hospitalized often sit in their beds with nothing to do for many long hours as they wait to get better and go home. We thought it would be great to give these little ones something to do, so we asked you to donate money to the cause, and you did!

With willing hands—and suitcases—John and Esther Spurrier and various members of the Thuma family tucked these toys and games into any extra spaces in their luggage. Soon, the children were having lots more to keep them entertained while in the hospital!

Initially, Corie Thuma made bedside visits with the toys and games, but soon an official Play Therapy Program was begun through Push the Rock Zambia. DBIC's Outreach Commission funds the salary for the coordinator of the program.

In this latest update from Eric Thuma, he tells us that Push the Rock now sends two staff to the hospital twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays. They are looking to add another day as well.

"Thanks so much for this continued support," Eric said. "It's been exciting to see this unfold!"



Dillsburg BIC helps to fund a play therapy program for children at Macha Hospital.

Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

During our January Leadership Council meeting, much of our time together was spent in preparations for the congregational council meeting; finalizing the budget and names for confirmation for leadership positions.

We also heard from Pastor Rob regarding small groups, the beginning steps for the search for an associate pastor and possible options for a picture directory.

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, Phil Engle, Christie Gustafson, Gary Lebo or Avis Whitesel.



*May the Lord bless you and keep you as you lean on Him each day. **Thank you** for your partnership in the gospel, specifically for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. Your compassion for people is encouraging!

- Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

*On behalf of Peace Promise, I'd like to **thank you** for your support of our work in helping to set the captives free. Rest assured, your support has made a true difference in the lives of the people we serve.

- Joe Vigliano, Secretary/Treasurer, Peace Promise

***Thank you** for your recent donation to Messiah College Collaboratory. Messiah College offers students and society the much-needed gift of framing a Christ-centered education in terms of the love that leads to knowledge and ultimate meaning. The world needs our graduates, and your help makes it possible.

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

*On the surface, we teach sports and teamwork, but the true value of what we are instilling is much deeper. Leaning on biblical principles, we are helping shape young characters and, ultimately, hope to connect them to the lifesaving message of Jesus Christ. We can do what we do because of what you do. Your prayer and generosity are opening the door to eternity for many young people.

Thank you!

- David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock

New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

Just a word to say thank you so much for your very generous January donations of dish soap. When I delivered them to the New Hope Center, they were very appreciative. DBIC donated 66.5 pounds of dish soap!

As you may have noticed on the bulletin board in the narthex, New Hope Ministries will be holding the Open House and Dedication of its newly constructed Dillsburg Center at 99 W. Church St. on Thursday, March 1 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The dedication is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m., and light refreshments will be available.

For those of you who like statistics: In November/December 2017, New Hope filled and gave out 95 Thanksgiving Baskets (filled and distributed by faithful volunteers in the pouring rain!) and 127 Christmas Baskets.

In all, 127 households received Christmas gifts through the Christmas Blessings Express, which came to 419 individuals receiving gifts! Again, bless you for your generous giving of gifts!

During the last six months of 2017, New Hope provided food for an average of 113 households (296 individuals) per month.

The Walk for Hope attracted 96 walkers who raised \$6,544. New Hope's stand at Farmer's Fair grossed \$2,290.

Once again you can see how much your participation in our local New Hope Ministries means to many of our neighbors in need. May God bless you richly for giving in whatever way you have been able to share your time and/or resources.

Our DBIC donation request for March is **toothpaste!**



~ STOP TRAFFIC ~

By Marj Strayer

"In that gap between the evil and the vulnerable, Peace Promise stands."

That's how a young wife and mother named Asa describes the lifesaving help she received through the anti-human trafficking organization that we here at DBIC help to support.

Asa, whose family willingly deposited her into the sex industry in childhood, spoke at Peace Promise's recent For Love and Freedom banquet, which was held in early February at Mechanicsburg BIC.

Asa is now four years free from life in the strip clubs and, with lots of courage and a few tears, she stood to tell her story and to give thanks to Peace Promise and the power of Christ. She has started a business called "Soaps by Survivors" with the assistance of Peace Promise and is happily married, a believer and has a daughter.

It's these stories that encourage us all in our continued fight in this large, heartbreaking battle.

Peace Promise would like to thank Dillsburg BIC for its support through volunteer help, prayer and financial donations.

We at Dillsburg BIC have offered our help with special fundraising events, daily and monthly prayer, the making of meals for the club outreach and our very generous financial support.

Susan Vigliano, president and co-founder of Peace Promise, expressed her surprise and delight with the support that Peace Promise received from our Christ's Birthday Offering. She also was grateful to see so many people from Dillsburg at the recent banquet. As I looked around there were people from our church seated at five different tables. There were also at least two tables with members from Hope Grace Brethren Church in Dillsburg. Dillsburg was well represented.

At the banquet, Peace Promise Outreach Director Patty Seaman shared stories of her work with the dancers from the clubs. She shared about their lives, and why many of them end up in places like adult clubs. There are stories that are so encouraging where the girls have left the clubs to gain employment in healthier environments and put their lives in order including their families. She also shared stories that are still in progress, of girls who walk three steps forward and two steps back, whose lives are in need of the help of the "church ladies" who bring the healing love of Jesus into their lives.

Dave Hess, pastor of Christ Community Church in Camp Hill, was the guest speaker. He spoke from the heart on the subject of God's love in a broken world. While "peace" is often seen as a gentle word that breathes hope, true peace is sometimes anything but gentle, he noted. The battle, Hess said, sometimes requires "feisty faith and feisty prayer."

The meal was wonderful, the service provided by all volunteers was quite professional. I think those who were there would agree that our hearts were touched and God was honored. So far Peace Promise has received \$10,000 from donations given at the banquet. Thank the Lord for His abundant provision. Thank you for your compassionate support. Please continue to pray for Peace Promise.



**Mennonite Central Committee PA Relief Sale
& My Coins Count
April 6 & 7, 2018
State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg**

To boost nutrition, MCC's partner FOSPDC (Foundation of Solidarity for the Promotion of Community Development), which goes by its French acronym FOSPDC, distributed canned meat to hundreds of women in Noaka, Burkina Faso, in 2016.



MCC photo/James Souder

This year's theme is, "Celebrating Community. Creating Hope." Mennonite Central Committee is our Brethren in Christ relief agency. MCC gives aid to victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. MCC also helps with economic development, agricultural methods and peace-building projects around the world.

The purpose of the relief sale is to raise money for MCC. The main attraction is the quilt auction, but there are lots of other items to purchase—flowers, food (come for supper Friday night or breakfast and lunch on Saturday), books, country auction, crafts and a Ten Thousand Villages store. All the proceeds go to MCC.

"My Coins Count" (formerly known as Penny Power) is counted at the Relief Sale. Last year's collection raised \$147,256.51! This year's My Coins Count will support MCC's food projects around the world. More than 790 million people do not have enough to eat. It's not that there isn't enough food in the world, but disaster, poverty or unfair policies mean people can't access it.

MCC works with our local partners around the world to make sure there is food for today, food for tomorrow and food for all.

- In situations of conflict or a disaster, MCC provides emergency food assistance including food packages, vouchers and cash.
- MCC's partners work with farmers on new techniques to improve soil health and increase yields.
- MCC advocates for government policies that allow everyone to access enough food.

The Relief Sale is open on Friday night from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring the whole family!

~ Kimberly Tucker, MCC Advocate



*In The Pew Next To You...**Rose & Bob Harlacher***Born and raised in****ROSIE:** I was born in Seven Valleys and raised in Dover.**BOB:** I was born on a small farm in Davidsburg, near Dover. I lived on farms until I was 16. I went to Northern High School for four years and graduated from Dover High School in 1959.**A bit about my family****ROSIE:** I was the youngest of nine children. We have five kids (four sons and one daughter), 10 grandkids and 10 great grandkids.**BOB:** I was the youngest of 12 children. I have only brother and three sisters living now.**I spend my days doing****ROSIE:** I watch over neighbors, help out family, play words on my phone, bug Bob and enjoy life!**BOB:** I watch old reruns on T.V., help the neighbors, volunteer in the kitchen at the local fire hall, visit friends and relatives, and also do whatever Rose tells me to do.**How I became a Christian****ROSIE:** I accepted Christ as my Savior at age 12 at a revival and renewed my faith with my walk with God.**BOB:** I have attended church all my life. The church I attended assumed you were a Christian because you attended church. After I was married and going to a different church, I realized I needed to ask Christ to come into my life, and He has been with me ever since.**A time I really saw God work in my life was****ROSIE:** Most recently, when I was going through lymphoma cancer, walking with God. I was covered with many prayers from family and church family and experienced God's healing. I have been in remission now for 10 years.**BOB:** When we wanted to sell our home and downsize in 2015, our house did not sell. In 2016, we asked God for help, and the first person to look at our house bought it.**My biggest passion is****ROSIE:** Entertaining, spending time with family, playing cards and Scrabble.**BOB:** Being with family and friends, helping those in need, having grandchildren around.**I spend my free time doing****ROSIE:** I spend my free time babysitting, reading, doing jigsaw puzzles, quilting and crocheting, playing cards, helping neighbors and going to grandkids' games.**BOB:** I've done lots of woodworking. I enjoy going to grandchildren's games and reading.**Favorite Bible verse****ROSIE:** Deut. 31:6: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.**BOB:** John 14:6: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is****ROSIE:** The closeness of the people. I also enjoy the singing and many talents we have among us.**BOB:** All the people being friends and brothers and sisters in Christ, and the teaching and preaching of the word of God.**Something that might surprise you about me is****ROSIE:** Two things: The doctor didn't expect me to live when I was born, and Bob and I never lived more than 10 miles apart while we were growing up.**BOB:** I never lived more than 10 miles from where I was born.**My favorite song is****ROSIE:** I've got three— "The King is Coming," "When We All Get to Heaven," and "Amazing Grace"**BOB:** "Because He Lives"**A prayer request I have is****ROSIE:** With God's grace, that we can live out our old age being a blessing to others, not a burden.**BOB:** That I will be able to serve the Lord as long as I can physically.

the Book Nook

by Harriet Conrady



There's a book for everyone among the new books added to the library at the start of the new month. What are your interests? Could it be music, football, books of history, Amish novels, a setting in England's Lake District? Whatever you like to read about – you probably could find it on the cart at the entrance to our church library. Give it a try. Listed below are this month's new books.

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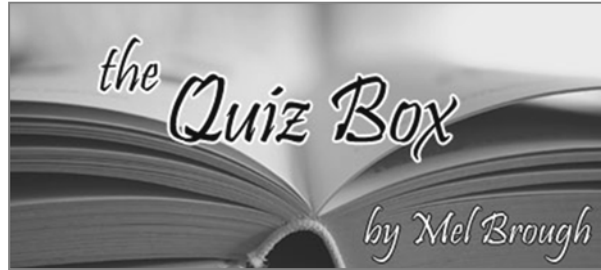
- ***Between Heaven & the Real World***, by Steven Curtis Chapman. Chapman's book is a deeply personal book. He openly shares the experiences that have shaped him, his family, and his music. He tells about the wonderful experiences as well as the very hard times. Through all of these times, he seeks to follow the Lord very sincerely. When this book was published in 2017, I remembered Chris Douglass telling the ladies who attended the welcoming tea in her honor that Steven Curtis Chapman was her favorite Christian musician. After reading his new book, I better understood why.
- ***Shaken***, by Tim Tebow. The subtitle of Tebow's book helps us understand the theme of his book. "*Discovering your true identity in the midst of life's storms*" helps us understand what he has gone through, what he has learned through these experiences and his advice to readers when walking through difficult and unexpected times. You will read how Tebow received the Heisman Trophy and then stayed grounded in his faith when released from a football career after one season. About Tebow, Ravi Zacharias writes, "Tim is a remarkable example of one who combines strength and boldness with kindness and compassion."

FICTION

- ***Loving Luther***, by Allison Pittman. This story focuses on Katharina von Bora, her growing up years, how she came to the convent, her decision to become a nun and her escape when she meets Martin Luther face to face. I was troubled by the way the author portrayed Martin Luther, but the portrayal of the early years of the time of the Reformation was helpful.
- ***The Gift***, by Shelley Shepard Gray. The Schwartz family, an Amish family, is happy to be spending Christmas on their new farm in Hart County, but when Susanna hears gunshots that cause her buggy to overturn, and when her little sister falls through a wooden bridge into an icy creek, it becomes clear that someone wants the family gone. Susanna's father is convinced that the Vance family is responsible – and thus the mystery develops.
- ***Until We Find Home***, by Cathy Gohlke. Claire Stewart wants to help Jewish children escape World War II in France, but she never expected to take five orphans across the channel before the Nazis can get to them. She takes them to her estranged Aunt Miranda's estate in England's Lake District. The author weaves in the names of Beatrix Potter and C. S. Lewis which adds interest – as well as an American, who is "helpful and kind."

See you in the library!





On Saturday, Saturday, February 3, the quiz team went to New Hope BIC church (located near Harrisburg) for the monthly practice tournament. There were seven teams from six BIC churches—Dillsburg, Elizabethtown, Fairview Avenue, Harrisburg, New Hope, and Souderton. We started quizzing at 9:15 a.m. and were finished a little after noon. We quizzed every team one time.

The March practice tournament will be on **Saturday, March 3 at Dillsburg BIC church from 9 a.m. to noon.** This is a great opportunity for everyone to come and cheer and support the DBIC quiz team. We will be quizzing on 1st Corinthians Chapters 1-16 and 2nd Corinthians chapters 1-3.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, April 14 – Allegheny Open Tournament at TBD – All day

**** Please note this change, since the Meeting House – Carlisle does not have a quiz team, the Allegheny Open Tournament will be held somewhere yet to be determined ****

Saturday, May 5 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day

Saturday, May ??? – Regional Conference finals at TBD

Friday, July 13 – Monday, July 16 – Denominational Finals at Messiah College

Verse of the month: 1st Corinthians 15:57 - "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." - BSB (2016)

Attention all adults who would like to participate in Bible quizzing: BIC Denominational Bible Quizzing Director Arlin Buckwalter announced on Saturday that there are plans to have adult Bible quizzing at General Assembly, formerly General Conference, which is July 13-16, 2018. The material will be a section of 1st and 2nd Corinthians. If anyone age 21 or older is interested, please contact Brent or Mel.

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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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jayson & Christi Gard	March 6
John & Mary Reed	March 12
Sam & Rosie Stoner	March 22

forever & always



Happy Birthday



Esther Spurrier	March 1	Jayson Gard	March 18
Emily Owens	March 6	Audra Sieber	March 20
Marj Strayer	March 8	Dan Brandt	March 20
Andi Brubaker	March 9	Molly Van Dyke	March 22
Allison Engle	March 10	Steve Holland	March 26
Emily Wingert	March 10	Tammy Leister	March 26
Laura Esch	March 11	Rebecca Emig	March 27
Jaylene Shannon	March 12	Cecily Delp	March 30
Riley Miller	March 13	Sarah Renard	March 30
Phil Engle	March 13	Annika Pomeroy	March 31
Mark Renard	March 18		

Life Groups...

Often intergenerational, life groups care for one another, apply God's Word to their lives, and reach beyond the circle of the group. They are an important way in which we discover the love of God and share it together. Some meet in homes, others in the church building, and most gather about twice a month — creating opportunities to develop meaningful relationships that go far beyond the Sunday morning handshake.

For more information, contact the church office.

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