



# The Doulos

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



DILLSBURG BIC CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## *How beautiful the feet of those who bring Good News*

*By David Vader*

When the Dillsburg Brethren in Christ family first welcomed my family, I wanted to be a disciple. I was searching for a fuller understanding of how to live a Good News life.

Here, I found you – a group of people who also want to live a Good News Life. You helped me to find what I was looking for, launching what has become a faith journey with you that continues today.

The latest leg of our shared journey began at the foot of a broken water pump, but oh the places we have gone – and are going – since then.

Many of us have heard how millions of people rely on a village hand pump for safe water, releasing women and girls from hours of daily walking to collect water and increasing the time girls spend in school. The photos of women and children at a new village well have moved us to generosity. Too few of us, however, know that many new pumps are soon broken.

The Rural Water Supply Network says that 30 percent of handpumps in Africa are not working. Equipment fails and needs to be repaired. Sadly, missions and development organizations must sometimes present to donors not what is needed, but what makes us feel good. They have found it easier to raise money for new pumps than to fix broken ones.

In my December sponsorship for Christ Birthday Offering, I asked who would give the gift of designing better pumps, of creating sustainable service providers to keep the water flowing, and of building supply chains that get tools and parts for repairs to every village? The answer: We are doing that!

How? It started long before last December, back when you entrusted your resources to helping create the Collaboratory at Messiah College, which made a way for some of us and generations of students to give workplace talents to Good News projects near and far.

Many of my former students, including Matt Walsh, Julie Engle, Tony Beers and Veronica Horvath, first served in Africa because of God's work through the Collaboratory. Today, Dillsburg is the home congregation for missionaries Matt and Julie Walsh and for Tony and Veronica Beers.

Matt and Julie have served with SIM for nearly a decade in the rural village of Mahadga, Burkina Faso, but were recently displaced from their home due to deteriorating security conditions. Tony and Veronica are newly arrived Brethren-in-Christ missionaries in Choma, Zambia. Both families partner with the local church in their adopted countries to live out the Good News about Jesus.

One ministry of love that they share in common is their work to bring life-giving water to underserved communities, but this ministry is perhaps not quite what you expect.

Thanks to your generosity, we are partnering with the Walsh and Beers families to create sustainable hand pump repair businesses. These businesses get paid, not for the installation of new hand pumps, but to keep the water flowing. They succeed by providing reliable maintenance and by introducing innovations to extend pump life and reduce the cost of ownership. A business that keeps the water flowing, for a price that is agreeable to communities, can put rural Africans back in charge of their own water supply.

Is this possible to achieve? Is it realistic? Businesses that bring products and services to the materially poor are difficult to start. Who will sell to such businesses? Who will innovate for them?

AlignedWorks, a new community of entrepreneurs that some of us at Dillsburg Brethren in Christ are helping to start, is a third partner in this sustainable

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## Spring is in the Air - and we are "Planted in Christ"!

Mark your calendars for 11 a.m. May 11, when we'll dig into spring with a wonderful morning of good nourishment for the soul.

Tabitha Deller, local Bible study teacher and author, will encourage us how to "Grow to Sow." Those who attended the Wednesday morning Bible Study here at DBIC just finished her Bible study book called "Called." She's an inspiring, down-to-earth speaker, and she's excited to spend the morning with us!

We'll also have some fun events and food guaranteed to put new spring in your step!

Sign up on the poster board in the narthex and let us know you're coming, and bring your friends! Who doesn't need a little renewed nourishment this spring?

Brought to you by LIFT, the women's ministry of DBIC: Laugh, Inspire, Flourish, Trust.



## Scenes from Easter 2019



### **Dillsburg Brethren in Christ**

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water initiative. Motivated by Christian faith and a Biblical vision of justice for people, AlignedWorks brings working professionals together, enabling us to invest time and talent for the creation of missional businesses that deliver essential goods and services to underserved communities. We do this by succeeding at business, but the businesses are missional because they treat money not as a purpose but as an instrument by which we can love God and people.

When Tony Beers worked for the Collaboratory at Messiah College, he designed a remote monitor to automatically send notices through the mobile phone network that a pump is in need of repair. Randy Fish and some remarkable Messiah College students continue to develop Intelligent Water in the Collaboratory. Tony also designed a better pump handle bearing, one that lasts for years, to replace the standard ones that fail about every year. Now Tony and Matt need these products in Zambia, but who will bring them from the laboratory to the marketplace? That is AlignedWorks' task.

All that you gave to Christ's Birthday Offering last December is going to the water ministries of Matt and Julie Walsh through SIM Burkina Faso, and Tony and Veronica Beers through Brethren in Christ World Missions. AlignedWorks is providing an additional \$10,000 to capitalize the production of Better Bearings and Intelligent Water remote hand-pump monitors, to make them available for use by the projects in Burkina Faso and Zambia.

How do I end a story that is not over? With encouragement!

In his book *Surprised by Hope*, N. T. Wright says that it was not until modern times that Christian hope began to center on heaven more than on resurrection. The first Christians knew better. They placed their hope in resurrection, knowing that when Christ returns, He will bring with him nothing less than the liberating and remaking of all things.

We are not restoring a great painting that will shortly be thrown on the fire, says Wright, nor planting roses in a garden that is about to be dug up. Rather, we are accomplishing something that will, in due course, become part of God's new world. Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness; every work of art or music inspired by the love of God and delight in the beauty of his creation; every act of care and nurture, of comfort and support; and of course every prayer, all Spirit-led teaching, and every deed that spreads the gospel, builds up the church, embraces and embodies holiness rather than corruption – all of this will find its way, though the resurrecting power of God, into God's new creation.

Thank you, Dillsburg Brethren in Christ family, for being a resurrection people. I am blessed to have shared more than 20 years of new life in Christ with you. Like Jesus and his first disciples, you are a people who bring Good News. Jesus declared that the Kingdom of God has come near (Mark 1:15). The First-Century world crowded around Jesus to learn how to repent, to believe the Good News and to declare "Your God reigns!" May we continue in His example!

## New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

Here is a great shout out of thanks to all of the youth who participated in volunteering to work at New Hope Ministries during their weekend of Famine! Your work was and continues to be deeply appreciated!

For May, we will ask once again for BODY WASH as our monthly donation. It is a personal care item that is seldom if ever on the shelves for the guests of New Hope. Thanks so much to each of you who so faithfully participate in donating items each month. As a reminder, most items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree!

May you continue to be blessed by our wonderful Heavenly Father and may you continue to BE a blessing.

IN THE PEW NEXT TO YOU...

MEET: JAY & JUDY SMITH

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

**JUDY:** Born in Philadelphia, raised in Tanzania and Kenya

**JAY:** Born in India, and raised in India

**A bit about my family . . . . .**

**JUDY:** I'm the only daughter amongst four brothers, and we all grew up in Africa. My father grew up in Queens, New York, from a Jewish background, while my mother is Pennsylvanian born and bred. They met at Philadelphia College of the Bible and were missionaries in Tanzania and Kenya.

**JAY:** I'm the only son between two sisters, and we all were born in India and grew up there. My father is also Indian born, the grandson of S.R. Smith (founder of Messiah college), while my mother is from a Scottish Presbyterian background the grand-daughter of A.E. Mitchell, a Christian artist.

**I spend my days doing . . . . .**

**JUDY:** Taking care of my family and helping others wherever I can. I'm also a mentor and a liaison for the Missionary Development Program of the BICWM. Recently I've been asked to be the child protection officer for our missionaries.

**JAY:** I'm still in full time ministry, so I'm researching, writing, filming and speaking & teaching in countries around the world.

**How I became a Christian . . . . .**

**JUDY:** At a Vacation Bible School when I was 7, in Horsham, Pa.

**JAY:** I went forward at a Billy Graham Conference in Los Angeles in 1964.

**A time I really saw God work in my life was . . . .**

**JUDY:** Often during our time in Senegal, between 1986-1991.

**JAY:** Twice I was attacked by Muslims at Speaker's Corner and an angel first lay on top of me to protect me, and at another time put his arms around me to keep the blows off of me. Both times when I went to thank him, he had disappeared. I call him "Barry."

**My biggest passion is . . . . .**

**JUDY:** My family, and helping others

**JAY:** Knowing that I'm doing what the Lord gifted and called me to do



**I spend my free time doing . . . . .**

**JUDY:** Reading, doing puzzles, gardening and going for walks

**JAY:** Going for walks, watching movies with my son Jason, reading magazines about the news, sports and aircraft.

**Favorite Bible verse . . . . .**

**JUDY:** Romans 14:7-8 *"For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die we belong to the Lord."*

**JAY:** 2 Corinthians 10:5 *"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."*

**My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is . . . . .**

**JUDY:** The friendliness and welcoming spirit we find here. We love the strong emphasis on missions and missionary presence.

**JAY:** The family atmosphere, the support we get from people there, and the deep Biblical preaching by Rob.

**Something that might surprise you about me is . . . .**

**JUDY:** I agreed to marry Jay Smith!

**JAY:** I'm scared of turbulence when flying, but I have to fly in the ministry I'm in.

**My favorite song is . . . . .**

**JUDY:** 'I Know Who Holds Tomorrow'

**JAY:** 'How Great Thou Art'

**A prayer request I have is . . . . .**

**JUDY:** Pray for discernment in finding a more focused ministry where I can build upon my counselling experience.

**JAY:** Pray that I get done all the many tasks I've committed myself to in my ministry, and for our family, particularly for our youngest son Jason, as he begins to work towards a career in piano tuning, and for our second son, Caleb, in England . . . that he begins to walk more closely with the Lord.



It is that time of year for changing over wardrobes. We gather winter clothes and put them away or take those we no longer want to places like Community Aid or Salvation Army or community thrift shops. I would like to suggest that if any of these unwanted items are purses that have been gently used, you put them to good use.

As you know, our church supports Peace Promise, a non-profit organization that fights human trafficking and exploitation. One of the ways we can lend our support is to take those purses that no longer serve our purposes and place them in the Change Purse basket in the lobby.

Change Purse is also a non-profit that sells these purses and donates the total profit to organizations that are working hard to rescue women and provide healing, education, job skills, budgeting and parenting skills and invitations to participate in faith communities.



Let's see if we can fill up the Change Purse basket. Let's fight human trafficking. Thank you, Dillsburg BIC.

## MAY EAT 'N RUN MENU

Anne-Marie Brandt and Sarah Hoover are co-leading and looking for assistance in setup, meal prep, serving and clean up.

Serving time is 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow reset time before the rest of the evening's activities. Helpers will eat together at 4:30 p.m.

*The meal is free and open to the community.*

WE WILL HAVE  
GLUTEN-FREE  
OPTIONS!!

MAY 8

PIZZA  
SALAD  
CHIPS  
DESSERT



*the*  
**Book Nook**  
*by Harriet Conrady*



There is something for everyone among the new books this month. There are books teaching Christian growth, a commentary, historical books... even a new book for children. Choose a book... keep our circulation growing!

### NONFICTION

- **Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together**, by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. This is a highly rated book by Wolgemuth telling how older women and younger women can thrive spiritually as they adorn the gospel...together.
- **A Time to Heal**, by Scott Harrison, M.D. Dr. Harrison was the founder of Cure International. He is a skilled orthopedic surgeon and the detailed accounts of his surgeries all over the world will astound you. He and his wife live in Mechanicsburg
- **The NIV Application Commentary, Psalms, Vol 2**. As this commentary set moves to completion of the O. T. and the N. T. series, we will add them to a complete commentary set in our library.
- **Untamed Christian, Unleashed Church**, by Terry Wardle. Wardle, a professor of spiritual formation at Ashland Theological Seminary, writes "Being part of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit is an adventure. God wants you to be a part of a glorious adventure experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit moving in your life."

### FICTION

- **Dead Sea Rising**, by Jerry B. Jenkins. Jenkins weaves together a criminal investigation in Manhattan with the birth of Abram in ancient Ur. He combines the thrill of a whodunit with the moral and political intrigue of the Middle East. Quite an excellent book!
- **Paris Encore, (Zion Covenant Book 8)**, by Bodie & Brock Thoene. The Zion Covenant series is a favorite of our library readers. The series is well-written and features the era of WW 11 and the time of Nazi terrorism. Read stories of those who risk everything to stand against the rising tide of Nazi terrorism.
- **Dunkirk Crescendo, (Zion Covenant Book 9)**, by Bodie & Brock Thoene. This book is the last one of the Zion Covenant series and tells the story of an amazing rescue of thousands of English and French soldiers from the Germans.

### FOR CHILDREN

- **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**, by Bill Martin Jr. What an amazing picture book for pre-school children. Look at their faces as they are ready for you to turn the page for the next picture.

**See you in the library!!**



## *Farewell Column*

This month marks the last time that Harriet Conrady's "Book Nook" will appear in the Doulos. After many faithful years as the DBIC librarian, Harriet is closing the book on her work in the library. Well, that's not entirely true. She will continue to reshelve books until a new librarian can be found – because she wants to keep circulation flowing – but she is hoping someone will feel a literary calling and replace her as librarian.

She's been doing this job for a long time – since 2003. When she first started, the library co-existed with the instruments in the little room behind the sanctuary. When church trustees asked if she would be willing for the library to be moved across the hall to its current location, she recalls, "With joy, I agreed to that move." Her trusty handyman – that is, husband – accepted the challenge of building the shelves. He enlisted the help of woodworker Paul Hostetler and use of the Messiah Village woodworking shop, and the pair got the job done.

Their hard work and dedication have been enjoyed by many of us over the years. Last year's library circulation was 947.

I want to thank Harriet for all the time she spent on her column, which she always turned in well before deadline! She actually read all the books she wrote about in "Book Nook" so she could give an honest opinion. Her insights and enthusiasm for books kept us all coming into the library, no matter our ages. And if Harriet happened to be in the library when we stopped in to peruse the shelves, all the better. Her warm smile and attentive help were every bit as good as the books we checked out. Harriet, we will surely miss you in the library, but we will see you in the church!

If anyone is interested in information on the position of DBIC librarian, please see Adult Discipleship Coordinator Naomi Smith.

*Carolyn Kimmel*



## **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT**

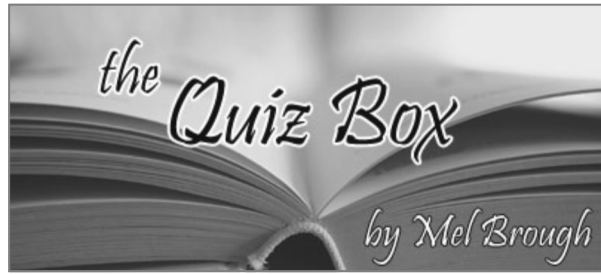
*By Avis Whitesel*

Here are highlights from the March Leadership Council:

- We discussed options for renting the York Street house.
- Heidi Tucker and Ray Knepper accepted our invitation to join Leadership Council.
- We are working on obtaining estimates for replacing the roof.

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, Pastor Rob Douglass, Phil Engle, Ray Knepper, Gary Lebo, Sharon Miller, Heidi Tucker or Avis Whitesel.





On Saturday, April 13, the Dillsburg quiz team traveled to New Hope BIC church, near Harrisburg, for the Allegheny Open tournament. This was the 20th Allegheny Open tournament. Dillsburg has participated in at least 15 of them.

There were seven teams, Dillsburg, Elizabethtown, Grantham, Harrisburg, New Hope, Nappanee, Souderton/Fairview Avenue (combined team). After the round robin quizzing, we were divided into two divisions based on our record. Dillsburg was in division 2 and finished in third place. We ended the day with a losing record; however, several of the quizzes were very close and could have gone either way. Tyler Whitesel was the top quizzier.

The next quizzing event will be the Charlie Crider Memorial Bible Quizzing Tournament hosted by **Elizabethtown BIC church on Saturday, May 4**. This will be an all-day event. We will be quizzing on John Chapters 1-21.

Since there are only two teams in the Susquehanna Conference (Dillsburg and Grantham) and both teams are going to Denominational Finals, it was decided to not have Regional Conference finals.

**Please mark your calendars with these important dates:**

- Friday, June 21 at 4 p.m. – Sunday, June 23 at noon – Denominational Finals at Bongiorno Center, Carlisle

Youth quizzing will take place on Friday evening and all day Saturday. There will be no youth quizzing on Sunday, and the adult quizzing will probably take place on Saturday. More information about the weekend will be provided as it becomes available.

**Verses of the month: John 17:20-21** – *“I am not asking on behalf of them alone, but also on behalf of those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I am in You. May they also be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.”* – Berean Study Bible

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.

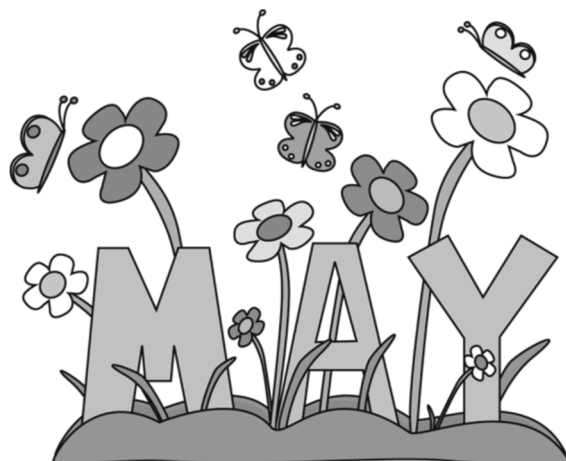
To be eligible to quiz, you must be between the ages of 12 and 19 sometime during the quizzing year, which is defined as beginning Nov. 1 and running through Oct. 31. Quizzing provides an opportunity to study God’s Word, fellowship with other youth, participate on a team, and experience positive competition.

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

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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Glen & Cindi Brubaker	May 7	Bob & Gail Brubaker	May 27
Robert & Karen Pomeroy	May 8	Eric & Corie Thuma	May 29
Shelby & Audra Sieber	May 23	Dwight & Annabeth Rotz	May 30
Rick & Charity Miller	May 25	Isaac & Heidi Tucker	May 31
Joe & Doris Lerew	May 26		

*"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"*



*Happy Birthday*



Grace Spurrier	May 2	Gary Lebo	May 14
Kimberly Tucker	May 2	Barb Miller	May 17
Levi Sowers	May 2	Reece Thuma	May 17
Taylor Conrady	May 5	Krista Reitnour	May 18
Dave Murtoff	May 6	Jessica Hatch	May 19
Kathy Renard	May 6	Faithe Spurrier	May 20
Paul Cathro	May 6	Charity Miller	May 20
Spencer Sieber	May 6	Garret VanDyke	May 21
Bob Hess	May 7	Meredith Engle	May 24
Ellen Hoover	May 9	Nina Hoover	May 28
Ruth Zook	May 9	Wendy Zwally	May 28
Scott Raboci	May 10	Jason Brubaker	May 29
Helen Leach	May 11	Miriam Smith	May 29
Levi Pomeroy	May 11	Amy Kimmel	May 31
Sohni Waris	May 13	Samuel Walsh	May 31
Jim Shelly	May 13		

May 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:15 p.m. Faith Finders 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING			
<b>5</b> 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	<b>6</b> 3:00 p.m. Middle School Monday 7:00 p.m. Ministry Council	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Doulos Deadline 5:15 p.m. Eat 'n' Run 6:15 p.m. Faith Finders 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11:00 am Women's LIFT event
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<b>26</b> 9:00 am Classes 10:30 am Worship	<b>27</b> Memorial Day Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Thrive	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	