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The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

JANUARY 2020

Bookworking and the things I learn

By Esther Spurrier

Reading is one of my favorite activities. I remember learning on the old *Dick and Jane* books my teacher auntie gave us. Even after we could read for ourselves, my brother and I always loved it when Mother would read a chapter of a longer book to us in the evening before bedtime. During one period of my childhood, my mother limited my reading to only one Nancy Drew mystery each day—my friend across the alley had the whole series! My father would sometimes roll his eyes and quote from Ecclesiastes, “Of the making of books there is no end.” During college I sometimes took a weekend to read something that was NOT required—just for the pure joy of it.

Anywhere I’ve lived, the local library has been a familiar place. When my brother and I started taking piano lessons, one of us would spend the other’s lesson time across the street in the town library. Even Choma, Zambia, had a library, though it was 40 miles from our home at Macha. While we were in Africa, other people’s bookshelves were always well-browsed for good possibilities. The advent of e-books and e-lending greatly expanded my bookshelf overseas, to my great satisfaction.

Our church library has also been a trove of riches. How I miss Harriet’s article each month on what’s new in our library! But I’m finding much in what’s already there to feed my mind and heart.

Issues of *Christianity Today*, which I eagerly anticipate each month, help me learn about and pray for things that are happening in the church around the world. During planning for our summer missions emphasis on displaced persons, *CT*’s June issue told about the Muslim communities around Detroit (where the Brethren in Christ currently have one missionary nurse), and the May issue gave a picture of Young Life’s ministry on the southern border between El Paso and Juarez, where high schoolers walk across the

border each day to attend school. In an editorial comment, Andy Olsen wrote, that this is “the church doing its job, loving people wounded by the sharp edges of broken systems and societies and challenging them to obey Christ.”

Books entertain, inform and challenge. Histories, mysteries and biographies are favorite genres. And then there are favorite authors, good writers. I read everything by Philip Yancey (*Soul Survivor* is my favorite) and Eric Metaxas (*Bonhoeffer!*). And, of course, all of the No.1 Ladies Detective Agency series set in Botswana. Our library carries books on theology and Christian living. James K A Smith writes in *You Are What You Love*, “Discipleship is a kind of immigration from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God’s beloved Son.” What am I fleeing; what am I hoping for? Ann Voskamp challenged me with this from her latest book, *The Broken Way*: “Love is not always agreement with someone, but it is always a sacrifice for someone.” And this, “You haven’t loved until you’ve been inconvenienced.”

Recently we had special prayer for the persecuted church, our brothers and sisters around the world for whom following Jesus is a risky pursuit. I thought about the novel by Randy Alcorn, *Safely Home*, that gives a very moving picture of such a situation in China. Maybe I’ll read it again.

See you in the library?



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EAT 'N RUN MENUS

Meals are served 5:15 PM—6:00 PM

The meal is free and open to the community.

January 8

CHILI
CORNBREAD
FRESH VEGGIES
DESSERT

January 22

EGG BAKE
SAUSAGE
FRESH FRUIT
ASSORTED BREADS
DESSERT

Anne-Marie Brandt and Sarah Hoover are
looking for volunteers to help with setup,
meal prep, serving and cleaning up.

Volunteers will eat together at 4:30 p.m.

**Winter Quarter Sunday School Lineup**

In January and February, three adult Sunday School classes will be offered:

- **Young Adults:** Brent Whitesel will lead a class for the young adult group.
- **Compass and Light:** The team of Kathy Bennett, Ruth Zook, Chou Gabikiny, and Steve Holland will lend their interest and expertise to facilitating this class on mental health. A documentary film series called "Compass and Light" will guide the class through the topics of anxiety, addiction, bipolar, depression, eating disorders, PTSD & trauma, and suicide.
- **Miracles of Jesus:** Naomi Smith will lead this class, which will explore the Gospels and look at the ways Jesus healed, provided, calmed, and resurrected. We know Jesus works in miraculous ways, but do we believe he can do it with our own circumstances?

If you are not able to make a Sunday morning service, you are able to send an email to dbicmedia@gmail.com and they will send you a link to the YouTube Live channel to watch online. *The link changes weekly.*

Did you know you can download and listen to past sermons on our website?

<http://www.dillsburgbic.org/media>

New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier

For your encouragement this New Year...

"May He (God the Father) grant you out of the riches of His glory, to be strengthened and spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self, [indwelling your innermost being and personality], so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through your faith. And may you, having been [deeply] rooted and [securely] grounded in love, be fully capable of comprehending with all the saints (God's people) the width and length and height and depth of His love [fully experiencing that amazing, endless love]; and [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience], that you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God's presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself]." Ephesians 3:16-19 Amplified Bible (AMP)

As you are blessed, filled and flooded this year with God Himself, may the overflow be evident in your giving generously to those less fortunate and who have found themselves in a place of need deep enough to benefit from the services of New Hope Ministries. All of the donations that come in to New Hope are weighed in pounds. In 2019 our DBIC family donated 572 pounds of supplies!

Thanks again, on behalf of New Hope Ministries, to each of you who took note and gave as you were able.

Our requested donation for the month of January is **deodorant**.

*We need your help!
Company is coming!*



Upcoming Host Week February 2-9, 2020

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.*

www.dillsburgbic.org/family-promise
Sign-up sheets will be posted online

- Set-Up Volunteers
(February 2 - after Service)
- Meal Volunteers - Daily
(Drop off at 6 P.M.)
- Fellowship Volunteers-
Daily (6 P.M.-8:30 P.M.)
- Children Fellowship
Volunteers (play with kids!
Daily 6 P.M.-8:00 P.M.)
- Overnight Hosts- Daily
(8:15 P.M. -6:45 A.M.)
- Takedown Volunteers
(February 9 - 7 A.M.)
- Laundry Volunteers
(after hosting week)
- Van Drivers - Daily
- Supply Food Donations

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Stop Traffic

By Sarah Hoover

One day Marj Strayer and I went out with the purpose of getting businesses to post the Human Trafficking Hotline number in windows and restrooms.

We had two goals in posting the hotline number:

- 1.) To provide help or rescue to someone trapped in human trafficking
- 2.) To provide a resource for the community to report suspicions of human trafficking

We visited 18 businesses in Dillsburg that day. The majority of businesses said they would post the number and some even posted it right away while we were still in the store! Only a few had to get approval from corporate or regional managers.

At one business, the manager told us that when her daughter was 16, she was kidnapped and taken to New Orleans and advertised as a prostitute. The mother received help from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and her daughter was located and rescued. We don't like to think of these types of things happening in Dillsburg, but human trafficking is everywhere.

Human trafficking can take many forms from the more obvious of men exploiting women and girls through strip clubs and prostitution to workers not being paid or being paid below minimum wage to parents selling their own children right out of their homes, along with many other scenarios.

Our small town is not excluded from these issues. Route 15 is a major pass-through road for human traffickers. Not only are traffickers stopping at our businesses as they pass through on route 15, but they are also living amongst us in our neighborhoods.

Studies have shown that most victims are rescued by a community member calling the hotline number or 911.

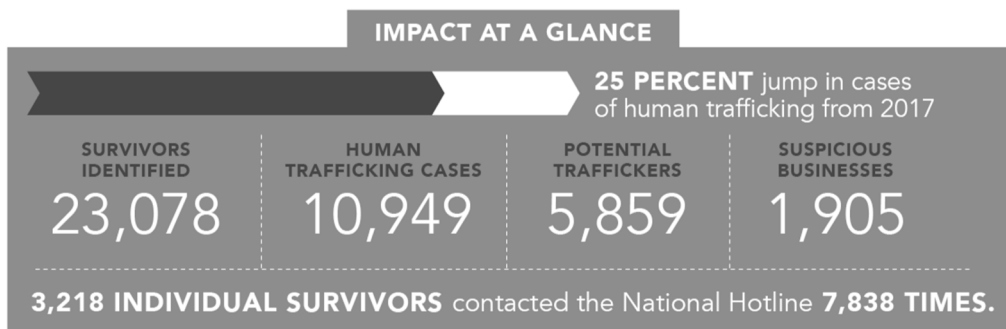
Here are some of the warning signs to look for in a victim of trafficking:

- 1.) Poor/overcrowded living conditions
- 2.) Unable to leave without an escort
- 3.) Neglect, malnutrition, physical abuse
- 4.) Young person romantically involved with an older individual
- 5.) In the commercial sex industry
- 6.) Not knowing what city/town they are in
- 7.) Protect their abuser

For a full list of warning signs go to polarisproject.org

Recognizing the signs can help save a life. If you suspect anything, please call the National Human Trafficking Hotline 888-378-7888 or text "BeFree" (233733).

This is God's Message: Attend to matters of justice. Set things right between people.
Rescue victims from their exploiters. Don't take advantage of the homeless,
the orphans, the widows. Stop the murdering! Jeremiah 22:3 (MSG)



IN THE PEW NEXT TO YOU: MEET GEORGIA NASH

Born and raised in

I was born in Baltimore, Md.

A bit about my family

I'm an only child. Both my parents have died.

I spend my days doing

I do a lot of needlework.

How I became a Christian

I can't give you a special time. I just have always known that God was present in my life.

A time I really saw God work in my life was

There were many times I saw God work in my life, but the most profound time was when I prayed for a little more time with my mother when her kidneys had shut down. God gave me five more months with her.

My biggest passion is

I would say it is my needlework.

I spend my free time doing

I love to read.

Favorite Bible verse

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to

embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is

I love how friendly everyone is and how caring they are.

Something that might surprise you about me is

I love classical music.

My favorite song is

"Blessed Be Your Name."



Coming Soon: A Way to Walk Alongside

Have you ever wished you had a patient, wise person who would just listen to you while you talked through some problem or challenge you were facing?

Or maybe you would like to BE that patient listening ear for someone else in a time of trouble.

We are exploring adding a program called Stephen Ministry to the ways we care for each other in our congregation. The program offers extensive training for men and women who will then walk with a brother or sister for a period of time.

Look for more information about Stephen Ministry in video clips coming soon.



Compiled by Steve & Rachel Miller

THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT: BRUCE & MERLY BUNDY MADRID, SPAIN

Madrid: Still waiting for the resources for that locale we want. We just found out this week that the reason it's not selling is because people think it's haunted! We can deal with that! Maybe they'll bring the price down even further? Keep praying!

Hoyo: Antonio and a small group continues to go out and pray for people on the streets for healing. Most do get healed, and there have been at least a dozen who have opened their hearts to Jesus. Pray that the church could remain in contact with these folks, so that they can be discipled. Most are given information. None have made it to the Hoyo church.

Sierra Oeste: In the last year, this church plant started by OMS missionaries has been hit by a lot of discouragement among its leadership. Pray, not only for the leaders, Sergio, Annette, Leo and Antonio, but for the members who have lost interest in the house churches. Chris and Kara are now part of this congregation and have initiated a new young adult's group in the last week.



Figueres, frontier town with France, is our newest addition, started by the BIC Honduran church. Jairo and Jhajaira and their family could use your prayers. Jairo needs residency and a steady job. The church is growing and now has its own storefront. Praise God!

One last bit of news: We took in a Christian couple from Guatemala in the last month. Manuel is from Spain, but his wife Patricia is from Guatemala. They lost everything in the volcano earlier this year. I won't go into their story for it's quite long, but they are proving to be a huge blessing to the church community. They left their two teenage children in Guatemala, and are very concerned for them. Manuel needs to find employment. Patricia has been filling in for Paulette, who had to travel urgently to Chile to be with her ailing mother who passed away on Monday. They are staying with us until they can find employment and be able to rent a room. Pray for Manuel, Patricia and Paulette, who are going through some rough times right now.





*Peace Promise and those who volunteer from our church would like to **thank** everyone at Dillsburg BIC who gave time and resources to provide gifts, notes and cookies for the ladies in the clubs. They were so excited to receive their gift bags and felt valued by so many. We couldn't do this ministry without you all. May God bless your generosity and prosper you in every way. We hope you have had a very merry and meaningful Christmas.

Marj Strayer

***Thank you** for all you do for us here at Family Promise. Wishing you God's abundant blessings.

Angela Mountz, Executive Director, Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region

*Sports are a universal language and we praise God for the way sports break down barriers and open doors for the gospel. Your investment in Push the Rock is making a difference in the lives of people! **Thank you!**

David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock

***Thank you** for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. With ministry workers from more than 65 nations serving together on six continents, SIM has a unique opportunity to model the body of Christ. **Thank you** for being part of our work.

Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

*We are so **thankful** for you! You are truly making a difference in the lives of adults in need.

Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries

*Peace Promise has recently expanded our outreach to include bi-weekly groups at a local detox and recovery house. For years, we have observed the connection between addiction and sexual exploitation. In some cases, the addiction came first and then they began selling their sexuality to pay for their drug of choice. In other cases, they began selling their sexuality due to desperation or deception, and then began using to cope with the internal pain caused by sexual exploitation. With this new opportunity to minister to women as they pursue sobriety, we can stop the cycle in its track. **Thank you** for your recent gift that helps us release these precious souls into freedom and restoration.

Susan Vigliano, President of the Board, and Patty Seaman, Executive Director, Peace Promise



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Did you know we have a smartphone app? Download "Sharefaith Church App" from Google Play or the Apple Store and search for Dillsburg BiC. You will be able to access various features including News, Publications, Calendar, Sermons, and submit a Prayer Request right from your Android or Apple Device.



Scenes of the Season...



Adult Bell Choir

Our newly formed adult bell choir performed "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" on December 8



Men's Breakfast

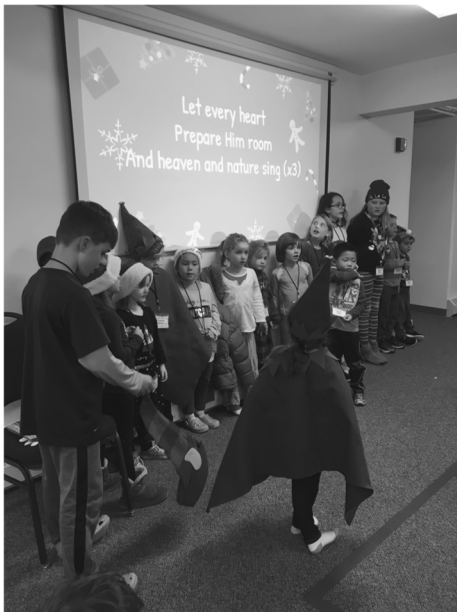
A group of men gathered on December 14 for breakfast and fellowship.

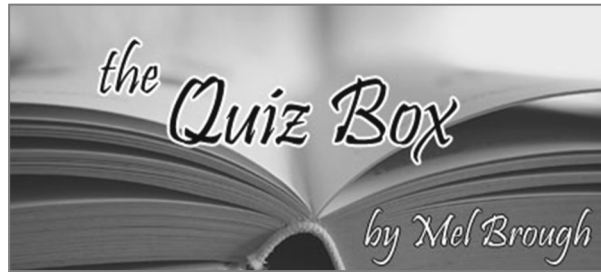




DBIC Women's LIFT ministry presented "Sounds of the Season - and Tastes Too," which featured musical selections and readings by DBIC women. In her closing meditation, Grace Holland reminded us all what it means to be clothed in the joy of our Savior. It was a merry evening!

Faith Finders joyfully celebrated the Christmas season with special stories, songs, crafts and snacks. At the Christmas party, everyone dressed in their merriest outfits for an evening of fun!





Our first quizzing event was the PA Capital Kickoff Tournament at Harrisburg BIC on Saturday, November 16. There were eight teams in the tournament. We had seven quizzes in the morning that determined our seeding for the double elimination quizzing. At the end of the day, the team finished in second place. Tyler Whitesel was first top quizzzer and Connor Engle was ninth top quizzzer.

Dillsburg did not attend the practice tournament at Summit View BIC church on Saturday, December 7.

We are currently deciding if we should attend the Snowflake Tournament at Hershey Evangelical Free church on February 15. This is a world's style event with three teams jumping, instead of two. We will be quizzing on Hebrews 1-6 and 10-13.

Our next quizzing event will be a practice tournament on **Saturday, March 7 at Dillsburg BIC church**. We will be quizzing on Hebrews 1-13; 1st Peter 1-2. Everyone is invited to come and support the Dillsburg quizzers.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, April 4 – Allegheny Open Tournament at Grantham BIC – All day

Saturday, May 2 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day

Saturday, May ? – Regional Conference finals, if necessary, at a location to be determined

Friday, July 10 – Monday, July 13 – Denominational Finals at General Assembly, Salina, Kansas

Verse of the month: Hebrews 4:9 – “There remains, then, a Sabbath rest for the people of God.”
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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 starting November 1 and ending October 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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January



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jason and Dulci Brubaker

January 4

Happy Birthday



Naomi Smith	January 1	Jeff Conrady	January 14
Joe Zwally	January 1	David Vader	January 15
Kyle Leister	January 2	Noah Austin	January 17
Beth Beachy	January 4	Marian Hoover	January 18
Sierra Storm	January 7	Jeremy Rank	January 20
Seth Miller	January 9	Stephanie Walsh	January 23
Gabriel Gabikiny	January 9	Dave Miller	January 26
Terry Stoudnour	January 9	Steven Miller	January 26
Ron Rudy	January 10	Claire Reitnour	January 27
Scott Eyster	January 13	Rachel Miller	January 27
Vern Martin	January 13	Sarah Hoover	January 29

"Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious"

WEATHER POLICY

In case of inclement weather, the policy of DBIC is to cancel any morning activities if Northern York School District is on a two-hour delay. This would not impact afternoon or evening activities. All activities will be canceled if the district is closed for the day or dismisses early due to the weather. If there are activities on the weekends or days when school is not in session, please check for radio and TV (ABC 27) announcements, or our website or mobile app for information regarding closures.



JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		6:30 pm Deacon Meeting	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship		6:00 pm Impact Game Night	5:15 pm Eat 'n' Run 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	6:00 pm Exercise Class		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship	6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') 7:00 pm Ministry Council		9 am Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Eat 'n' Run 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	6:00 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Leadership Council		6:00 pm Impact Food Competition
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship	7 pm Women's Bible Study (Poole's)	6:00 pm Ladies' Secret Pal Dinner	9 am Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Eat 'n' Run 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Missionary Update	6:00 pm Exercise Class		9:00 am Prayer Walking
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship	7 pm Women's Bible Study (Poole's)		9 am Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Eat 'n' Run 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:45 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Foster Care Info Session	6:00 pm Exercise Class	