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Butterfly Miracles

By Jeanne Wilhelm Osterhout

Editor's Note: Jeanne Wilhelm Osterhout shares this story she wrote some years ago after her son, Mark, passed away in January 1999. His father preceded him in death in July 1997.

I rummaged through the small cardboard box that passed for my jewelry box. On a mission to get rid of anything unworn, I gasped as my hand touched the butterfly shaped metal—no bigger than a half dollar. Clutching it to my aching chest, the tears streamed down my face as I remembered...

Vivid images of the day my eight-year-old son presented the butterfly pin he'd made for me—my Mother's Day gift—rushed to mind. I could picture Mark, round face, straight blond hair, as he smiled up at me. "Here, Mom, I made this for you in art class. I painted a design on it, but they baked it and the paint all ran together. I think it turned out neat!"

I prepared myself to receive a gift of love more than beauty as I unfolded the paper wrapped by childish fingers. A witty, personable, and fun-loving child, Mark did not seem to possess artistic talents. The butterfly, to my surprise, emerged a masterpiece of swirling copper, blue and beige hues.

"It's beautiful," I said with complete honesty. He accepted my hug with eyes rolling as I murmured, "Thank you, honey. I love it." He beamed with pride. I wore the pin frequently for years, often receiving compliments on its artistry.

One day, the back fell from the butterfly as I rushed to pin it to my lapel. I dropped the butterfly into the box in my drawer as I hurried to my appointment. *I'll have it*

repaired later, I thought.

Life was filled with family, school and work. The butterfly rested, forgotten, in the bottom of the box for more than ten years.

This day, the full force of the painful loss pressed into my chest. Eighteen months earlier, as I cradled my husband in my arms, I felt half of me slip away as he died. Now, the rest of my heart had been ripped from my chest as my 22-year-old son died while I held his hand—helpless again to keep cancer from taking one I loved. Mark had fought the disease with great courage and confidence. In the end his body betrayed him when his spirit would have fought on to healing. The deep, painful cavity inside me screamed for relief.

How I'd longed for a part of Mark to keep near. His cap, his keychain—none of his possessions had provided comfort—only more pain. But this butterfly, a gift made by his loving hands, held the promise of his continued presence with me. His life changed, like the caterpillar to the butterfly. No longer bound by ill health and earthly trials, he soared in the Son. The butterfly reminded me of this truth. The miracle of this gift, rediscovered after so many years, soothed my grieving heart.

The butterfly, coupled with a gold cross and attached to a delicate gold chain (a gift from my daughter), traveled the journey through grief with me. I wore it constantly, even in the shower. Along the way, sometimes the telling of the story brought comfort to another traveler. It also held the promise of change and healing for me, but in some irrational way, I felt to take it off would be to forget Mark and then the healing stalled.

One night, about a year after his death, I, who almost never remember

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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.

March 11

MEXICAN RICE
BOWLS
TORTILLA CHIPS
VEGGIES/FRUIT
DESSERT

March 25

BAKED SPAGHETTI
BREAD
APPLESAUCE
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.



a dream, had a startling and memorable one. I found myself standing on my front porch looking for someone. I saw a young man in the distance and as he trudged nearer, I recognized Mark—tired, sick and dirty—but Mark without a doubt. Stunned, unable to move at first, I threw my arms around him as he came up onto the porch.

Holding tight, I cried, “Mark, O Mark, it is so good to see you. You’re not dead. I thought you were dead and you’re not. O Mark, Mark, I love you son,” I babbled.

He pulled back from me and said, “Mom, I love you. I have to go now and you must let me go. You *must* let me go, Mom. You can’t keep hanging onto me. Let me go now.” With that, for just a second, he appeared healthy and vigorous—almost glowing—then vanished.

I woke up feeling his embrace and hearing his words echo in my mind. I clutched the butterfly as tears streamed down my face. I raced to the front door to look for him and saw only an empty street. I started to grasp it was only a dream, but a strange peace crept into my darkness.

As I pondered the dream, I realized that in order to heal, to move on, I had to let Mark go—not forget, but refuse to cling to what might have been. The butterfly became the symbol. I started by taking it off to shower, then to sleep. Little by little I accepted my son’s departure from my life, but never forgetting what we’d shared. The awful pain and emptiness declined as I persisted in enjoying the memories of the occasions we’d spent together—not dwelling on the times we’d never have.

As my journey continued, the butterfly reminded me of the new life that awaited me. But when would that lingering ache in my chest depart? Five years passed. I believed that as long as I lived the ache would remain. After all, I’d shed tears with women who buried children sixty years before.

On a walk one day, as I mulled over this “fact,” a butterfly fluttered toward me as if heaven-sent. *Healing in his wings*, I thought. And suddenly the ache was gone replaced by joy for Mark reveling in all the glories of heaven.

Do I miss him? Yes. Is there sadness or a tear now and then? Yes. But there is a difference. The sadness no longer steals the joy away. Now when I wear the butterfly it is a symbol of victory over death and a new life not just for Mark, but for me as well.

Clearly, more than one butterfly miracle came my way.



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>

~ Reveling in the Revealing ~

The fellowship hall was filled with candlelight, food and friendly chatter during the annual Secret Pal dinner in January.

After dinner, the pals sat in a large circle and opened their final gifts, first trying to guess the identify of their secret pal. Most people were stumped, and there were many laughs as the true identities were revealed.

The warmth and camaraderie in the room were palpable—a true extension of the care that fuels these pals to support one another all year long with prayer, encouragement and remembrances.



Leadership Council Report

By Avis Whitesel

Highlights from the January Leadership Council meeting:

- We finalized disbursement for the Christ Birthday offering with the Global Outreach Commission.
 - Giving \$4,000 for support for former BIC missionaries to return to Japan to serve in short-term missions, and \$4,436 to go toward a BIC initiative in Japan for leadership training and an eventual peace program.
- We discussed the future of our rental property.
- We discussed items for February 1, 2020 council meeting.
 - Nominations for people to serve as our representatives to Susquehanna Conference and General Assembly
 - Nominations for elders.
- We discussed the 2020 budget.
- We looked at the first draft of possible parking lot land development.

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, Sharon Miller, Heidi Tucker or Avis Whitesel.

Stop Traffic

By Marj Strayer

This is a reminder that you can help make a difference in the lives of women who are being trafficked and exploited by joining us for the Peace Promise annual banquet on March 6.

The event takes place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church, 1050 S. York St., Mechanicsburg.

One of the guest speakers is a young woman who was trapped in the adult entertainment industry. She will be interviewed by Patty Seamans, who is director of outreach for Peace Promise. The other guest speaker is inspirational speaker, minister, author and advocate Kelly Masters, the founder and director of Emerge Ladies.

There will also be a silent auction and purses for sale by Change Purse.

If you have questions or wish to purchase tickets, which are \$30, you may visit the Peace Promise website at www.peacepromise.org or you may see Marj Strayer, Christie Gustafson or Grace Holland who are members of DBIC.



INTERNATIONAL CARRY-IN DINNER PLANNED FOR MARCH 28

By Grace Holland

We haven't done this in a while so let's plan ahead, reserve the date, and make it a great occasion!

On March 28 at 6 p.m., Bruce and Merly Bundy, our missionaries to Spain, will be present to give us an update on what is happening there.

Come and hear about the converted Catholic priest who is now a national church director, the former street child who has become the church treasurer, the TV guru who has received Christ after all his religious searches and the concert pianist who is now writing worship songs.

Bring food to share—Italian spaghetti, Spanish rice, French fries, or any number of American dishes that are international too. Or bring your best attempt at that exotic Tahitian dish you've been wanting to try. We will invite our Spanish-speaking friends from Luz Alegria y Esperanza and praise God together.

This event is sponsored by the Global Outreach Commission.



Partners of God on Earth

By Marlin Zook

One of the advantages of retirement is that I have time to meditate and pray.

During this past period of Gary's illness, I had a lot of conversation with God about why God would let Gary suffer so much when I thought that it would be a great boost for the Kingdom of God to restore him to health. I could see us praising like David did when the Ark entered Jerusalem, with exuberant dancing—well, maybe we would not be quite that exuberant, but we would be rejoicing and saying how powerful our God is. The issue of faith that God would heal Gary was a part of the discussion as we prayed for him.

God intended that there be communication between his representatives on earth and Himself. He has said that his thoughts are not our thoughts, yet he communicates with us. How he communicates is a topic for another time, though after God did not fulfill our request for Gary's healing, we know that our communication needs improvement.

Communication between humans is difficult at times and the difficulty increases when communication is between human beings and the supernatural. God does communicate and he has put us here to be a communication channel.

When God created the earth, he created mankind and commissioned them to take care of the created world. God would join the man and woman in the evening and talk about the condition of the creation and probably discussed their plans for the next day's work. In this and throughout Scripture, God interacts with man regarding happenings on the earth. When sin increased and God needed to take corrective action, he found Noah, a man of faith who would work with God to save a remnant of all the living creatures. When God needed to punish the cities on the Jordanian plane, he consulted with Abraham regarding how to save the few righteous people living there. Then God worked with Abraham to develop a clan who were considered God's chosen people and through whom he could be represented on earth.

In Israel, God always had someone through whom he could partner—Samuel, David, the prophets, the judges, etc. Even into the Babylonian captivity, God had his earthly representative with whom he would work. Daniel, reading the prophecy of Jeremiah, prayed and fasted, asking God to restore the Israelites to Palestine. Daniel's praying, even when threatened with death, worked in cooperation with God to bring about the restoration. Then God found men to rebuild the walls of the city and to build the temple. God works in partnership with mankind in his activities on earth.

Eventually God worked with a virgin who accepted the role of being the mother of Jesus, in spite of possible grave danger to herself and the child. The Creator God became a man so that he could live on earth without sin and in perfect harmony with the Creator God. This act of God provided the sacrifice that was able to perfectly reconcile man to God reversing the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

Partnership with God takes communication and submission of mankind to the Creator God. Then God sent the Spirit of Christ, the perfect partner, to indwell believers, so that we who believe can communicate freely because of God's Spirit in us. God is at work in his church, his people, to reconcile the world to himself. We are to go into the entire world to preach and live the Good News that God is alive and is actively reconciling people to himself. We proclaim and witness to what God has done, and God makes this news come alive by transforming lives.

God placed us here to represent the earth, to partner with him in "subduing" the earth. This requires that, as his representatives, we communicate well. We have an awesome responsibility to communicate God's love and his righteousness.

Scripture tells us to "pray without ceasing" and we constantly bring situations and activities for God's blessing or transformation. We represent God to the earth and also bring the situations on earth to God. And ultimately, we trust with the words that never fail, "Thy will be done."



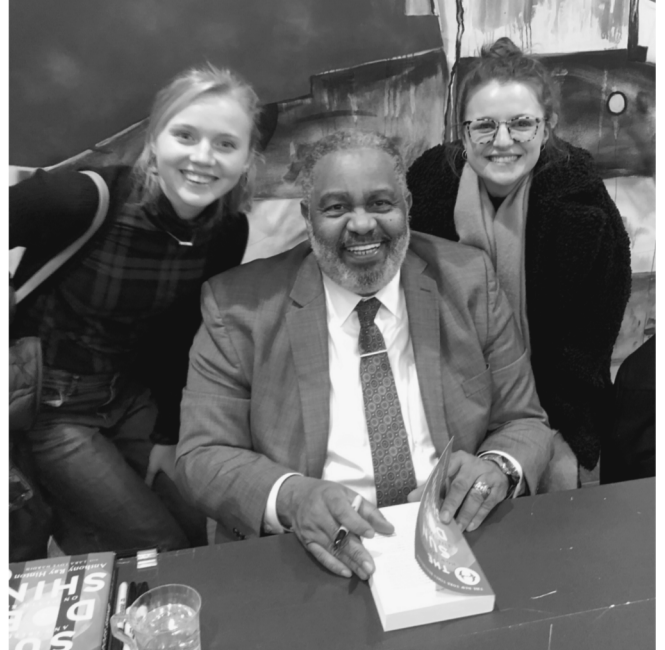
“My Bible tells me not to hate”

The powerful message of Anthony Ray Hinton
By Carolyn Kimmel

Anthony Ray Hinton got a standing ovation before he even opened his mouth last month when he addressed a packed auditorium and two overflow live-streamed rooms at Messiah College.

The Alabama death row inmate was freed after serving 30 years for two murders that he steadfastly denied committing. Equal Justice Initiative founder Bryan Stevenson—of book and movie “Just Mercy” fame—took Hinton’s case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the justices voted unanimously in his favor in February 2014.

Even then, it took the state of Alabama another 13 months to release Hinton, who finally walked out into the sunshine on April 3, 2015.



Since then, not one prosecutor, Alabama state official or anyone associated with his wrongful conviction has apologized.

“The state of Alabama took my 30s, my 40s and my 50s, but what they couldn’t take was my joy,” said Hinton, who recounted spending “30 years of pure hell” in a 5-by-7-foot cell yet said, “I cannot hate because my Bible tells me not to hate.”

Although Hinton has every right to bitterness, he says he forgives those who wronged him. “In order to be free, you must forgive,” he said. “I forgave them not so they could sleep good at night. I forgave them so I could sleep good at night.”

Hinton’s words, which were the keynote lecture for Messiah’s 2020 Humanities Symposium, were an unmistakable testimony to the power of forgiveness and God to turn a tragic injustice into something good.

Since his release, Hinton has written a bestselling book, “The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row,” and travels the country preaching awareness, equal justice and most especially kindness.

Hinton was mowing the lawn at his mother’s house when police showed up in July 1985 and arrested him for the murder of two Birmingham, Ala. fast-food restaurant managers. Even though he had an alibi—video footage showing him working at his warehouse job—police said an old revolver from his mother’s house was the murder weapon, based on testimony from ballistic experts testifying for the state.

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Hinton's appointed public defender, who made it clear from the get-go that he didn't want to do pro bono work, hired a ballistics expert who was blind in one eye to refute the state's experts.

Hinton was convicted and afterwards, the prosecutor was heard to say—paraphrasing here to remove an offensive slur— “Even if we didn't get the right one, we got one off the street.”

“I wish I could tell you that the state of Alabama made an honest mistake. I wish I could tell you that class and race had nothing to do with me spending 30 years in prison,” Hinton told the Messiah audience. “But what was meant to break me made me stronger.”

Even though he sometimes choked back tears as he spoke, that strength was on display in full force throughout the evening as he recounted injustice after injustice during his prison stay.

Perhaps the strength of his character was most apparent when he recounted befriending neighboring cellmate Henry Hays, a Klu Klux Klan member on death row for beating and killing a black man and hanging his body from a tree.

Hinton didn't know the color of the neighboring cellmate's skin or his crime when he began talking to him through the wire mesh door of his cell, but he didn't stop talking when he learned the truth. In fact, Hinton came to believe that Hays was a victim of his father's hatred ingrained in him since birth. Hays died a changed man, Hinton said. Hays' last words before his execution were that the very people he was taught to hate were the ones who taught him love and compassion.

“I think God allowed me to go to death row to show Henry nothing but love,” Hinton said and, incredibly, he said he would do it all again for that very reason.

Hinton credited his faith—instilled in him by his mother since childhood—as the reason he survived his ordeal.

“At first I was angry with God—where was He when I needed him most? But I never stopped believing in him,” Hinton said. “God never did leave me, and he is the only one who can put love where I have hate, understanding where there is confusion and pure joy where there is sadness.”

Hinton's mother died 17 years into his prison sentence, but he said he felt her strength encouraging him to keep on fighting for justice.

Hinton still lives in Alabama in the house he shared with his mother.

In a time in America where tensions are fueled by divisive comments on a daily basis, Hinton encourages his audiences to rise above the babel.

“We must stop allowing politicians to pit us against each other. We have more in common than you realize—all we need to do is talk with one another,” he said. “We only have a short period of time here, and we need to stop wasting it on hate. I ask you to show a little more humanity.”

For the second time that night, Hinton got a standing ovation.



IN THE PEW NEXT TO YOU . . .

MEET TOM AND AMY AUSTIN

Born and raised in

AMY: I'm from Delmar, Delaware. It is known as "The Little 'Town 'Too Big for One State" because the state line cuts the town in half!

TOM: I'm a military kid. I was born in Italy and spent my early childhood in Germany, close to family in Luxembourg.

A bit about our family

We have two children, Laura, who is 15, and Noah, 14. Even though we have only been coming to DBIC regularly on Sunday mornings for a few months, our kids have been involved in Kids' Club and Thrive youth here since they were old enough to participate.

*I spend my days doing*

AMY: I am a fifth grade teacher at Leib Elementary in Dover. Teaching is a second career for me so I am just getting started. It keeps me busy!

TOM: My day job is as a communications engineer for Gannett Fleming. I also volunteer as a project manager in the Messiah College Collaboratory.

How I became a Christian

AMY: I grew up in a Christian family and asked Jesus into my heart at a young age (my mother thinks I was 4 or 5), but it took a while to start to know what that meant and to make my faith my own. I am still learning!

TOM: I grew up Catholic, so I knew the 'story.' But it was not until early high school when I recognized the relationship that we need with Him. Since then it has been a journey—what a journey :)

A time I really saw God work in my life was

AMY: To be honest, my current teaching job is very difficult and sometimes I wonder why I'm there. But I know that God has to have a reason for my being there. I want His light to shine through me.

TOM: When I started to help with the Collaboratory, I never thought it could be me that leads a team to Africa; there were too many things in the way. Those doors have all been opened and I've led three student groups. I was even able to take my entire family to Burkina Faso.

My biggest passion is

AMY: Faith, family, and teaching.

TOM: Family, friends, and helping others.



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I spend my free time doing

AMY: Free time? What's that? When I do have a bit of free time, I like to read, cook, and work in my garden.

TOM: I like to design practical electrical/computer solutions to solve problems. Nothing beats seeing these solutions help those less fortunate. I also have recently taken up flying, a passion I've had for most of my life.

Favorite Bible verse

AMY: Philippians 4:12-13: I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

TOM: Matthew 5:16: Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is

AMY: Everyone has been so welcoming to us. DBIC is starting to really feel like "home."

TOM: DBIC leadership is willing to explore opportunities and take chances in trying to reach the unreached.

Something that might surprise you about me is

AMY: I asked Laura this one, and she said she was surprised recently to learn that I was in a clown group when I was in college!

TOM: I'm an introvert.

My favorite song is

AMY: There are too many to name! If I have to pick just one, probably "How Great is Our God" by Chris Tomlin, especially the "world edition."

TOM: "First Snowfall" by Michael W. Smith on his first Christmas album.

A prayer request I have is

AMY: That I can show God's love to my students and teach them well, even when they are difficult!

TOM: That I can be the husband and father that God calls me to be and that my family needs me to be.

BOTH: That our marriage will be a light for others, to draw them closer to Jesus.



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* I would like to express my heartfelt **thank you** for the many acts of kindness, visits, get well wishes, prayers, and expressions of concern during my fall struggle with a severe herniated disk and subsequent surgery in December. All of it was so much appreciated. It is heartwarming to know that I have a church family too! **Thank you so much.**

~ Jon Dale

* **Thank you** so much for your recent donation. Your faithfulness is the No. 1 reason we can continue to serve the community.

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

* **Thank you** for your incredibly generous gift in October. We are so grateful for your partnership, allowing us to serve in Rwanda.

~ Francis and Audrey Sims

* **Thank you** so much for the lovely flowers sent to Gary's service. Your many kindnesses over the time of Gary's illness are greatly appreciated. He deeply loved each of you. We all miss him so much. We value your continued prayers.

~ Gloria Lebo and family

* **Thank you** for your support of Matt and Julie Walsh. When I visit our missionaries in the wide variety of places they serve around the world, they often tell me of their donors, like you, who are faithful and generous in prayer and financial support. We know they could not be where they are without you.

~ Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

* **Thank you** so much for your recent donation. God bless you

~ Rev. John Schaffer, Capital Area Pregnancy Center

* Your faithful gifts to the Messiah College Collaboratory are a **blessing** to us!

~ Jon Stuckey, Executive Director of Development, Messiah College

* We are **thankful** for your generous gift! We serve more than 22,000 people in a year's time who rely upon our programs and services every day. Your gift ensures that every guest has their needs met today and in the months to come!

~ Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

* **Thank you** for your support of Hope for Home Ministries. **Thanks** to the generosity of people like you, lives have been changed.

~ Daryl Fulp, Hope for Home Ministries

* **Thank you** for your support of Peace Promise – and for helping these precious souls into freedom and restoration so they might live lives of endless opportunities, meaningful relationships and enduring peace.

~ Susan Vigliano, President of the Board, Peace Promise

* **Thank you** for your donation. We are so grateful for your help in providing affordable housing and support services to adults in need with Christ-like love.

~ Jodie Smiley, Executive Director, Paxton Ministries



New Hope Ministry Musings...

by Ginny Spurrier 

New Hope continues to be an active and significant ministry in the lives of many people in many ways. A few recent statistics are as follows:

In December 2019, 434 families (1,118 individuals) were served overall through the many programs that New Hope offers.

- 215 families received Thanksgiving Baskets (extra donations were added to the Christmas Baskets)
- 214 families received gifts and/or baskets from the Christmas Blessings Express
- 47 seniors attended the Senior Christmas Party

Several new programs have started or will soon start in addition to the 13 programs already offered. These are: an on-line 'Child Development Program' that certifies someone to work in a daycare or preschool, 'Rise Up,' which is a customer service certification program and 'Snap 50/50,' which provides help with transportation and child care for anyone who is currently receiving SNAP benefits (food stamps). If you are interested in the other programs that New Hope offers, you can check them out on their website, www.nhm-pa.org.

In December, Brad Fisher was hired to be the fulltime Mobile Food Pantry coordinator. Overall, New Hope has seven centers that have permanent food pantries. Now there are also nine areas that are serviced by the Mobile Food Truck. Generally, these areas are only serviced once a week. The truck is loaded from the Dillsburg food pantry warehouse and goes out from there.

Volunteers are still needed especially in the food pantry at Dillsburg as well as in other programs. You can find an application on their website if you are interested. The food pantry is open on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings and second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month. To find out where help is most needed, you can also call them at 717-432-2087.

Our donation request for the month of March, as it was in February, is going to continue to be **laundry detergent** as this is a much-needed item that is rarely available on the shelves. It is SO appreciated by the guests because it cannot be purchased with SNAP (Food Stamps). Just think...\$4 - the cost of a Latte - can purchase four bottles of laundry detergent at the Dollar Tree and will benefit four families!!! Donations can be placed in the box under the coat rack by the office in the narthex entry. THANK YOU!

Read and consider 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Thanks be to God.

We just never know how the Lord will show His handiwork on any given day at New Hope!

A guest of New Hope was in the other day for groceries. She is diabetic and did not have enough cash on hand to purchase her test strips. She was quite distraught and staff prayed with her. As she did her shopping and came to the personal care section - and there on the top of the shelf was a box of diabetic test strips - the EXACT brand she uses. Let us tell you, there were shouts of joy and praises to God going up that day. Isn't that remarkable?? It was a little love note from God reminding us, I've got this.

-- From a New Hope Ministries email



REPURPOSED FOR GOOD

By Kimberly Tucker, MCC Advocate

This year, Dillsburg Brethren in Christ Church has a special and unique connection to the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale, slated for April 3 and 4 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show complex.

The purpose of the relief sale is to raise money for MCC, our Brethren in Christ relief agency. MCC gives aid to victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters and helps with economic development, education, agricultural methods and peacebuilding projects around the world.

Here's how DBIC gets involved this year. (Thanks to Mimi Copp Johnson for contributing to this story.)

In 2013, Gary Lebo was on his cell phone 117 miles away in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. Item #104, a cultivator mattock, was up next at the MCC Philadelphia Festival and Auction. Gary was determined to bid on this garden tool even though he could not be there in person. On the other end of the line was an auction volunteer standing at the back of the room at West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship, ready to place bids for Gary.

This was not just any garden tool. It was constructed, in part, from a hand gun by RAWtools whose mission is to repurpose weapons into hand tools ("turn swords into plowshares" and "spears into pruning hooks" taken from the Book of Isaiah). Cherie Ryans, a mother whose child had been killed with a handgun in Philadelphia, helped make the tool. With each strike of the hammer on the red-hot iron, Ryans said a word, "This...is...for...my...son."

"I am sick and tired of hearing on the news almost every evening about someone else expressing violence by using a handgun," said Gary, explaining why he kept bidding. "The idea of pouring energy into gardening rather than violence is exhilarating for us!" Gary and Gloria's final bid was \$850; another person added a \$150 donation to make the total \$1,000.

Gary later recounted that he thought it was "all over," until I called him to "scold" him for buying out from under me! I offered to bring it home for him—and only charge for mileage! Gary paid shipping and handling three years later by taking Paul and me out to supper. Gary expressed another dream he had—to return it to the auction to be sold again so someone else can share

this experience and story of transformation while also raising money for MCC. This dream was not fulfilled in Gary's lifetime.

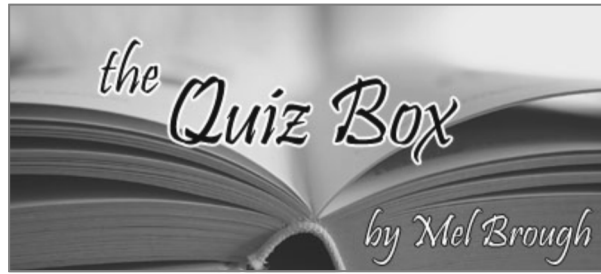
This year, the cultivator mattock will be given to the MCC PA Relief Sale to be auctioned off once again. Before it leaves DBIC, the mattock and its story will be presented in Sunday School classes, youth group and during worship. You will be able to see how it was made and hold it in your hands. Then on April 4, you will have a chance to bid on it at the Relief Sale.

Other attractions are the quilt auction, flowers for sale, food (Come for supper on Friday night or breakfast and lunch on Saturday.), and a Ten Thousands Villages store. My Coins Count is counted at the relief sale. Last year's My Coins Count from the PA Relief Sale raised \$160,166.67! This year, the proceeds from My Coins Count will be designated towards MCC's educational programs. You can participate by dropping coins, paper money or checks (made payable to Mennonite Central Committee) into the My Coins Count container at the Welcome Table during March.

The Relief Sale is open on April 3 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on April 4 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free; parking is \$10. Bring the whole family!



This photo was taken during a RAWtools blacksmith workshop sponsored by Shane Claiborne, Heeding God's Call, Kingdom Builders Network, and MCC East Coast in Philadelphia in September of 2013. Mike Martin, executive director of RAWtools in Colorado Springs, Colorado, assists Cherie Ryans, a mother who lost a son through gun violence, forging metal from a gun to be made into a garden tool. (The Simple Way photo/Dan Brearley)



Tyler Whitesel was second top quizzzer at the Snowflake Tournament held Feb. 15 at Hershey Evangelical Free Church.

This was a world's style quizzing event, where three teams quiz at one time. After the preliminary quizzes in the morning, Dillsburg was in fifth place. After the varsity playoff quizzes in the afternoon, Dillsburg finished in sixth place.

Our next quizzing event will be a practice tournament on Saturday, March 7 at Dillsburg BIC church, starting at 9 a.m. We will be quizzing on Hebrews 1-13; 1 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 9:3 – *“He did not enter by the blood of goats and calves, but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, thus securing eternal redemption.” The Holy Bible, Berean Study Bible. Copyright ©2019 Bible Hub.*

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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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John & Mary Reed	March 12
Sam & Rosie Stoner	March 22
Joe & Doris Lerew	March 26



Esther Spurrier	March 1	Mark Renard	March 18
Tom Austin	March 4	Audra Sieber	March 20
Emily Owens	March 6	Dan Brandt	March 20
Marj Strayer	March 8	Molly Van Dyke	March 22
Andi Brubaker	March 9	Steve Holland	March 26
Allison Engle	March 10	Tammy Leister	March 26
Laura Esch	March 11	Georgia Nash	March 28
Jaylene Shannon	March 12	Lydia Horst	March 29
Riley Miller	March 13	Cecily Delp	March 30
Phil Engle	March 13	Sarah Renard	March 30
Becca Wierwille	March 16	Annika Pomeroy	March 31

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 2-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.



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir	2 6:30 pm Safety & Security Team Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Poole's)	3 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') 6:30 pm Impact Game Night	4 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm The Art of Parenting 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	5 9:30 am Local Outreach Commission	6 9:30 am Local Outreach Commission	7
8 Doulos Deadline 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir	9 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Poole's)	10 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') 6:30 pm Impact Game Night	11 9:00 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	12 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	13 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	14
15 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship	16 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Poole's)	17 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') 6:30 pm Impact Game Night	18 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm The Art of Parenting 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	19 6:30 pm Leadership Council	20 6:30 pm Leadership Council	21 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Susquehanna Conference Annual Meeting 6:00 pm Game Night
22 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir	23 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Poole's)	24 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') 6:30 pm Impact Game Night	25 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Eat 'n' Run 6:30 pm The Art of Parenting 6:30 pm Faith Finders 6:30 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer & Praise	26 6:30 pm Leadership Council	27 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting	28 9:00 am Prayer Walking 6:00 pm International Carry-in Meal and Missionary Update
29 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:30 am Worship 12 pm Impact - Lunch/Hike 4:00 pm Choir	30 7:00 pm Ministry Council 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Poole's)	31 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') 6:30 pm Impact Game Night				
						