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The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

JULY 2020

## *A Cabbage and Other Unnecessary Stuff*

*By Julie Cook*

Do you ever carry unnecessary stuff around with you? Maybe a small item you put in your pocket every day but never use, or a larger item you chuck into the trunk of your car and forget you have. One of my favorite stories of hauling an extra load is of a friend who tossed a whole cabbage into her (obviously) over-sized purse and forgot until a couple days later... when, after realizing her bag seemed extra heavy, she rooted around and discovered the cabbage!

I live less than a mile from my office, so I regularly walk to and from work – before COVID-19, that is! I wind up carrying all sorts of things in my backpack, most of them incredibly useful and necessary for my job: everything from my lunch and laptop to my phone, and dress shoes to wear at the office. While I've never carried something quite as confounding as a cabbage, there are definitely times I wind up carrying unnecessary items—like a forgotten pair of shoes from yesterday—and regretting the extra weight. Although my commute is brief, even something as light as a couple of magazines can quickly become an unnecessary burden.

Recently I've been thinking about things I carry—not just physical things, but also emotional and mental weights.

If I were to unpack my mental backpack some days... I'm afraid I would find some emotional objects way heavier, somewhat more embarrassing, and much less useful than my friend's cabbage!

Heavy things for me include: problems I can't solve, painful and challenging situations that engulf people I care about, stressful interactions with coworkers, feelings of inadequacy to meet expectations others have of me, disappointment in my own performance, dread of upcoming events or interactions and fear (sometimes unidentified) of the unknown.

I imagine dropping that hefty, virtual bag to the floor and sitting down with Jesus to unpack it. Sometimes I don't even understand what the things *are* that I put in that

bag; I'm positive they're *important*—just like my laptop, notebook, and bank security fob are for my job— and must be well-cared for... but in all actuality, these extra items just weigh down my life. I can't *do* anything with them. Unlike my bank fob or faithful pad of paper, which are extremely useful, these strange, intangible items like shame, anxiety, and failure become cumbersome and confusing.

And my backpack gets so heavy!

In Matthew 11:30 Jesus said His yoke is easy and His burden is light—a phrase that never ceases to cause me

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## Grace and Patience

By Pastor Rob Douglass

I was saved a little space in this issue to share our reopening plans. I will offer a few of those details, but things are still fluid, so what is shared here is subject to change. After sharing what can be said with some degree of confidence, I would like to take the opportunity to get us ready for being together in the same geography again.

As you know, we plan to have an outdoor service in the green space at the church Sunday, June 28 at 9:30 a.m., weather permitting. By meeting an hour earlier than normal, we will buy ourselves some extra shade that has mostly disappeared by 11 a.m. It is our goal to keep that service to an hour.

We are presently working on July plans. At a minimum, we expect a second outdoor service in July. We are working diligently to be in the building before July is over. As those details become more settled, we will share them with you. Really, more importantly than when we gather is how we gather.

As we gather again in person, I want to encourage you to remember that we have a variety of opinions about the disease, its seriousness and our degree of comfort with risk.

What does this mean? It means that some folks aren't convinced that we need masks at all, while others may never go outside their home without one. At DBIC, there is room for

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both views and everything in between. We are not going to look down on, talk about or be divided by our different approaches to safety.

Instead, we are going to give grace to and be patient with each other. We will put each other first, deferring to one another, while also not being bound by fear.

As we gather, we are going to work hard to accommodate each other, but there is a limit to what we can do. No one will judge you, talk about you or be divided from you because of your decision on whether you want to come in person or continue to watch our livestream.

Exposure to COVID-19 is an inherent risk in any public location where people are present; we cannot guarantee you will not be exposed at one of our services.

I am reminded of the children of Israel and the story of the deliverance from Egypt. Some of the young ones certainly wanted to go twice as fast as they were going. For the older and less-abled, the trip was difficult at any pace. The goal of the Exodus was not to be the first ones into the Promised Land or to get there as fast as they could.

The goal was to get there together.

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pause. How can a *burden* (something **heavy** by definition) be light? Why does Jesus *allow* weighty stuff into our lives and give us the option to stuff those heavy things into our own bags—when He's really the only one who can manage that sort of load?

The vivid image Corrie Ten Boom painted of her father's response to her when she asked him a question with an answer too big for her little mind as a child has stuck with me since reading *The Hiding Place* some 20 years ago:

He turned to look at me, as he always did when answering a question, but to my surprise he said nothing. At last he stood up, lifted his traveling case off the floor and set it on the floor.

"Will you carry it off the train, Corrie?" he said.

I stood up and tugged at it. It was crammed with the watches and spare parts he had purchased that morning.

"It's too heavy," I said.

"Yes," he said, "and it would be a pretty poor father who would ask his little girl to carry such a load. It's the same way, Corrie, with knowledge. Some knowledge is too heavy for children. When you are older and stronger, you can bear it. For now you must trust me to carry it for you."

I always picture God like Corrie's father—bearing the heavy load of the things I don't know how to carry... the things that are absolutely too intense and unbelievable for me to manage as His child.

I'm no Biblical scholar, but I wonder if part of the way Jesus gives us a *light burden* and an *easy yoke* might be through His gracious response to our pleas for help when our hearts and minds are crushed by the heaviest of loads. Just like Corrie's father carried certain realities that were too heavy for her to bear as a child, so our Heavenly Father is always willing and able to bear the massive loads we encounter in life—the heavy and unnecessary stuff we try to manage, sometimes inadvertently, on our own.

In a way, lugging around these unseen burdens can feel natural, because like the items in my physical backpack (my three-pound laptop, or even my tiny bank fob), I expect the items in my intangible backpack to be necessary and thus grow accustomed to their presence. But those virtual burdens are too much for me to lug about, and my Heavenly Father is more than capable to carry the stressors that unnecessarily encumber me.

Jesus, help me to allow you to carry the things that are unnecessary—and incidentally too heavy!—for me to manage in life. Help me to unload and surrender the burdens that weigh me down; I want to learn what it's like to *know* your paradoxical *easy yoke* and *light burden*.



## OUTDOOR SUMMER VBS

### —SAFE DISTANCING, BUT LOADS OF FUN



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! We are planning to do an outdoor VBS in the church green space! It will be a bit different this year. We will create social distance by asking each family to come, bring a blanket and enjoy VBS with their children. Because many community children's activities are closed, this is a great opportunity to invite parents in our neighborhoods to come and enjoy kids' activities while learning some amazing songs and Bible stories as well!

**Dates: July 13-17 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**  
**Theme: Rocky Railway: Jesus Power Pulls us through.**



#### DAY 1

*Jesus' power helps us do hard things. – Ananias helps Saul*

#### DAY 2

*Jesus' power gives us hope – Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck*

#### DAY 3

*Jesus' power helps us be bold – Peter and John teach about Jesus*

#### DAY 4

*Jesus' power lets us live forever – Jesus' death and resurrection*

#### DAY 5

*Jesus' power helps us be good friends – The church is united*



These lessons are perfect for children in these days of uncertainty! And we don't know where we will be in this pandemic in July, but these lessons are amazing for this time!

We have purchased CDs for the kids and their families as well as those in our community that you might want to bless with some amazing songs. Pick up a copy for a friend along with the invitation card and begin to talk to them about coming to VBS! It's only a few weeks away!

The time is NOW to pre-register for VBS! Here is the link: <https://vbspro.events/p/b410f3>

Kids, we are excited to have fun with you!



## Stop Traffic

By Marj Strayer



Join Peace Promise over the Fourth of July weekend to celebrate the blessings of freedom – freedom as a nation, freedom from pandemics, freedom from the slaveries of sex trafficking and exploitation – by participating in the Peace Promise Run for FREEDOM event.

This is a self-scheduled, self-paced, virtual 5K fun and walk. While certain precautions around large group gatherings remain in place, we are doing this as a virtual event. That means you or your team select the time and day between Friday, July 3 and Sunday, July 5 to run, track your route, take photos, tag our page, and send them to [admin@peacepromise.org](mailto:admin@peacepromise.org) to document your 5k (3.1 miles) walk/run.

At this time, many of the young women Peace Promise serves are reevaluating their life choices and the needs of their families. Since the clubs where they work have been closed due to COVID-19, they have not been able to provide for themselves or their families. They are reaching out to Peace Promise for help. We can help provide the resources needed for them to make the necessary changes in their lives such as education, training and jobs that will provide a healthier and more stable homelife.

Here's how the event works:

- Register yourself NOW at [peacepromise.org](http://peacepromise.org) and receive a Peace Promise T-shirt in the mail.
- Individual registration fee is \$25, plus a \$100 minimum fundraising sponsorship to be donated online or through mail by Friday, July 10.
- Team registration (two or more) fee is \$35, with a \$250 minimum fundraising sponsorship to be donated online or through mail by Friday, July 10. List each team runner and address to receive your T-shirt.
- Be festive. Celebrate freedom in your most fun, patriotic, or silly outfits and send us your pics.
- Track your route with pictures or videos from your cell phone, send them to us, and we will post them to our Peace Promise Facebook page throughout the weekend. The person or team with the most LIKES on their picture will win a Soaps by Survivors gift basket.

While we are so grateful for the gift of freedom, we are also mindful of the many women and children captive in sexual exploitation and trafficking. Their road to freedom is an arduous one and requires our constant love, support and resources in their journey to healing. Thank YOU for helping Peace Promise meet their needs, particularly during these unprecedented times.





\*Mennonite Central Committee was born 100 years ago as people came together to care for others in crisis. Today, as we face a global health crisis, your generous support provides life-saving resources and opportunities to families and communities. You make this ministry with vulnerable people around the world possible. **Thank you!**

*J. Ron Byler, MCC U.S. Executive Director*

\*We are busy dropping off groceries, baby supplies, and gift cards to get necessities. We are on phone calls, Zoom meetings and FaceTime calls helping to navigate new circumstances, overwhelming decisions, and encouraging healthy choices. We have been able to intervene in risky behaviors by offering necessities. We are learning to navigate the unknown alongside the women that we serve as they try to find ways to survive the unknown. We talk through anxiety, fear, depression, and hopelessness - sometimes for hours - until they see HOPE.

They are asking us where our HOPE comes from and we are sharing that we are committed to keeping our eyes focused on the Truth of Jesus. They are asking for scriptures that bring PEACE. And they are being honest that it is hard to ask for help. They are accustomed to their requests being rejected and are amazed when we text and say we are dropping off something they need the next day. They ask how we can do it and we are able to share with them that there is an army of people committed to seeing them succeed. Watching their faces light up, as we stand on the sidewalk in front of their house as we tell them that we believe in them and that they are not alone, is beyond words. Hearing them say they want to not only survive this time but make life-changing steps to ensure brighter futures is priceless.

As we receive the text messages that say "Without you I don't know that I would do right now," we reflect that back on our faithful donors like you and say **THANK YOU**. We don't know what THEY would do without YOU right now. Every month your donation makes an impact in a life in Central Pennsylvania.

*Susan Vigliano, Board President, Peace Promise*

\*It is with disappointment that Christian Retreat Center has decided to cancel our summer programs for 2020. This includes both summer camp and our TIMS program. The decision to cancel summer programs weighed heavily on the hearts and minds of camp staff and board of directors. Concern for the safety and well-being of our children and staff is the major driving factor in this decision. Another deciding factor to cancel summer programs this year is the lack of clear and consistent direction and guidance from the Pennsylvania state government as our state slowly reopens.

Several people have expressed concern on what this decision means for the financial stability of the camp. Most expenses incurred over the summer are offset by the registration fees. All money that comes in for camp and TIMS is placed in a savings account to be used during those programs. This summer will see limited income from summer programs but our expenses are greatly reduced. The financial loss isn't coming from canceling summer programs. The financial loss has already happened over the last few months and will continue if guest groups keep canceling their retreats due to the various restrictions put in place by state officials. Like many businesses and organizations, the camp has been financially hurt but our situation is not bleak.

**Thank you** for your recent donation.

*Zachary Bashore, Executive Director, CRC*





**\*Thank you** for joining us in sharing God's love and hope with the people we serve every day. We will get through this together! Here are some stories from our clients.

One of our guests recently received a home delivery food order from one of our volunteers. The man had lost both of his jobs due to COVID-19. They started talking about biblical stories of men who endured great suffering, specifically Joseph and Paul, and how they grew and became stronger messengers from it. A neighbor came outside, and from a safe distance, listened to the conversation, and all three prayed together. What a wonderful blessing of connection even in the midst of social distancing!

A young lady pulled into our parking lot and said that she, her mother, and her father were in need of food. They had never asked for help before. She said that she didn't know where to turn, but she saw a story about New Hope on the local news. She shared that she had worked as a cook for 12 years, but was laid off during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her mother, who had worked at her job for over 20 years, was also laid off. Both are hoping to return to their jobs when they are able, and were so thankful for the help we gave their family.

One mom with a toddler who is also expecting another baby soon came to us for help. Her partner was sentenced to prison and is unable to support the family. She is out of work because of COVID-19 and previously worked as a chimney sweep, but will be unable to continue that work because of her pregnancy. She was in danger of losing her housing and had no place else to turn. With our emergency housing fund, we were able to keep her family safely housed and with food. We are now working with her to complete job training for new employment with better pay so she can support her growing family safely.

One of our volunteers shared that since the pandemic began, the phone calls she has received are different. People have been kinder than usual, she said, and there has not been one guest who has finished the call without saying how grateful they are we are here and how much of a blessing New Hope has been to them.

*Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries*



*Rejoice* always,  
*Pray* without ceasing,  
 In everything *Give Thanks*;  
 For this is the will of  
*God in Christ Jesus*  
 for you.  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The church has launched an email address which you can use for needs, issues, concerns, or suggestion related to the coronavirus outbreak: [connect@dillsburgbic.org](mailto:connect@dillsburgbic.org)

Please use this address to connect with the church leadership about any needs you may be experiencing during this time.



## **(Re-)Visiting Strangers**

### **By Esther Spurrier, Outreach Commission**

Do you remember back to last summer when Global Outreach sponsored a missions conference called "Welcoming Strangers"? We called attention to the enormous number of refugees and immigrants in our world today--recent estimates put that number at 11 million, and half of them are children! You may also remember that an ingathering offering raised more than \$13,000 for needs of such people around the world and here at home.

Part of that money was designated to help our members who wanted to give short-term service in a refugee camp in Greece. Obviously, the pandemic that arose changed everything, and people were not going to be allowed to travel to serve. But the need for help also increased greatly. We as a commission felt that these funds should not just sit in our account when there was so much need, both here and around the world. So we, with the blessing of church leadership, decided to spend it for the heart purpose for which it was given, and we wanted to tell you what your dollars are doing!

In December we gave a gift of support to Amy Kimmel when she went with a Collaboratory service team to assist people in a refugee camp in North Africa with setting up savings and loan groups. If you haven't heard her experiences, ask her about it.

Recently these needs came to our attention:

We asked about any families in our York Springs daughter church, Luz, Alegria y Esperanza (LAE), who might need assistance. Praise God, it appears all of them have at least part-time work and are doing okay. There is, however, a family from El Salvador living in York Springs, friends of LAE folk, where both the father and mother caught the virus and are out of work. The gift for them will pay a month's rent and help them to buy some groceries.

Pastor Fernando had been a co-pastor with Mike Holland at LAE but then moved on to pastor a daughter church meeting in McBIC. He was also working as a mission worker for the Pathway BIC Church in York. Offerings from the daughter church are non-existent these days, and Pathway just announced that no staff member is receiving anything this month. LAE has been helping Fernando, but its offerings also are very limited just now. A gift for Pastor Fernando will be a great help and encouragement in his life and ministry.

Church World Service Lancaster branch has an extensive program of assisting refugee and immigrant families and households in the Central Pennsylvania area. CWS is "committed to showing a welcome to refugees, immigrants, asylum-seekers and other uprooted people within the United States, who are seeking safety and the opportunity to rebuild their lives. They work hand-in-hand with caring churches, organizations, and individuals to provide hope and home to refugees and immigrants from all over the world." Our gift to them will help them do that.

Mennonite Central Committee is a relief and development arm of anabaptist churches, including the Brethren in Christ, that meets needs and responds to emergencies around the world with funds, personnel and material goods. Their most recent publication, A Common Place, which can be found in our church library, told of relief efforts for refugees in Democratic Republic of Congo and Syria. This is MCC's centennial year; the organization came into being in 1920 to provide relief for starving Mennonites in Ukraine but has grown to encompass the world. Our gift to them will help in ways we may never know.

D & M G work in a country in the Middle East that is home to a number of Syrian refugees. Before a very strict quarantine order in their country, they had begun having Bible studies in the homes of some of these families. They are continuing to develop relationships with refugees in their area and a project proposal they submitted to BICUS Global Compassion Fund enabled them to help ten families--a total of 67 people--with money for rent and food. They recently wrote that the

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world situation is preventing them from coming to North America to connect with churches and other supporters. Our gift will help them be able to serve for an additional year before coming for home ministry.

The Global Compassion Fund of BICUS helps brothers and sisters and fellow congregations (like Honduras, Mozambique, those refugee families in the Middle East we talked about above) around the world to weather this current crisis and other crises to come. The needs are great, and the balance of your ingathering has gone to help fund such projects.

Thank you so much for your generosity in giving! We've been able to help people in need near and far, known and unknown. Will you join with us in following these gifts with prayer for God's continuing provision and care for these dear people?

I wanted to share this email from BICWM Mobilization Administrator Vicky Landis, in case some for you don't receive their emails. It's a thank you for our response to the needs of our global brothers and sisters during the Covid-19 pandemic.

She wrote, "We expressed the need in the April Missions Moment e-mail, and you responded! Thank you! Through your contributions, we have been able to release \$36,590 to six different countries. You can read more information about these funds in the news release highlighted on our website in late May. As we continue to live in these uncertain times, you can imagine the realities our brothers and sisters around the world are facing. The needs continue. If you are led to help us respond to the next wave of needs, please consider a donation to the Global Compassion Fund. It's such a beautiful thing to be a part of God's church, working together to serve one another. Thank you for your partnership."

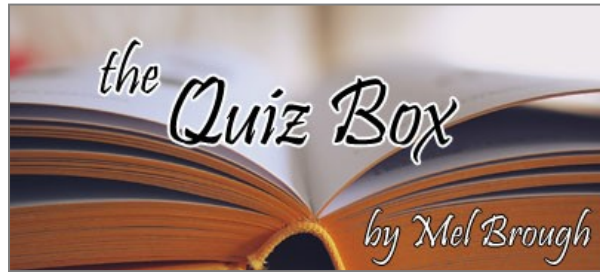
## **CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Hey kids, are you planning to do summer camp? If so, DBIC Children's Ministry wants to help you and your family with the cost! We are offering camp scholarships of \$120 to children through grade 6. To earn your scholarship, here's what you should do:

1. Pick a Bible verse that has meant something special to you this spring as you have been asked to stay at home, away from school, friends, church and your normal routine.
2. Draw a picture or write a short story that illustrates how or why the verse has helped you. Has it made you hopeful? Less fearful? Promised you joy? Encouraged you to keep on going when you felt frustrated or sad?
3. Scan in, attach and email your entries to Carolyn Kimmel at [carolynkimmel@comcast.net](mailto:carolynkimmel@comcast.net) or snail mail them to 221 Locust Lane, Dillsburg, PA 17019.
4. Please include a copy of your camp registration with your entry.

The deadline is August 1.





Usually, the July Quiz Box article is either reporting on the results from Denominational Finals held in June or reporting on plans for traveling to General Assembly for Finals. However, this year has not been usual. Therefore, I do not have much to write, other than to encourage everyone, both youth and adults to read and study God's Word.

Verse of the month: Matthew 2:21 – “She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” Berean Study Bible (BSB) ©2016-2020 Bible Hub.

We will be quizzing on Matthew. Practices will start in mid-October. The first tournament will be early November at the Harrisburg BIC church. I will be ordering books very soon. Please let one of us know if you are interested in quizzing and joining the team.

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

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Ron & Betty Engle	July 10
Mike & Sue Lawver	July 15
Marlin & Ruth Zook	July 18
Terry & Donna Stoudnour	July 20
Travis & Jordyn Moyer	July 23
Dave & Patti Miller	July 23
Levi & Emily Sowers	July 25
Ed & Marj Strayer	July 26
Ron & Dianne Rudy	July 27



Mark Kimmel	July 1	Joyce Ehrich	July 18
Derick Esch	July 2	Gloria Smith	July 18
Landon Horton	July 2	Rachel Pease	July 20
Dwight Rotz	July 3	Marilyn Smith	July 21
Marlin Zook	July 3	Daphne Rank	July 24
Samuel Brubaker	July 5	Bob Brubaker	July 25
Cindy Raboci	July 7	Elizabeth Hatch	July 26
Sherry Eyster	July 13	Meghan Kanazawa	July 26
Caleb Reitnour	July 14	Mike Beachy	July 27
Rick Miller	July 14	Henry Storm	July 27
Deb Hill	July 14	Joe Bennett	July 27
Bobbi Delp	July 16	Don Prowell	July 28
Bob Garlin	July 16	Dee Maxwell	July 30



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These events subject to change. Stay tuned for information from DBIC on any canceled or rescheduled events.