



The Doulos Monthly Newsletter

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What's in your hand?

By Ray Knepper

It was 2016, and I was with the Messiah University Collaboratory/Village Water Ozonation System Team (VWOS) in Oaxaca, Mexico, helping to install a system that would enable the local people at Trigo Y Miel (wheat and honey) to have access to safe water.

As we were working, Pastor Victor Velasco came by and asked me why I was there helping the team install the system.

Through an interpreter, I told him my story. I explained that as I was retiring, I was wondering in what ways I could be useful and continue serving the Lord and people. I had retired from 50 years at the same job, working at a swimming pool company and dealing with water problems, filters, pumps, electrical issues, lots of plumbing etc.

I remembered the story in Exodus 4: 1 – 4, where the Lord said to Moses when he had doubts about his qualifications to do what he was asked to do. The question was "What is in Your Hand?" Moses had a staff in his hand that the Lord used to perform many marvelous miracles. So, I explained to Pastor Velasco that I was there using the skills that were in my hand to serve the Lord.

In my hand I had different things – pipe wrenches, hacksaws, hammers, plus years of experience installing filter systems on all kinds of swimming pools and spas. After 50 years at this job, my body was pretty beat up but with replacement parts, new knees, rotator cuff repairs, back fusion and carpal tunnel repaired, I felt I had more to contribute to some phase of the Lord's work.

About this time, I was approached by Dr. David Vader and asked to help a team in the Collaboratory get an ozone system ready to be installed in Nicaragua the following year, 2014. I had experience with ozone

during my years using it as part of swimming pool sanitation.

We were able to get the system functional and with Ariela Vader's leadership successfully installed an ozone system at Villa es Esperanza, a home for girls in Managua, Nicaragua in 2014. (I had also gone with Ariela and her team to Honduras in 2008 to check out potential sites for ozone water purification.)

Then in 2015 another opportunity was presented in Oaxaca, Mexico and I went with a team to scout out the needs and discuss with the folks there what possible solutions we might provide. This led to the above referenced install at Trigo y Miel in 2016, now with Professor Michelle Lockwood leading the team. These systems continue to function well and provide good water for the compounds and surrounding communities.

In 2021, we again went to Oaxaca, Mexico, and installed another system for Pastor Felix to supply drinking water to his church and surrounding community. This time, because of COVID restrictions, no students were allowed to go out of the country. So,



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Drinking Water Innovative Purification

L to R: Nate Binko, Michelle Lockwood, Ruth Galyen, Ray Knepper

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our team consisted of me, Professor Lockwood and Hector and Yolanda Meija, Mexican nationals who had been Quality Greenhouse employees and great friends of Gary and Gloria Lebo.

We had another trip planned for Nicaragua in 2022, but it was canceled due to governmental issues and unrest on the island where the install was to happen. Since then, the equipment has been sent there and is waiting for a team to install it.



This year, we are scheduled to fly out March 3 to Kijabe, Africa to install a water purification system at a school there. This project will use chlorine as the oxidizer since the water is high in E.coli bacteria. Also, we plan to install a system at Hope Academy, a school in Guatemala near where Andi and Krishauna Brubaker are serving, in October.

Often at DBIC, we hear the Collaboratory included in the Sunday morning prayer time. Our team and activities are just a small window into the activities of the Collaboratory. Your prayers and support are appreciated as the students participate in these experiences that are life changing for many of the students.

It has been a blessing in my life to be able to use whatever talents and skills I may have as a means of ministry in my retirement years. I would encourage all who are facing retirement to consider service ministries that fit your gifts and interests. I heard someone say that during the working years one is doing what they are “paid to do,” but after retiring they can do what they are “made to do.”

Each of us needs to decide; What's in YOUR hand?



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Do you have a prayer request? You can contact us by email at connect@dillsburgbic.org or by using the individual contacts in the staff listing.

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Stop Traffic

By Marj Strayer

There are several ways to support Peace Promise this month.

The first is an Emergency Kit sign up. We are trying to have kits on hand for when emergencies arise and the girls are in desperate need of basics. Visit <https://ttsu.me/emergencykits> for the list of items.

We are also gearing up for our For Love and Freedom Benefit on April 14. Tickets are \$25 a person or \$175 for a table of eight people.

We are looking for groups or individuals who are willing to donate a gift basket to the silent auction. Visit <https://ttsu.me/gmwzbt> for auction sign up and ideas.



Join us for appetizers, dinner, dessert, and our guest speaker, [Kristina Glackin](#). Great things are happening with Peace Promise and we look forward to sharing our journey with you!

Date: Friday, April 14, 2023

Location: Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church

Time: Doors open at 6:00 pm

Tickets: \$25/ticket or \$175/table

Visit <https://peacepromise.org/for-love-and-freedom/> to register or learn more.

Why do we use offering envelopes?

Using offering envelopes makes the job of the ushers and the financial secretary much easier, because it allows them to perform the legally required task of tracking your donations to the church more easily and accurately and helps to make sure you get one statement for your donations rather than multiple statements.

An additional benefit is that the system we use keeps the amount you give private. Dillsburg BIC uses a "blind offering envelope" system. What this means is that, if you choose to use offering envelopes, the ushers record your giving using the envelope number whenever they prepare a bank deposit and then the financial secretary compiles your giving for the year using that number. The financial secretary doesn't know who that number is assigned to, so he produces a statement of all the donations made using that envelope number and seals it in an envelope with the envelope number on the outside. Then, the administrative assistant, who knows which name goes with which envelope number, attaches a name label. It sounds a bit complicated, but the result is that no one in the church knows how much you give each year.

Since many people now donate using electronic means, a physical box of envelopes may not be needed. In that case, we can provide you with a giving number without any physical envelopes. Just contact Kathy in the office and request a giving number without envelopes. Then all you have to do is have your giving number noted on the check or electronic giving documentation, and if you want to put cash or a check in the offering plate, you can use a blank envelope with the number written on it.

If you have questions about how your offering is tracked, please reach out to David Vader at stewardship@dillsburgbic.org. We still have offering envelopes available for 2023. If you would like to have offering envelopes or a giving number without physical envelopes, please contact the office (office@dillsburgbic.org or 717-432-3847).

New Hope Ministry Musings

By Ginny Spurrier

Many thanks for all you have donated in January and February! Your donations continue to make a big difference in many lives in our community!

This new year will be bringing exciting new things and so much to celebrate! Forty years ago, 1983, New Hope Ministries began serving in the Dillsburg Community of York County. Many celebrations in 2023 will take place across all nine centers this year!! Our vision: Every Life Transformed!

Check out our Facebook Live video from January 3, 2023! Praise God for Dillsburg Brethren in Christ Church!!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



The DBIC New Hope donation for March is **cleaning supplies (Any kind!)**

Reminder: There are many different ways in which you can volunteer your time at New Hope Ministries:

- Work in our food pantry, sorting and packing food (Children under the age of 16 may volunteer at New Hope as long as they are accompanied by a parent. All volunteers must complete an application.)
- Pick up food donations or deliver food to shut-ins or homebound guests
- Provide transportation to guests for appointments
- Provide employment or budget counseling to guests
- Make car or home repairs for guests
- Work in our office doing filing, mailings, or other clerical work
- Assist with youth programs
- Provide one-on-one tutoring for a child
- Share a talent or skill, such as craft lesson or cooking class with our youth
- Help with fundraising events
- Represent your local church on our Advocacy Council
- Serve on our Board of Directors

New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts towards stability.

For any further information you would like or are interested in following are the ways to contact the different departments.

Phone: 717-432-2087

For the best and most up-to-date information, please call us.

For fundraising or donation questions: development@nhm-pa.net

For media inquiries please call (717) 432-2087 x203 or x211

For general questions: info@nhm-pa.net

Secret Sisters gather for annual reveal

By Nina Hoover

The Ladies Secret Sister Dinner party was held on January 17 in the fellowship hall east with beautifully decorated tables, thanks to Susan Hatch.

There were 25 ladies who signed up for the party. After greeting everyone and a word of prayer, we sat down to a wonderful dinner, starting with a tossed salad and a pear half, cottage cheese, and a maraschino cherry. We had our main course of ham loaf, sweet corn with peppers, and cauliflower au gratin. Dessert was Cherry Spoon Strussel. Conversations around the table added to the evening of fellowship. We thanked our clean-up crew of Wendell Hoover, Ray Cross, and Stan Eyster with a round of applause. It's a true blessing not to have to worry about clean-up.

We then moved to fellowship hall west to do our revealing part of the evening where we try to guess who our secret sister was the prior year and open our present. Ladies who attended that did not have a secret sister also received a small gift. Ladies that were interested in choosing a secret sister for this current year did so.

If you would like to learn more about the Secret Sisters, please contact Nina Hoover, coordinator. We would love to have you come on January 16, 2024. The meal that is provided changes each year, and we accommodate dietary restrictions.



In case of **inclement weather**, the policy of DBIC is to cancel any in-person morning activities if Northern York School District is on a 2-hour delay. This would not impact afternoon and evening activities. All in-person 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 (ABC27) announcements or our website www.dillsburgbic.org for information regarding closures.



An Opportunity to Serve

Conflict presents unique opportunities to serve other people. When others are weighed down with problems and stress, God will sometimes use us to encourage them and help carry their burdens. In other situations, we may be able to give helpful advice, provide a positive example, or suggest creative solutions to problems. Best of all, conflict can provide the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ and give witness to the gospel, even to people who are attacking us.

*Taken from [The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict](#)
by Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2003) p. 143.*

Food for Thought

It seems when we've got many problems and much stress, conflict comes at us faster than ever. Our emotions are intensified and things we may have overlooked now become full blown conflicts. No matter which way we turn, it stares us in the face. While this doesn't provide an excuse to treat others poorly or unfairly, it does provide much opportunity for peacemaking.

The same is true for those around us. There could be circumstances in their lives causing them to respond differently than they normally would. Their burden may be too big for them to carry alone. You just happened to be in the wrong place at the right time. God put you in their path to speak a kind word, offer forgiveness, give advice, or be a listening ear. To put it simply, to serve them. And when we're serving others, our view of a conflict will often change.

Be on the lookout today for special God-given opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ even in the midst of conflict. When you actively model the gospel in action, you are making the most of every opportunity to serve other people.

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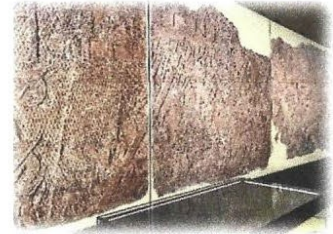
Join Jay Smith for a 'Museum of the Bible' Tour for

Dillsburg BIC in Washington D.C. - March 25, 2023



Welcome to the Museum of the Bible tour in Washington DC; a tour which presents some extrabiblical corroboration for historic details found in the Old and New Testaments.

This tour is not designed to prove that the Bible is the 'Word of God'. Rather, it is designed to answer a much more basic question, "Is it true?" In order to answer that question, we will look at archaeological, documentary, and



manuscript evidence to support the historical veracity of the Bible in order to answer the challenge by many today that the Bible is simply made up of "myths and legends," and therefore cannot be trusted as a book of history. Today, however, we will only look at the artifacts, located on the fourth floor.

Some people may question the importance of this sort of an investigation. After all, the Bible never claims to be an historical book. Yet, the Bible does deal with historical material, such as peoples, places, events and periods of time. What we know is that:

- People are found in history
- Places exist in history
- Events happen in history
- All within specific periods of time



It is in these four areas that we can investigate it, corroborating the peoples, places, events and timeframes within the Bible and ascertain which are supported by extrabiblical evidence.

Why should we then employ a historical critique of the Bible?

Historical research uses original artifacts documents and manuscripts, which are neutral, so that the materials we look at are open for anyone to study and draw conclusions. Our intent in this tour is to show that when observing these artifacts, we find that the Bible describes history accurately (i.e. peoples, places, events, and time); in fact, in some cases,

better than other pieces of archaic literature. Once the Bible passes this historical test and is established as a credible source, we can then look at the other claims it makes and have greater confidence in its authority for those claims.



Any book which contends to be from God (i.e. the book of Mormons, the Bhagavad-Gita, the Upanishads, the Vedas, the Guru Granth Sahib, or the Qur'an), must first pass a similar historical test if they are going to be trusted by the sceptics.

So, to that end, join us on a tour of the 'Museum of the Bible', Saturday, March 25, 2023 (Entrance Price: \$19.99)
Sign up at <https://www.dillsburgbic.org/bible-museum-trip/>.



What: A fun and faith-filled program
Who: Elementary kids (K–5th)
When: Wednesdays 6:30–8:00 PM
Where: Dillsburg BIC Church
How: Register at dillsburgbic.org/shine

Mark your calendars for these theme nights:

February 8: Beach
March 8: Farm
May 3: Camping
(Ending Celebration)

Join us for a complimentary meal, served from 5:00–5:45 PM on these dates:

February 4
March 4 and 15
April 19
May 3

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Adopt A Scholarship Recipient! Local Outreach Commission would like to have each scholarship recipient have one person in the congregation who stays in contact with them regularly and lets us know if there are needs in that student's life that the church can help with. Please contact Kathy Bennett (kathyben@gmail.com or 717-503-5353) if you would be interested in helping in this way or if you have any questions!



Join the Tuesday Women's Bible Study as they inductively explore the book of Habakkuk, "Finding Confidence in My Challenging Places." Just three weeks - Tuesdays, March 14, 28 and April 11th, 7pm via zoom. Contact Joyce Jones (Joycemj222@aol.com).

CORNER LIFE MEALS

On the first and third Wednesdays of the month, come to the Fellowship Hall for a delicious free meal served from 5:–5:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to linger after the meal for songs and activities for all ages, including Thrive youth group which will begin at 6 pm and Shine which will begin at 6:30 pm. If you can volunteer time to help prepare, serve, or clean up after the meal, you can sign up at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094da4ac2da7fe3-corner#/,](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094da4ac2da7fe3-corner#/) and thank you!

March 1
Pulled Pork on Rolls
Coleslaw
Fresh Fruit

March 15
Chicken Gravy over Biscuits
Cooked Peas and Carrots
Angel Food Cake Dessert with Toppings

Menu is subject to change :)

Celebrating Life Together!

GRATITUDE GRAFFITI

Thankful for
friends who love
me as I am.

I'm thankful for joy
even in the midst of
sorrow, just like rainbows
even in the midst of rain.

SO Thankful for
expertise of surgeons...
especially when all
goes well! Amen!

Thank you, God,
for the glorious
Colors of Fall
Breath-taking beauty!
AMEN!

snow!!

I am
thankful for
Farmer's Fair!

friends who ask
questions that make
me THINK!

for church
family

I am thankful for life.

I'm thankful
for gratitude
graffiti!

I love
Thankful people

I am thankful
for friends and
people who take time
to listen! Amen!!

I Love
Jesus
Amen

I am thankful that
God is working all the time
even when I don't see it!!

Parker
(my dog)

I am thankful

Jesus,
thank you for saving me.

music



I am thankful
for sight and
hearing even when
they require aids!!

SO many
different
kinds of
animals



Music!
-Miriam

Thankful for health
and those who love me.
-Paul

I'm thankful for
Beautiful change
in seasons!
My family, friends,
and others I care
about - myrae

I am Thankful
for J-Lynn Coady
-Eliana

Sanitation
system!

I'm Thankful for
A House food and
water -

MY family

For Jesus

I am thankful
for food, water, and a
roof over my head.
- Jane anne tucker

Food, home, family, and
Chloe (my dog)

-Amy
McCormick

"Easier Breakfast, Lunch,
- Dinner" - Kerpian

I am very thankful that
god created the Earth and
all the the animals and people!

-Miriam Smith

I am very
Thankful for
Grandpa + Grandma
-Elie A.

My
Church Family
who shows the
Love of God!

I love
Christmas
-Eliana

I'm thankful
for God!!!

"I'm thankful for
pink and blue."

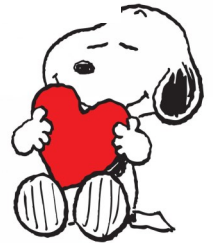
- Paul Matthew

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FOR
I AM THANKFUL FOR
PARKER
(her dog)

Celebrating Life Together!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Sam & Rosie Stoner	March 22
Joe & Doris Lerew	March 26

Happy Birthday




Esther Spurrier	March 1	Tammy Leister	March 26
Tom Austin	March 4	Georgia Nash	March 28
Marj Strayer	March 8	Lydia Horst	March 29
Andi Brubaker	March 9	Sarah Renard	March 30
Al Darbrow	March 10	Annika Pomeroy	March 31
Riley Miller	March 13		
Terry Bachmann	March 15		
Mark Renard	March 18		
Conrad Weiser	March 18		
Audra Sieber	March 20		
Dan Brandt	March 20		
Molly Van Dyke	March 22		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study 5:00 pm Corner Life 6:00 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Shine 6:30 pm Prayer and Sharing (Zoom & in-person)	2 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 7:30 pm Zoom Prayer	3	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	6	7	8 Doulos Deadline 9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 pm Thrive 6:30 pm Shine 6:30 pm Prayer and Sharing (Zoom)	9 6:30 pm Fresh Hope meeting (Orange Room) 6:30 pm Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers') 7:30 pm Zoom Prayer	10 5:30 pm Young Adult Game Night	11
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