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Elder's Note

One Glorious God, Many Generous Workers, a Church Building Project and a Prayer

By Lars Sauvola

Watching the building take shape over the last year has been amazing. It's awesome to be able to see God move and bless this project. There has been a lot of people planning, praying and waiting on God's timing leading up to this project. The Lord has used many people to plan, design (thanks Randy) and get it this far. And now we see Him using many more to build it.

When we started the construction just over a year ago I felt God was saying He's giving us an opportunity to see Him move through us. I want to praise the building committee and all those that have given time and treasure towards the project. I am convinced that in no way will those who gave be worse off when the project is done. I believe when we give back our time and resources to the Lord, He blesses it better than we could possibly have by keeping it for ourselves. Everything we have is from Him and for Him.

"For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."
Romans 11:36

God is looking for His church to put Him first and trust Him to take care of the rest.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."
Matthew 6:33

I feel we have a responsibility to use what God has given us to impact this community. I know we need more space and we've outgrown the space we are in. But more than just our comfort, I feel this building has a purpose to help reach the community around us.

I know the "church" is not buildings, but is the Body of believers in Christ. I pray God will show each one of us what our calling and purpose is in His kingdom. As the world around us gets darker and has turned farther away from the truth of God, let us the Church shine even brighter.

The building will be complete soon, but I feel as a Church we are only getting started. Lord help us build Your church.

*God Bless
Love you all*

Lars Sauvola

HOPE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Serving Meals with Keene Community Kitchen is Endlessly Rewarding

By Cheryl Jankowski

We are so truly blessed by being the leaders of this ministry. The people who we meet are all very grateful for our time and service to them and more importantly, we just love showering them with smiles, hugs and love. What has touched our hearts more than ever is seeing people who are not even a part of Hope Fellowship Church, not a part of any church and they have the desire to come to the Kitchen to serve. It is such an eye-opener to many of them, seeing the less fortunate who are in need of what we take for granted.

We all have our moments when we feel life is throwing the curve ball and despair tries to set in. This is when we need to remind ourselves of this ministry for example, and of all the people who come and have nothing to go home to but an empty house and are far more less fortunate.

We are to feed ourselves every day in prayer, worship and praise and let the word of God resonate in our hearts as our daily bread and a never ending reminder that He is our provider and He is faithful to those who believe. Hebrews 11:6 *"For without faith it is impossible to please God, yet those who believe in Him know He exists, and He rewards those who diligently seek Him."* Giving with a cheerful heart is endlessly rewarding.

God's Peace, Love & Joy,

John & Cheryl Jankowski
& Dave Tourigney

A Fresh Start for Threads of Hope

By Ruth Ann Moody

Renewal would be a good theme for *Threads of Hope* in 2016. We experienced a renewed vision for the potential outreach of *Threads*, a renewed appearance to the storefront and renewed energy and effort from our volunteers to demonstrate the love of Christ by serving the families of our community. Angela Traffie and her team of recruits spearheaded an intensive

rebranding/remodeling campaign and spent countless hours creating a beautiful store environment that honors God and welcomes our whole community. The official "Grand Re-Opening" took place on May 14th, and *Threads of Hope* has been growing and thriving as a result. We are so grateful for all of those who have helped to make this dream a reality. Thank you!

The changes at *Threads* go far beyond the **physical remodeling**. We have **expanded our store hours** to include Saturday mornings. We have a new **Clothing Drop Box at Hope Fellowship Church** to facilitate donations. We have created a **Facebook page** to create community awareness. We added several **racks of designer clothes**. Many **new customers** have discovered *Threads of Hope* this year. We have had great **opportunities to talk about our hope in Christ**, who we are at **Hope Fellowship Church** and to promote **concerts and church events**. **Donations** from the community have greatly increased. We have created a **Clothing Voucher Program** to assist families with serious financial needs. We provided clothing for **Ronnie and Tandy's** family, for **Kristen Traffie** for children in Mexico and for **Hope for Nica's** Christmas mission trip. In August, Linda Cramb felt led to take a long-term substitute teaching position and needed to step away from her leadership role at *Threads*. We appreciate Linda's dedication, and her behind-the-scenes efforts to keep the store running during the transition.

There are too many stories to share, but one comment made recently by a customer was so encouraging. He said, "If everyone at HFC is as happy as your volunteers, I just might have to check out your church." Resale clothing is simply a tool for Hope Fellowship Church to share the love of Christ. Please pray with us that *Threads of Hope* will continue to do just that. Would you also consider joining our volunteer team? Please contact Ruth Ann Moody for more information.

Slogan – *Supporting Community – Sharing Hope*

Vision- *That authentic love in action would have a spiritual impact in our community*

Mission- *To genuinely invest in community relationships, to generously love our neighbors through resale clothing, and to graciously share the hope of the gospel.*

Verse - Col. 3:17 (ESV) *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus"*

GET TO KNOW

Jerry & Lola Anderson



1. What town do you live in?

New Ipswich

2. Where did you grow up?

Jerry: Plymouth, MI

Lola: New Ipswich, NH

3. How did you meet your spouse?

Our mothers have known each other since they were teenagers growing up in Minnesota. We started dating when Jerry was in college and working construction in NH during the summers.

4. What is your job?

Jerry: My techy title is "Integration Solution Architect", but that usually doesn't mean much to people outside of IT. It just means that I lead teams of software developers to create software that keeps computer systems (e.g. SAP, Oracle, various web sites, etc.) in sync with one another. Since my company owns businesses all over the world, my job gives me the opportunity to talk to people from Europe, India and around the USA almost every day. Although I have never been on a foreign mission trip, God has brought a foreign mission trip to me!

Lola: Full-time mom.

5. Can you tell us something you appreciate today about your spouse?

Jerry: Lola keeps me upright when life gets topsy-turvy. She also sometimes laughs at my jokes.

Lola: Jerry's patience and sense of humor.

6. How many children do you have and what are their ages?

We have two children. Markus (17) and Sofia (9)

7. What is something you enjoy about Hope Fellowship?

Complete and solid Biblical teaching, Eldership-led (church), fellowship with the people and Prayer & Share.

8. What has been the most influential experience in your life?

Our daughter Sofia's adoption. We saw God's hand throughout the entire adoption process, and the way that he addressed every detail left us in awe. We witnessed first-hand the power of prayer through the body of Christ. The whole experience still amazes us years later.

9. Is there a message you would leave with your children, your children's children and others when you are gone?

Lola: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. There are no other commandments greater than these. (From Mark 12:30,31)

Jerry: Life is about relationships; the rest is details. All of our relationships reflect our relationship with God. Treat people well. Everyone has something to share, so listen closely. God created each person, and each one is highly valuable. People are the only thing that will survive the transition from time to eternity. (I think this ended up being a paraphrase of the verses that Lola just mentioned.)

10. What is your favorite scripture?

Lola: Romans 8:38-39 "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Jerry: Psalm 91 "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust..."

Joke Jar

Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because he wasn't "peeling" well!

Q: How do you shoot a killer bee?

A: With a bee-bee gun!

Q: What has four wheels and flies?

A: A garbage truck!

“HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE” IS AN EXCITING SKILL TO LEARN

By Krista Saari

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8 ESV

I am passionate about learning the Bible. The primary reason is because, as Isaiah says above, life here on earth is temporary and God and his word are not. Inside the Bible we have access to truth that transcends our time and space and opens our eyes to what is really real. It is the very word of the Living God, the Almighty Father who only spoke and the universe came into being. Words from that same God about who he is and what he's done are right at our fingertips if we only open our Bibles.

Psalm 119 is filled with descriptions of savoring and delighting in God's word and the fruit that comes from it. I want to be that excited. I want us all to be that excited about God and his word. And to get there, we need to be intentionally going to the Bible, studying it, reflecting on it, putting forth some effort to understand and apply it, and talking to God about what we're reading. We'll have to deposit some time and energy into it if we want to be making withdrawals out of its storehouse.

An excellent resource for those who are hungry for God and for his truth inside the Bible is *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds* by Jen Wilkin. At the Tuesday night women's study we read this book together and learned that "how to" is in its title for a reason! This book is a very practical tool for anyone, male or female, who wants to take ownership of their relationship with God and his word. I am excited to practice what I have learned from this book in my own personal Bible reading and along with group Bible studies.

The chapter on studying with patience was validating because I know more than just a little what it's like to become frustrated while reading the Bible. Despite my hunger for God and the truth in his word I haven't always found studying the Bible very easy. The author acknowledged that "learning requires work. This is true of learning the Bible as it is of learning algebra. We think that learning the Bible should be as natural as breathing in and out; if knowing God's Word is so good for us,



surely he would not make it difficult for us to do so. But learning the Bible requires discipline" (p. 77). And because of this, the author made the case that a good process is

required for learning the Bible. "A good literacy-builder honors the learning process by moving through three distinct stages of understanding: *comprehension, interpretation, and application*" (p. 87). This was the ultimate "how to" chapter with numerous hands-on suggestions on how to move toward understanding through each of the three stages. It would be worth putting a copy or outline of this chapter inside your Bible in order to easily refer back to it.

The most convicting chapter for me was the chapter on studying with prayer. "Prayer is what changes our study from the pursuit of knowledge to the pursuit of God himself" (p. 103). As one of the ladies in our group put it, studying without talking with God is like knowing we are welcome anything in the house so we head straight for the pantry without stopping to talk with the person who owns the house and allowing him to host us. Grandparents delight in their small grandchildren loving what's at Gramma's house but only because they desire to create a relationship with the child too. I've been that small child in Bible study and I've learned a lot from God's word but the suggestions in this chapter have prepared me to begin developing a more mature relationship with the Author of that word instead of focusing only on what he can give me.

It is my prayer that we as a church are made up of people who are passionate about God and it is made evident through our passion for his word and our careful study of it.

I also recommend the Engaging God's Word series of Bible studies for any adult, old or young, who wants a simple study guide to aid learning specific books of the Bible. These Bible studies can be used by individuals or groups and are put together by the international organization Community Bible Study which also offers organized classes for all ages. In their classes and in this stand-alone Bible study series, CBS emphasizes the student doing much of the comprehension, interpretation and application by answering questions in order to give ownership of the Bible study to the student.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Handwriting Thessalonian Verses a Good Way to Learn

By Laura Sauvola

"You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:5

This fall Angela Traffie led a Beth Moore Bible study titled, "Children of the Day" on first and second Thessalonians. One thing I really like about this study was that as we were going through the books of Thessalonians each week Beth asked us to handwrite the chapter/verses that we were studying that week. I found this was a good way for me to learn and remember the books of first and second Thessalonians.

If you are looking for a Women's Bible study to attend we would love to have you join us starting again in January. More information on this Bible study will be in the Hope Fellowship weekly bulletin and on our website, hfcnh.org, once the type of study and start date have been decided upon.

Hope Deacons Looking to Assist Those in Need

By Chad Gibson

It has been a time of change for the deacons over the past 6 months. We lost Rob Clark and Aaron Seppala to the Eldership, and gained new deacon/deaconess Chad Rautiola and Joy Seppala. We would like to thank Rob and Aaron for their time spent serving in their past roles, and will be praying for their new roles as Elders.

As Deacons we continually strive to be the caring ministry at HFC. We do this by counting the offerings, ushering when needed, coordinating special events, organizing and mobilizing volunteer groups and setting up communion. We also try to provide financial and other means of support as the need arises. We endeavor to be alert to the congregation's needs by prayerfully considering each request that is brought before us.

Are you or someone you know in need of assistance and think we can help? We would love to speak with you about what we might be able to do to help. Allow us to serve you.

Your Deacons,
Chad Gibson, Doug Seppala, Diane Seppala, Teri Holombo, Greg Somero, Sheila O'Brien, Adam Seppala, Joy Seppala & Chad Rautiola



Hillfest 2017 Worship Festival Coming to New Ipswich Next July

By Chad Gibson

"It is our goal to bring glory to God by uniting the local communities in worship in the Monadnock region and reaching our towns for Christ." This is the heart of Hillfest 2017, a one-day worship festival to be held right here in New Ipswich on July 22, 2017. We are looking forward to welcoming artists *Mass Anthem*, *Jason Gray*, *Citizen Way*, and *Phil Wickham*.

We are currently looking for additional volunteers to "head up" certain aspects of the event. We anticipate needing as many as 100 volunteers on the day of the event. To learn more about the event visit www.hillfest.hfcnh.org, Facebook or Twitter (HillfestNH).

Also, please keep this event in prayer.

We pray for good weather and that this event will bring glory to God and that souls would be won for Christ.

In Christ,

HFC Concert Team

SECOND GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL INTERVIEW

By Laura Sauvola

KIAHNA FARREY Age: 7 1/2

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Go swimming and putting water on the tramp and jumping with water on it.

Why do you like being a kid?

Because I can play with my third cousin.

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

Hair stylist and Dressmaker

What I know about God/Jesus is ...He is my Father and is right beside me.

ELSIE DESROSIERS Age: 8

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Swimming and seeing my friends.

Why do you like being a kid?

I like being a kid because I like going to school.

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

Famous singer

What I know about God/Jesus is ...That Jesus died for my sins.

MAX HOLOMBO Age: 7

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Go camping

Why do you like being a kid?

So I can ride my snowmobile.

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

A Famous Youtuber

What I know about God/Jesus is ...He made the world.

DAMON KETOLA Age: 8

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Go to Minnesota

Why do you like being a kid?

Because I can drive my four-wheeler any time I want.

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

Singing Christian songs

What I know about God/Jesus is ...That He is my Saviour



Left-Right, Standing: Maddox Nordahl, Claire Seppala, Elsie Desrosiers, Aubrey Seppala and Damon Ketola. Sitting: Asher Traffie, Chase Seppala, Brayen Ketola and Max Holombo. Not Pictured: Kiahna Farrey

CHASE SEPPALA Age: 7

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Go to Saco (camping).

Why do you like being a kid?

Having Friends

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

A race car driver.

What I know about God/Jesus is ...He died for us.

CLAIRE SEPPALA Age: 7

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Swim

Why do you like being a kid?

Because I like swimming.

What I know about God/Jesus is ...He made us.

BRAYEN KETOLA Age: 7

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Swim, fish, kayak at our beach, squirrel hunting, biking, camping and going on a family road trip.

Why do you like being a kid?

Cause we get treats and get to play a lot.

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

Hockey Player

What I know about God/Jesus is ...That he loves me and he died on the cross for our sins. I know a lot about Jesus it would be like a long story.

ASHER TRAFFIE Age: 7

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Go swimming

Why do you like being a kid?

You can have fun.

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

Football Star

What I know about God/Jesus is ...He is my Savior.

AUBREY SEPPALA Age: 7

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Go swimming

Why do you like being a kid?

So I don't have to do chores that often.

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

Dancer

What I know about God/Jesus is ...He is real.

MADDOX NORDAHL Age: 7

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Go to a pool.

Why do you like being a kid?

I don't have a job.

If you could grow up to be famous, what would you want to be famous for?

Football Star

What I know about God/Jesus is ...He is in Heaven.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Church is Growing, More Kids Attending

By Doug Seppala

This is my second year leading Sunday school and the church is growing rapidly. There are 73 kids attending Sunday school. The kids and teachers are learning more and more about Jesus. God is so awesome and faithful.

My prayer is that we would continue to follow the Holy Spirit and give God the glory in every aspect of our lives. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your families at Hope Fellowship.

The Sunday school Christmas play, "We Didn't Think It Would Happen Like This," will take place on Sunday night, December 11th, 6 pm. Please come! There will be refreshments afterwards.

RECIPES TO SHARE

AUTUMN CASSEROLE

3 c. mashed, cooked butternut squash

¼ c. butter

1 Tablespoon brown sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

dash of pepper

1 ½ Tablespoon butter

6. sliced, pared cooking apples

¼ c. granulated sugar

1 ½ c. cornflakes, coarsely crushed

½ c. chopped pecans

½ c. brown sugar

2 T. melted butter

Season mashed, cooked squash with ¼ c. butter, 1 Tablespoon brown sugar, ¼ tsp. salt and dash of pepper. Heat 1 ½ Tablespoons butter in a skillet; add sliced apples. Sprinkle with ¼ c. sugar; cover and simmer apples over low heat until barely tender, about 5 minutes.

Spread apples in a 3-quart casserole dish. Spoon mashed squash evenly over apples. Mix cornflakes with pecans, ½ c. brown sugar and 2 Tablespoons melted butter. Sprinkle over squash. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

MUD PIE

1 package Oreo cookies

¼ c. melted butter or margarine

3-4 qts. coffee ice cream (Brigham's is a good brand)

Jar of Hot Fudge topping

Cool Whip, thawed or All-Purpose Cream, whipped

Slivered Almonds, toasted & cooled

Milk Chocolate Bar, shaved or Heath bars, crushed

Crush Oreo cookies. (We use a blender.) Place in a bowl and add melted butter. Stir with a fork. Press crumbs into bottom of large pan (10x14 or 11x15) or divide between 2 pie plates. Freeze until firm.

Slice or scoop ice cream into crust. Lay a piece of waxed paper over ice cream and smooth top. Freeze until firm. Spoon dollops of Hot fudge (warm slightly if needed) over ice cream and gently spread. Freeze.

Spread with Cool Whip or sweetened whipped cream. Sprinkle with almonds (if desired) and chocolate shavings or crushed Heath bars. Freeze until serving time.

HOPE IN OUR WORLD

Thank You Letter from Nicaragua

By Ronnie & Tandy Seppala

Thinking back to January, we remember some of our prayers: *"A curriculum for the Bible classes and stamina to make it through the school year. Help for the youth group. Time to finish Seminary classes."* And we are filled with thanksgiving as we see how the Lord has answered. Teaching the 6th -11th grade Bible classes was a challenge. But with the Lord's help the teens and pre-teens heard the gospel and truths about God and their neighbor. About halfway through the year we began the long-overdue chapel services for the elementary, middle, and high school students; gathering to worship the Lord, pray and reflect, when a limited schedule and resources seemed to tell us it was impossible. Another victory!

Seminary was richer than ever, and Saturdays became a haven for Ronnie; gathering with other pastors and being spiritually refueled. After many years of studies, Ronnie will finish his last two classes in December, making him a candidate to graduate with a BA in Pastoral Ministries from the Nicaraguan Bible Seminary. Graduation itself will wait for the completion of a mini thesis.

With the heavy workload, we were holding youth group on a bi-weekly basis. Convicted by the needs of the kids, we resumed the once a week schedule. We enlisted the help of a young man returning from Oregon where he studied as an exchange student. Darwing has been a great help coordinating the services and encouraging attendance among the youth.

And so our reasons for Thanksgiving are many! Not the least of which is the faith of the Christians here. As these brothers and sisters grow in the Lord they are eager to serve. Most years, good intentions don't last and we are scratching for help just a few months into the year. This year we have made it to November and dusting benches, washing linens, cleaning the bathroom, etc. are done with diligence and even joy. Our prayer circle has been a dear source of strength. The youth involved in the music team have shown some signs of maturity, working through problems, growing in love and forgiveness.

What is ahead for us in 2017 is sometimes hard to tell. But we trust our future to God who cares for us so tenderly and blesses us in abundance.

Thank you dear brothers and sisters for your prayers and support!

With Love,

Ronnie, Tandy, with Nathaniel & Lydia

Our Adventurous Narnia Trip

By Bob & Sheila O'Brien



Sheila and I want to thank all of you for your prayer support while we were in Narnia (10/9-10/18). The expedition went as prayed and hoped. The weather was unusually cool (low 80's) for which we were thankful.

Some of the key activities that we were able to accomplish by the grace of God and your prayers are as follows;

1. Securely delivered important supplies to m-workers that are in the country. Things like batteries, cameras, surge protectors, fans, shoes, sandals, clothing, etc. These items filled an entire large suitcase. The missionary workers purchased all these items on Amazon and shipped them directly to our home so we could securely pack and transport them with us. They were really excited to receive their supplies which will serve many different m-workers.

2. Visited four villages (towns) to donate books to the English section of their public library. They were especially appreciative of our commitment to return once again with additional books. Next year our focus will be more on books for children and possibly learning games. In one village, last year we noticed a

passion for basketball so we brought three basketballs and a small hand-pump. We watched some of their game and each player came over to us to shake hands and say thank you. The skill level was diverse. There might be opportunity for a mini-basketball clinic during future returns.

3. Prayed daily with our indigenous believer friends which serves as encouragement and strengthens their faith. In addition, we encouraged them in their important work to translate the Word into their indigenous language and share their faith.

4. Brought our friends to lunch and dinner many of the days and took in a football (soccer) match. A little bit of a tussle broke out at halftime when one of the fans took exception to the witchcraft that was being used by the opposing team. This tussle evolved into a fist fight in the stands during the second half. We also had the opportunity to watch what appeared to be a practice session for a scrappy wheelchair basketball team. I had a whistle in my backpack that I was able to donate to the team to assist the coach when trying to get the teams attention. They were appreciative of the whistle and our enthusiasm during the practice as we cheered each basket and notable play. This may be an opportunity to minister in the future because only one of six players had an athletic wheelchair which made it difficult for the other five players to compete at the same level. If you have any connections, please let us know. It would be a blessing to bring ten gently used competition wheelchairs with us next September (Lord willing).

5. We had the opportunity to visit a family of three children and one parent that is a believer and the other follows Islam. We visited them in their new apartment because earlier in the year their previous landlord learned that one followed Jesus and evicted them. We were able to pray for them and in return our Islamic friend prayed an Islamic prayer for us. The real blessing being that the believer is able to follow Jesus and potentially raise their three children in the faith (praise God!). Over time, like the thief on the cross and by the grace of God, the non-believer may come to follow Jesus.

6. Watched and encouraged our indigenous friends as they were being disciplined by an m-worker while they work towards translating Genesis and Exodus into their native language; a long, tedious process.

7. We joined our friends on Sunday morning when they met together to divide the Word of God. This group of believers has become more organized and grows larger each year we visit.

8. Our indigenous friends introduced us to a recent venture to start a small for profit school to teach English. We later learned that they decided to close the school temporarily while they restructure the leadership team and find a more affordable building to rent. We shared some ideas to create a formal leadership team and establish a covenant among the teachers to ensure there is a commitment to fulfill their obligation to lead their respective classes. Long term this school could potentially support several believers that have been persecuted against and unable to find employment. As more of a note, the local Muslim clerics are banning together to pressure the government to force the m-workers to leave the country.

We thank you, for none of this would be possible without your prayer and support. By the grace of God our plan is to return next September and do much of the same. They need the love of Jesus desperately in this country where He is not known by most all who live there. We recognize that we play a very small role compared to many that have been there for years and are immersed daily in the fight. It is however exciting to know that with the small role that we all play; the Holy Spirit can do incredibly great things to grow His kingdom.

May God inspire others to join us next year in reaching out to the people of this very different culture sharing the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ that can transform hearts, minds and souls.

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:5-7
ESV¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom

they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15

Kristen Traffie & A Rescue Mission in Mazatlán, Mexico

By Bob O'Brien

If you Google Mazatlán, Mexico you will learn that it is a resort town along the Pacific shoreline in the state of Sinaloa. Sandy beaches line its 21km-long malecón (boardwalk) and it's renowned for big-game fishing. In its Centro Histórico, or Old Mazatlán, 19th-century landmarks include the performance hall Teatro Ángela Peralta and the towering Immaculate Conception basilica. The modern district of Zona Dorada is known for nightlife and hotels.

What you won't find is evidence about the horrific human trafficking that is prevalent in the destination city. Our very own Kristen Traffie has been called to this city to serve the Lord in order to rescue young women and children from human trafficking and in the process introduce them to a personal relationship with Jesus and disciple them to maturity in Christ. Kristen is coming up on completing her first of a two-year commitment (12/27/15-12/27/17).

If you have a burden for women and children caught in the trap of human trafficking pray about partnering with Kristen through prayer and/or financial support. Her monthly support is short (\$880), round trip flight during the holidays (\$1,000) and one time outreach expedition Dec. – Mar. (\$3,500). Please feel free to talk with Bob O'Brien if you would like to learn more. \$240/mos (currently receiving \$330/mos) and there are additional material needs; furnish her apartment (\$880), round trip flight during the holidays (\$1,000) and one time outreach expedition Dec.–Mar. (\$3,500). Please feel free to talk with Bob O'Brien if you would like to learn more.

"Christmas in America" Event will Kick off Good News Club Season

By Wanda Knisley

Here's the latest about the Good News Club! We will be starting the new season of Good News Club with a party called "Christmas Around America." It will take place on Monday Dec. 19, 2016, 3:30 pm, right after school, at Highbridge Hill Elementary School, New Ipswich. This program is a new addition to our current Good News Club curriculum. Kids in Grades 1-4 are welcome to join us!

We'll take a break for the Christmas season and then start our regular Good News Club meetings at Highbridge Hill Elementary School on January 9, 2017, 3:30-4:45pm. This year our Bible lessons are titled "God's Good News: The Wordless Book about the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

If anyone wants to help, here's a little more on what we do. We start with a Bible lesson and a Gospel invite. Next comes the songs, the kids love karaoke and hand movements with the songs! Then we learn a memory scripture verse with a memory game to go along with it. At the end of the meeting we play games so that the kids get to know each other and form friendships in a Godly setting. At every club session we have a snack break. Feel free to call me (Wanda Knisley) 878-2523 or 603-562-8477 with any questions.

THANKSGIVING VERSES

Psalm 9:1 ESV

I will *give thanks* to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Colossians 3:16-17 ESV

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, *with thankfulness* in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, *giving thanks* to God the Father through him.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

by Bob O'Brien

Our Part

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? Luke 16:11 NIV
 Like many endeavors, managing household resources requires effort, discipline, and structure. We need to make time to understand our household cash flow and manage it accordingly. If you don't do it, who will, if not now, when? An oversimplified plan is to give back to the Lord, spend less than we earn and save a little each payday over an extended period of time.

Crown Financial offers the following guideline to help you evaluate your spending habits and commitments. I often times refer to it as a "checkup from the neck up." Keep in mind this is a guide to help you compare your current spending habits with what they consider the appropriate balance. You might be slightly different because of situations that are unique to a temporary situation, however, you want to be alerted by categories that might be considered a substantial departure (i.e. transportation at 25%, debt at > 10%, miscellaneous > 14%, etc.).

Suggested Percentage Guidelines For Family Income							
(Family of Three or Four)							
GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME	25,000	35,000	45,000	55,000	65,000	85,000	115,000
1. Tithe/Giving	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
2. Taxes ^{1,*}	2.7%	11.2%	14.8%	17.2%	18.8%	23.5%	26.3%
Net Spendable amounts below add to 100%							
NET SPENDABLE	21,825	27,580	33,840	40,040	46,280	56,525	73,255
3. Housing	39.0%	36.0%	32.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	29.0%
4. Food	15.0%	12.0%	13.0%	12.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%
5. Transportation	15.0%	12.0%	13.0%	14.0%	14.0%	13.0%	13.0%
6. Insurance	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
7. Debts	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
8. Entertainment/Recreation	3.0%	5.0%	5.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	8.0%
9. Clothing	4.0%	5.0%	5.0%	6.0%	6.0%	7.0%	7.0%
10. Savings	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
11. Medical/Dental	5.0%	6.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
12. Miscellaneous	4.0%	4.0%	6.0%	6.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
13. Investments ²	0.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
If you have school/child care expenses, these percentages must be deducted from other categories.							
14. School/Child Care ³	8.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

1. Guideline percentages for tax category include taxes for Social Security, Federal, and a small estimated amount for State, based on 2002 rates. The tax code changes regularly. Please be sure to insert your actual tax into this category.
 2. This category is used for long-term investment planning, such as college education or retirement.
 3. This category is added as a guide only. If you have this expense, the percentage shown must be deducted from other budget categories.
 * In some cases earned income credit will apply. It may be possible to increase the number of deductions to lessen the amount of tax paid per month. Review the last tax return for specific information.

For more information got to www.crown.org or contact Bob O'Brien at 603-831-4952.

FRANK EIKLOR VISITS HOPE FELLOWSHIP WITH A MESSAGE OF REVIVAL

By Jody Ojala

“So as I was coming in, I was checking out (from my plane window), to see if there were any big fires burning; I saw a lot of lights but no big fires. So I thought, Oh, Lord, could you do it again? I’m gonna be at Hope...and LORD, there’s another Moody there!” Frank Eiklor, founder and director of Shalom International, evangelist and missionary for Jesus Christ, visited our New Hampshire community for a few days in October. He came with a prayer in his heart for Revival, like the one that happened in the 1800’s when God used Dwight L. Moody to ignite the Chicago area with the message of repentance and faith in Jesus. Frank prayed for Pastor Jordan, that God would use him at Hope Fellowship to light a fire in hearts that will never go out, to give the whole counsel of God and cause people to take a stand for Jesus.

With straightforward preaching and scriptures recited from “the deliciousness of the word of God,” Frank challenged and blessed the hearers who showed up on Friday night and Sunday morning for the Revival Messages that had been prepared ahead of time.

He told us that in other parts of the world, China, for one, God’s church is alive and on fire for Jesus and one day the Chinese Christians plan to come to America to preach the “original Lord, not the forgery, to extol the original revelation of the scriptures, to expose modern interpretation, and to preach the practice of the original meaning of discipleship, which is, Jesus gave you everything; now He demands everything!”

To sum it up, Frank explained that when a Chinese person becomes a Christian, he becomes a target of persecution. In spite of that, the Church in China meets in individual homes, over 5,000 of them, and they are on the move with a plan to go to the non-Arab Muslim countries, the Arab-Muslim countries, to Jerusalem, across Europe and someday reach America. They know that it’s likely many of them will die on this mission; still they plan to come. They are praying for the American Christian, because

“revival is necessary for any body who is threatening to become a corpse” and the American Christian Church in their perspective, is threatening to become a corpse. *“I want to beat them (the Chinese Christians) to your house,”* Frank said, *“You tell them when they come that we heard the same message from this old guy, Eiklor was his name...”* Frank had us laughing with his signature style of poking fun at himself while sharing truth with love. Frank used humor on Saturday night to address couples and single adults on the biblical standard of marriage. Sunday morning was a message again with a revival theme and Sunday night, the youth showed up at Hope. There were sixty or so teens and young adults who came for pizza and the Word of God, Frank-style.

Monday night, Oct. 17th, Frank met with the Elders of Hope, to encourage them and pray with them and stayed to take part in the Men’s Bible study afterwards. For an eighty-year old man, his energy and enthusiasm was remarkable and contagious. To paraphrase Frank, he would hope that the fire of God’s Word would start a revival in each of our hearts, and it would *“keep on burning, keep on going, keep on trusting,”* until Christ returns.



Frank and Mark Holombo take in a NH bike ride.

**Visit hfcnh.com
to hear Frank Eiklor’s Revival Messages &
Current Messages from Pastor Jordan Moody**

Happy Birthday!

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SEPTEMBER

- 3-Halle Sauvola
- 5-Phyllis Sauvola
- 6-Austin Somero
- 7-Heidi Somero
- 8-Payton Sauvola
- 8-Ashton Somero
- 9-Riley Bishop
- 9-Karen Kangas
- 13-Elle Gibson
- 15-Mark Holombo
- 16-Bob O'Brien
- 16-Dash Traffie
- 16-Iris Traffie
- 18-Hans Ojala
- 19-Aaron Seppala
- 20-Emma Knisley
- 21-Jennifer Sauvola
- 21-Oren Traffie
- 24-Greg Somero
- 25-Chelsea Holombo
- 25-Tim Kangas
- 26-Walter Aho
- 28-Bria Seppala
- 26-Denver Somero
- 29-Austin Aho

OCTOBER

- 1-Carisa Lehtonen
- 1-Eleanor Marceau
- 2-Marcus Anderson
- 2-Robert O'Brien
- 3-Alden Gibson
- 4-Ken Sauvola
- 5-Zachary Seppala
- 6-Zahriah Sikkila
- 7-David Kangas
- 7-Griffin Matson
- 9-Elizabeth Romeril
- 10-Ginny Bradley
- 11-Lars Sauvola
- 12-Alexis Broome
- 14-Zane Broome
- 14-Hadley Nordahl
- 14-Kenzie Seppala
- 15-Addison Ketola
- 15-Zara Saari
- 16-Ashlyn Martel
- 17-Owen Krook
- 17-Eden Traffie
- 18-Kiahna Farrey
- 18-Amanda Ketola
- 19-Linda Cramb
- 22-Roman Ojala
- 24-Loriana Ojala
- 25-Lola Anderson
- 26-Karen Gibson
- 26-Bryn Rautiola
- 28-Beverly Salo
- 28-Destiny Somero
- 28-Jestin Somero
- 28-Sharon Somero
- 29-Casey Gibson
- 29-Carolena Ojala
- 29-Westin Saari
- 30-Andrew Martel

NOVEMBER

- 2-Rachel Seppala
- 5-Krista Saari
- 9-Logan Somero
- 11-Ellis Ketola
- 13-Lincoln Ketola
- 14-Amber Wooster
- 16-Brianna Holombo
- 17-Diane Seppala
- 19-Chad Rautiola
- 26-Mylan Ojala
- 30-Judy Ketola

Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER

- 5-Mr. & Mrs. Mark Holombo
- 6-Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Krook
- 13-Mr. & Mrs. Nick Somero
- 27-Mr. & Mrs. Shane Matson
- 27-Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Rautiola
- 29-Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Seppala

OCTOBER

- 2-Mr. & Mrs. Mike Haase
- 2-Mr. & Mrs. Talen White
- 5-Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Holombo
- 6-Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Lehtonen
- 9-Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Olson
- 10-Mr. & Mrs. Anders Somero
- 12-Mr. & Mrs. Cale Sikkila
- 13-Mr. & Mrs. Bob O'Brien
- 13-Mr. & Mrs. Adam Seppala
- 14-Mr. & Mrs. Jarrett Sikkila
- 15-Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Anderson

NOVEMBER

- 4-Mr. & Mrs. David Bradley
- 24-Mr. & Mrs. Austin Aho
- 26-Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Seppala

NEW in the Nursery

A daughter, **Ivy Jeanne**, July 10th, to Tyson & Sara Desrosiers & Hunter, Wesley & Elsie.

A son, **Dash Hudson**, on Sept. 16th, to Kell & Stefanie Traffie & Iris, Eden, and Cole.

A daughter, **Bria Lillian**, Sept. 28th, to Adam & Rachel Seppala & Chase, Josie and Kenzie.

A son, **Griffin Cooper**, Oct. 7th, Shane & Julia Matson.

A daughter, **Paige Elizabeth**, Nov. 5th, to Scott & Kristel Wooster & Alan, Dallas, Shannon, Denver, Tiffany, Faith, Ezra & Shannia.

A son, **Parker Bob**, Nov. 17th, To Kenyon & Ashley Bertram.



Key Verse to Memorize

But He answered and said, *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"* Matthew 4:4 NKJV



Congratulations Newlyweds!

Kara (Garland) and Ezra Hodgson on Oct. 2, 2016.

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOPE



Morgan Ketola, Decker Ketola, Draven Seppala and Lainey Holombo at the Concession stand for the Robin Mark Concert at Mascenic.

Sept. 24-25, 2016: We enjoyed Robin Mark, singing in concert on Saturday night at Mascenic School to a full auditorium. He led the worship the next morning at Hope's Sunday service at the school.



Celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day with cake after the service. We are thankful for Pastor Jordan, wife Jamie and daughter, Charlotte



October 2016: Evangelist Frank Eiklor visiting friend Carl Olson. Frank came to NH, Oct. 14-17th to share a message of Revival.



November 2016: The interior rooms are taking shape as electrical, plumbing and drywall contractors apply their handiwork.