

The

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I am often reminded of the many missionary newsletters

that I have read throughout the years coming in from the foreign fields. Most all of them contain the great stories of what the Lord is doing on that particular mission field. They are for me letters of encouragement even in the midst of challenges; God has a plan and a particular calling for every missionary. Your missionary team leaders, Sue and I have been directly on this field for 33 years and involved with the mission for about 40 years. I keep a copy of all of our newsletters and they can be a great encouragement to review the great things God has done for us over time. The first letter was a cut-and-paste typed letter...that is the way it was. We do thank the Lord for the technology that works in a better and quicker fashion.

Our mission has not changed...only the tools. The Gospel is always in the forefront and we use the technology to give glory to God and tell the simple story of Christ. I can remember assisting overseas missionaries with the latest outreach tool called the cassette. Much has changed about the church in America. I have had some missionaries return from overseas and say, "I hardly recognize the way the church operates compared to years ago." Our nine services per week are 99% preaching; occasionally we have guest musicians. So for 106 years we have had the one daily focus which never seems to tire people. ***It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*** Lamentations 3:22-23

We hope The Lighthouse brings you encouragement to see how the Lord works among the least of these. We appreciate your support so very much. Please share our work with others for their encouragement and financial support. As most of you know, we do not take government funds as that would muzzle the Gospel...which is the only real cure for what ails America. Our missionary letter says the same as the old time letters: pray for the lost, they are so close to eternity and don't even know it. Pray for the health, strength, vitality and Divine protection for the staff that our work will not be hindered. May the Lord greatly bless your journey on earth as we move toward Heaven

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

First Things First

With a congregation that can come and go daily...and we may never see them again...what is the most important thing that can be said to them? Jesus Saves! It is with that understanding; the Gospel of Christ must go forward every day. The urgent message is that of salvation through Christ alone. We teach that there are many topics in the Bible that are very important for today's living but it would be somewhat of an assumption of life to have concerns for things first that do not relate to eternity.

Eternity is inevitable so why not settle the most important issue first. We ask the Lord to show them the priorities of life. Challenge them with the great questions...What is truth? What comes after death? What is my life all about? Where am I going? We ask the awakening by the Spirit of God so they may see the need for Christ.

The mission has numerous long-term teaching ministries for those who stay around and have a desire to grow in Christ. We pray for many more as the net is cast daily; may He bless with a wonderful catch every day.

Providing for Christmas

This is a very important time of year to receive resources in order to get us through the busy season. Our web site (www.GMission.org) will show the latest needs that we specifically request for Christmas. Also, there is a list of needed food items that we can use to stock our pantry for the year.

We have a very orderly system of distributing Christmas over an entire week. Our first mandate is to keep Christ in Christmas. It is unfortunate that when the word gifts gets out it can create a frenzy of people going from place to place. The people receiving our gifts have all heard the real reason for Christmas. We have been doing this so long that most people know that we are about Jesus first.

For those bringing in gifts, please have them to us by December 15th; the earlier the better and not wrapped, please. Thanks again for your consideration in this portion of our ministry.

Lydia



Acts 16:14

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

We are glad that the Lord touched Lydia's heart along the way of life and she has attended to the Lord's business at the Gospel Mission and Camp Jabez for at least 22 years as best we can remember. She must now hand her cake knife to someone else. Lydia, thanks so very much. May the Lord greatly bless. Who will fill your shoes?

Senior Volunteers



God is so good!!! Our favorite hillbilly couple, Larry and Gayle Adkins (our chief dishwasher and salad maker, respectively), were able to join us for chapel services this morning at the Gospel Mission. It's been a long summer for both of them, physically speaking. Larry's got himself a new knee! We thank the Lord for them giving their best years to Him.

Senior Picnic

It has been another good year for our senior congregation...not too many illnesses, they are still mobile (the new elevator has assisted a great deal), able to attend church on a regular basis and good fellowship which is very important. The mission hosted its annual Senior's Picnic at the close of summer and of course we had a wonderful group of seniors. A great buffet of Chopped Steak, Meat Loaf, Salisbury Steak, Country Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Italian Vegetables and noodles with garlic butter sauce, Pasta Salad, rolls and of course their favorite dessert, Cheese Cake with Strawberry topping.



We pray for their salvation if they don't know the Lord...the body does have its limits to stay on planet earth. I remember one year that one of the seniors was killed on his way home in an auto accident. We pray he acted on the Word that was shared.

Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.



Nehemiah University Bible Institute by Gerry Grimson

At the Nehemiah University Bible Institute we are currently teaching through the Old Testament. In the Old Testament we emphasize the character of God and the thread of salvation history that runs throughout. The *History* of the OT demonstrates the grace of God time and again as he continually shepherds his people through all their failures and unrighteousness. In the *Prophets* we hear the voice of the LORD as he speaks to his people calling them to repent of unrighteousness and return to him—all the while promising that he

will send someone who will cure their inability to be righteous. In the *Poetical* books we have insight to the feelings of the people and of God as they constantly struggle with unrighteousness. But Jesus the promised Savior has come and He has spoken of His purpose.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.”

(Luke 4.18; cf. Isa 61.1)

Health Clinic

Usually once a month we run blood pressure checks which have been very enlightening for many people who did not realize their condition. Resources



are then found for them to assist with the problem. We will also be doing flu shots and sugar diabetes checks soon. Shown here is our clinic in the picnic shelter administering hepatitis A vaccine. We do our best to check the highways and byways of life to be a Good Samaritan for many by the wayside.



Youth with a Heart for Christ

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Tim 4:12

Mission's Fair at Cedarville University

Three of our youth, Timmy, Faith and Markus acted as our recruiters at the Cedarville Mission's Fair. We are there to introduce the ministries of the Gospel Mission to the students for their involvement during the year. There is nothing like giving the students some first-hand experience by working in "the hood."

We very much appreciate our youth and their dedication to Christ and being willing to share the message with others. Our youth had a great response...may the Lord bless their labors for Him.



School Community Service



This summer, we were blessed by a young lady, Ariannah who worked heartily in our dining room and kitchen several days each week; shown here with Chef Tim. Ariannah attends East Dayton Christian High School, and will be competing on their volleyball team this fall. We're looking forward to her serving our guests (and the Lord Christ) during the school year as she is able. Ariannah -thank you for your service to us. Best wishes with the start of the new school year. We have many Community

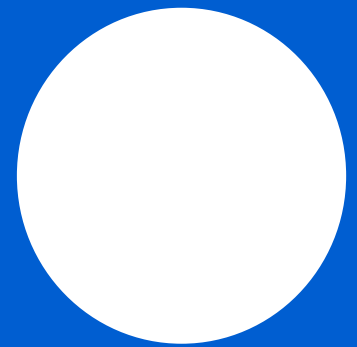
Service options available for students to meet their requirements...inquire via email.

God's Great Outdoors

Many of our inner city youth have never had the pleasure of enjoying the beauty of God's creation and reflect on what it means. The Camp Jabez campus is beautiful as well as the surrounding farm land. Corn, soy beans, wheat by the hundreds of acres are enjoyable compared to the daily grind of the city streets and alleys. This is God's consoling handiwork.



He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:2



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The Lighthouse is our missionary report to our supporters and interested friends. We hope it brings you encouragement as to what the Lord is doing in our little portion of the world. We know people are bombarded with so much today through the mail. It is not designed to be a "fund raiser." It is designed to honor the Lord in His work here. Perhaps you could even pass it on to others whom it might encourage.

John 1:5

*And the Light
shineth in darkness;
and the darkness
comprehended it not.*



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