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“Blessed Happenings in the POTE”

If you don't know yet, the POTE is The Presbytery of the East. It is the presbytery of which Oreland EPC is now a part as a particular congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Elders B J Harrison, John Craymer, Larry Godley, and I just recently attended the meeting of the POTE, April 23-24 in Circleville, NY.

Presbytery meeting is a most blessed occasion these days. The presbytery currently meets three times a year at an overnight meeting beginning Friday at 4:00 and adjourning Saturday around noon. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, prayer, worship, and attending to the ministry of the Lord's Church. The presbyters truly enjoy being together. There is a most wonderful spirit of joy and unity in doing the Lord's work.

Among the blessed happenings in the POTE is growth. At the April meeting, the presbytery examined and received 7 ministers by transfer from the PCUSA through the New Wineskins EPC Transitional Presbytery. We examined 1 pastoral candidate for ordination. We also received four new churches. So the POTE started its April meeting as a presbytery of 17 churches, and we ended the meeting as 21 churches. It appears that 8 more churches will be received in September, bringing the total number of churches in the POTE to 29. We were told that by the end of 2011, the POTE churches could number 49.

This growth is to be celebrated! However, it also presents many challenges as regards the work and financial resources of the presbytery. For example, all of the pastors and all of the elders of session of each congregation are examined as to their faith, knowledge of Bible, doctrine, church history, and church polity prior to being considered by the presbytery. Given that the POTE is geographically large, this makes the examining process a challenge. In addition the people resources necessary to do the examining is also stretched. I was just elected to serve on the Ministerial Relations Committee of the POTE and will be part of this process to examine and care for pastors of the presbytery. (About two weeks ago I was in Pittsburgh for an all day meeting interviewing 5 of the pastors the presbytery most recently received. I'm thankful for OEPC elders who cover pastoral needs of the church family in my absence.)

All of this to say, we are part of a growing presbytery and a growing Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are blessed to stand today with brothers and sisters of the faith who love the Lord Jesus Christ and are committed to faithfully being His church. The POTE is seeking by the grace of God, in the power of the Spirit, to hold the bar high as regards the Christian faith and commitment of her pastors and member churches. For this we rejoice!

Now to a most exciting opportunity: our congregation will be the host church for the September 24-25, 2010 meeting of the POTE! We will have the opportunity to share our love of the Lord and the hospitality that characterizes Oreland EPC. And it will take everyone—all of us working together to make this meeting serve our fellow POTE members well and ultimately bring all glory to God!

We will need housing for presbyters, meals, worship participation Friday evening, and a whole lot of welcome, warmth, and kindness of the Lord, which I know the Lord has blessed us to give. I have every reason to think that the Lord will enable us to do this well. In addition, it is a most wonderful occasion for us to get to know others of our presbytery and to personally witness the good and faithful work that the POTE is doing in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for the Lord Jesus Christ.

So please, mark your calendar: Friday and Saturday, September 24-25, 2010 for the meeting of the POTE at OEPC. See and be part of the EPC in action! When the planning details begin to unfold and are announced, please offer your participation. We have a wonderful opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters, and be part of the wonderful and blessed happenings in the POTE—to the glory of God!

Pastor Jim

OEPC WEBSITE UPDATES-

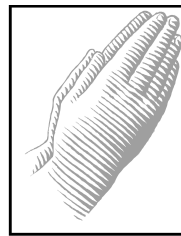
Each Sunday's sermon is available on our website (Orelandpres.org). Click on "Sunday Sermon" in the menu list on the left-hand side of your computer screen. Left click on the Worship Service Recording of your choice to listen to the MP3 recording or right click on the recording and Save Target As to save it to your hard drive. The associated Sunday bulletin is also available.

The Carillon is also available. Click on "Newsletter" in the menu list on the left-hand side of your computer screen. If you want to view the Session Minutes, you must enter a User Name and Password which are available in News 'N Notes..

Please review the Current Service Opportunities (in the menu list on the right-hand side of your computer screen) and prayerfully consider serving through one or more of the opportunities listed.

OEP PRESCHOOL

It is May again!! We will be finishing up a successful year at the Preschool. Our class will be going to see "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" at the Keswick Theatre. The three and four year old classes will do a final gym performance for the parents to watch. They receive an Olympic type medal for their hard work. The Pre-K classes will be rehearsing songs for their graduation performance. In addition, they will watch as larvae develop into beautiful butterflies. They set them free at the year end picnic. We take a big sigh over Memorial Day weekend and then we have two weeks of camp! **Never a dull moment!!**



WHAT TAKES PLACE EVERY YEAR ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF MAY?

Mark your calendars for May 6, 2010 for the National Day of Prayer.

A community service is being held at Chelton Baptist Church, Limekiln Pike, Dresher, PA. The Praise and Prayer service begins at 7:00 and will end at 9:00. Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church is once again participating in this service. The act was signed into law by President Truman in 1952 and amended by Congress and signed by President Reagan in 1988 to establish a particular day of observance. However, U. S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb issued the decision in a case filed by the Freedom From Religion Foundation, a Wisconsin-based atheist and agnostic group that challenged the constitutionality of a 1988 federal law. Our prayers for our nation and our freedom as prayer believing Christians is needed more than ever so that our freedom to publically worship and pray will not be violated or silenced. **See you May 6th at**

**Continuing through May 9
Living the Christian Life-Led by Don Jones**

Join us for a 6 week review and discussion of Dr. David Jeremiah's powerful book Life Wide Open. This is an application course to help you in living your Christian life. In this book we will look with David Jeremiah at his approach to unleashing the power of a passionate life. We of all people should be passionate about our calling, our purpose, and our power as Christians indwelt by God's Holy Spirit. But many of us go through our Christian life as though we were passion impaired. It's not too late to change that!

**Starting May 16
The Life and Works of C. S. Lewis - Led by Bill McClain**

C. S. Lewis is one of the most quoted Christian writers. Writers of all Christian denominations quote from this British author and university professor whose writings comprise over 50 books, numerous essays, and hundreds of letters. Lewis was an apologist for the Christian faith to those outside the faith and was also a reliable guide to Christians in living the Christian life and in finding answers to their questions. In this class, we will give an overview of his life and work but also dig more deeply into what he wrote about such issues as God's sovereignty and human responsibility, the ebb and flow of faith, miracles, and prayer.

**Continuing the whole month
Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman -Led by Kathy Farrell**

"Once upon a time in the days of the great and glorious Xerxes, king of the vast Persian empire..." Sound like a folk tale? Think again. This is God's story, written by an unknown Persian Jew and inspired by the Holy Spirit. This is the story of God's providence at work in the lives of His people, particularly in the life of one young woman named Esther who came to the kingdom "for such a time as this."

In this Bible study for women, we will join Beth Moore in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you.

Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. Beth peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to us - a story which will aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.

This DVD course will include eleven group sessions and weekly homework. Get ready to study the only book of the Bible that never mentions the name of God, and yet has God's hand written all over it!

Bible Fellowship Group-Led by Nick and Marilyn Furcola

This is an open forum type discussion group covering a wide variety of topics from the Bible as a whole. Come with questions or items for discussion or simply interact with the topics and scripture presented. It will be possible to make up the class as we go along. The only material which will be used will be God's Word, the Bible, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Ten Basic Steps Toward Christian Maturity-Led by Lynette Onitiri

Based on a study guide by Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, we will discuss these basic steps starting with the uniqueness of Jesus and then proceeding from there. This study will be ongoing and slow paced with plenty of time for questions and answers. It is ideal for the new Christian as well as the seasoned Christian. The class is open to anyone with a desire to start at the beginning or to review the basics.

PRAYER:

Do you have easy access to e-mail? Did you know that OEPC has e-mail prayer requests? If you would like to receive prayer requests from others and/or have prayer requests that you would like sent to the members on the e-mail prayer list, just send an e-mail to: denisemcauley@verizon.net. Our e-mail list of prayer warriors is about 160+ people from our church family. When sending a prayer request, please indicate that you would like it sent to the prayer warriors.

BELOW IS THE OEPC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR THIS SEASON

All games are at 6:30 PM

For more information go to our Website: www.orelandpres.org/softball.php

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Field</u>
5/3/2010	Cheltenham United	Bysher
5/10/2010	New Life Kings	Bysher
5/17/2010	Calvary PCA	Bysher
5/20/2010	Faith Community	Mondauk Park Field #1
5/25/2010	Jarrettown	Mondauk Park Field #2
6/3/10 (Rain Date)	COD Angels	Mondauk Park Field #1
6/4/2010	Calvary PCA	Mondauk Park Field #1
6/7/2010	COD Saints	Mondauk Park Field #1
6/14/2010	Cheltenham Baptist	Bysher
6/21/2010	Jarrettown	Bysher
6/25/2010	Calvary AOG	SPS Technologies
6/28/2010	Davisville	Bysher

FOOD CUPBOARD

As the Lord has given to us, let us continue to give to others! The Discipleship Ministry Team collects food items on the first Sunday of each month for the Glenside New Life Presbyterian Church food cupboard. Please put your donations on the table in the Narthex. Canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken, etc.), baby foods/formula, peanut butter and boxed goods (pasta, cereal, rice, etc.) are especially appreciated. **Special Need: Crackers and canned fruit.** Also appreciated are paper grocery bags. The food cupboard serves approximately 60 families per week.

The food bank is open 3 times during each week (except holiday weeks):

Monday night (7:00-7:30PM) for church members only. Our congregation members and Nursery School families are invited to attend at this time and will be allowed to take 2 bags of food.

Tuesday night - non-members meet at the New Life Glenside Church, 6:00PM for dinner, which is provided by Small Group members in the church. After dinner, about 6:30, attendees move downstairs to the food bank area for a time of sharing and prayer and then are invited to take 1 bag of food from the bank. Access is granted by number, which attendees pick up as they enter. It is not necessary that attendees attend the dinner but getting there after dinner means you get into the food bank after the ones who attend the dinner.

Thursday afternoon (2:00-3:00PM) non-member sr. adults (usually 65 and older but not enforced). 1 bag of food allowed.

CHURCH FAMILY

PRAY FOR: Ed & Katrina Borzelleca and families, Bobbi Corson, Grace Engler, Barbara Fleming, Charlie Halsted, David Hines, Glenn Maurer, Alice McNally, Hal Miller, Jane Schaller, Frank Sessa, Levi Tanksley, Betty Thompson, Galen Townley, Rose Turner, Ruth and Jack Weber

Stewardship Corner – April 25, 2010

Financial Statements for the period ending 4/01/10

Church Income	77,973	Church Expense	80,329	Net Loss	(2,356)
Preschool Income	17,805	Preschool Expense	15,717	Net Income	2,088
Total Income	95,778	Total Expense	96,101	Net Loss	(323)

Year to Date Financial Statements through period ending 4/01/10

Church Income	233,285	Church Expense	210,004	Net Income	23,281
Preschool Income	60,118	Preschool Expense	42,820	Net Income	17,298
Total Income	293,403	Total Expense	252,880	Net Income	40,524

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP -MAY 18TH-12 NOON-

**To conclude our winter-spring season,
a great Luncheon will be served followed by a**

SING-A-LONG!!

**led by our own talented musicians
AL MYERS AND BETH JENKINS.**

Come and enjoy a super program!!

VBS NEWS

VBS will be held July 19-23 this year, from 8:45 to 12 Noon each day. This year's Bible theme is John 3:16, and the overall theme is "Son Quest Rainforest". This ministry requires many, many servants. Please prayerfully consider serving. To offer to serve please contact Denise McAuley at 215-233-4521 or denisemcauley@verizon.net, or go to vbs.orelandpres.org to register to serve. Please make that commitment today! Thank you. If you would like a preview of the program, you can go to: www.gospellightvbs.com and choose "Son Quest Rainforest".

THE VBS 2010 WEBSITE IS READY AND WAITING TO TAKE YOUR ON-LINE CHILDREN AND SERVANT REGISTRATIONS! SonQuest Rainforest will be held July 19th-23rd. Please register at: <http://vbs.orelandpres.org>

URGENT!!! URGENT!!! URGENT!!! VBS registrations are coming in. As of April 20th, there are 95 children registered! and that number will continue to climb. I still need commitments for TEACHERS. I need 4 more servants to make the commitment to this ministry to teach these wonderful children. We will have seven classrooms this year. I still need commitments for 2 teachers for a 3rd Grade classroom; one teacher for a Kindergarten classroom; and one teacher for a 1st/2nd Grade classroom. I also need servants as classroom helpers, crafts helpers, nursery helpers, rec and kitchen helpers. You can offer to serve by calling Denise McAuley (215-233-4521), e-mailing Denise McAuley (denisemcauley@verizon.net), or registering on the VBS website (<http://VBS.orelandpres.org>) under Register to serve. Time is running out! **PLEASE make that commitment today.** Thank you."

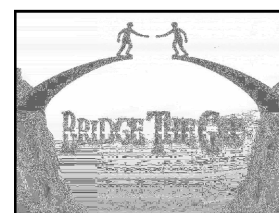
Supplies Needed

Trees, Trees, Trees, and more Trees. What would a Rainforest be like without trees. Our Rainforest is in need of acres and acres of trees. If you can either lend or donate your artificial or real trees, we would greatly appreciate your offer. We will even pick them up at your location and, if they are being lent, return them to you after VBS. Please call or e-mail Denise McAuley (215-233-4521, denisemcauley@verizon.net). Thank you!!!

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be taking blood donations on

Monday May 10th between 1:30 and 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

A Deacon will be contacting you by phone and there will be opportunities for you to sign up after the 8:30 and 11:00 services April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th. Our hospitals are in need of over 2,000 blood products a day. Please don't wait till an emergency to donate blood. We look forward to seeing all of you who are able and willing to donate on May 10th. Ask your friends and family members to donate, too. Thank you
Adele Larkin 215-527-1557



Have you heard about Bridge the Gap?

Bridge the Gap is a new event to promote fellowship among all the members of OEPC. It is especially aimed at bringing together the members who attend different services. This provides an opportunity for our church family to get to know one another and support each other besides the quick 15 minutes after services or Sunday school. The next event will take place on May 2, 2010 – the first Sunday of the month.

- We will hold **one service** on that Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 8:45 to 9:45, worship service from 10:00 to 11:00.
- A "bring a dish" luncheon will follow at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Those attending should bring a main dish if your name starts with A - I, a salad if your name starts with R to Z, or dessert if your name starts with J-Q.
- All ages are invited to attend the lunch – children are encouraged to come!

We have had two very enjoyable luncheons now – it has been a blessing to have time to connect to other members in meaningful conversation. There will be no program presented this time – just time for eating and visiting! Come and see what good cooks we have at OEPC and help us "bridge the gap" between the services! Looking forward to seeing all of you on **May 2, 2010!**

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO JOINED OEPC IN APRIL

SHANNON BARRY

Oreland, PA 19075

REBECCA & SCOTT JANNEY

Son, David

East Norriton, PA 19403

STANLEY & VIRGINIA BRAXTON

Wyndmoor, PA 19038

LUIS & SUSAN BURGOS

Phila., PA 19128

RICHARD & GLORIA PALMER

Oreland, PA 19075

SCOTT & SUE CRANE

Schwenksville, PA 19473

JAMES SCHUBAUER

Phila., PA 19115



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**SUNDAY HELPERS
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<u>MAY 2</u>	<u>MAY 9</u>	<u>MAY 16</u>
<p>CHURCH OPENER Rich Maienshein CHURCH CLOSER Andy McAuley, Jr.</p> <p>USHERS 10:00 AM Al & Pat Travis, Barbara Fleming, Bob & Caroline Cox</p> <p>TRUSTEES Tim Metz, Rich Maienshein, Rob Raggi</p> <p>ELDER READING 10:00 AM-Fran Raggi</p> <p>CHILDCARE: 8:30 AM- 10:00 AM-Ginny Reynolds, Marla Griffith, Makenna Lukens</p> <p>JUNIOR CHURCH Melinda Williamson, Kevin Bunkin</p> <p>GREETERS: <u>Church Road</u> 8:30 AM-</p> <p><u>Paper Mill Road</u> 8:30 AM-</p> <p><u>Church Road</u> 10:00 AM-Connie McClay</p> <p><u>Paper Mill Road</u> 10:00 AM-Ron & Carol Pfister</p> <p><u>Paper Mill Road</u> 7 PM-Kathy Trinkle <u>Church Road</u> 7 PM-Sara Trinkle</p> <p>BUS DRIVER: Andy McAuley</p>	<p>CHURCH OPENER Rick Stover</p> <p>USHERS 8:30 AM Norma & Wendy Hawk, George Hemphill, Kathy Misner 11:00 AM Andy McAuley, Jr., Bob Schulz, Denise McAuley</p> <p>TRUSTEES: Craig Reif, Peggi Strouse, Dale Nemece</p> <p>ELDER READING 8:30 AM-Paul Allen 11:00 AM-Les Brown</p> <p>CHILDCARE: 8:30 AM-Mellissa Bunkin, Carol Esterhai, Christine Fariss 11:00 AM</p> <p>JUNIOR CHURCH Susan Frey, Casey Conway</p> <p>GREETERS: <u>Church Road</u> 8:30 AM-Fran Kulp</p> <p><u>Paper Mill Road</u> 8:30 AM-Anne & Larry Godley</p> <p><u>Church Road</u> 11:00 AM-Kim Gunn</p> <p><u>Paper Mill Road</u> 11:00 AM-Barb & Mike Creveling</p> <p>BUS DRIVER Andy McAuley, Jr.</p>	<p>CHURCH OPENER Al Myers CHURCH CLOSER: Les Puckey</p> <p>USHERS 8:30 AM Tim Metz, Ron Pfister, Edgar Keene, Jim Goebel 11:00 AM Denise McAuley, Dave & Jean Hoerr, Craig Reif</p> <p>TRUSTEES Les Puckey, Carol Esterhai, Chris Baldini</p> <p>ELDER READING 8:30 AM-Larry Godley 11:00 AM-John Esterhai</p> <p>CHILDCARE: 8:30 AM-Norm & Lena Bitter- man, Emily Seydel 11:00 AM-Carol Esterhai, Lynette Onitiri</p> <p>JUNIOR CHURCH Adele Larkin, Nicole Baldini</p> <p>GREETERS: <u>Church Road</u> 8:30 AM-Janice Kulp <u>Paper Mill Road</u> 8:30 AM-Glenn & Melissa Seydel</p> <p><u>Church Road</u> 11 AM-Ginny Lavin <u>Paper Mill Road</u> 11 AM-Pat & Al Travis</p> <p>7 PM-Paper Mill Road Craig & Judy Reif 7 PM-Church Road Pat Davis</p> <p>BUS DRIVERS Craig Reif, Paul Fariss</p>

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<u>MAY 23</u>	<u>MAY 30</u>	<u>DEACONS SERVING</u>
<p>CHURCH OPENER Mark Piranian</p> <p>USHERS 8:30 AM Gerry & Karen Corkery, Don & Joan Romano 11:00 AM Kit & Stephan White, Denise & AJ McAuley</p> <p>TRUSTEES Don Romano, Chris Baldini, Norma Hawk</p> <p>ELDER READING 8:30 AM-John Craymer 11:00 AM-George Major, Jr.</p> <p>CHILDCARE: 8:30 AM-Anne Silks, Pauline Keene 11:00 AM-Marie Kiessling, Ginny Reynolds</p> <p>JUNIOR CHURCH Lee Ann & Danielle Dahme</p> <p>GREETERS: <u>Church Road</u> 8:30 AM-BJ Harrison</p> <p><u>Paper Mill Road</u> 8:30 AM-John & Carol Esterhai</p> <p><u>Church Road</u> 11 AM-Cindy VanHorn <u>Paper Mill Road</u> 11 AM-Ann & Bill Bray</p> <p>BUS DRIVERS- Dick Dunlap, Gregg Lodes</p>	<p>CHURCH OPENER Al Myers CHURCH CLOSER Jim Wade</p> <p>USHERS 8:30 AM Les Puckey, Al & Marla Grif- fith, John Esterhai 11:00 AM- Al & Pat Travis, Barbara Fleming, Bob & Caroline Cox</p> <p>TRUSTEES Kathy James, Ron Pfister, Jim Wade</p> <p>ELDER READING 8:30 AM-Bert Saddler 11:00 AM-Doug Lieberman</p> <p>CHILDCARE: 8:30 AM- 11:00 AM-Nicole Baldini, Pauline Keene</p> <p>JUNIOR CHURCH Susan Frey & Casey Conway</p> <p>GREETERS: <u>Church Road</u> 8:30 AM-Cathy Trinkle <u>Paper Mill Road</u> 8:30 AM-Paul & June Fariss</p> <p><u>Church Road</u> 11:00 AM-Lynette Onitiri <u>Paper Mill Road</u> 11:00 AM-Les & Connie Brown</p> <p>7 PM-Paper Mill Road Margaret & Stephen Shackelford 7 PM-Church Road Cynthia Clydesdale</p> <p>BUS DRIVERS Kathy Farrell, Jessica Raggi</p>	<p align="center">IN MAY</p> <p align="center">PASTOR BACKUP</p> <p>Barb Metz, Andy McAuley</p> <p align="center">FLOWER DELIVERY</p> <p>Barb Metz, Andy McAuley</p> <p align="center">AMBASSADORS</p> <p align="center">MAY 2</p> <p>Betty Dailey</p> <p align="center">MAY 9</p> <p>Janet Ciottoni</p> <p align="center">MAY 16</p> <p>Janet Ciottoni</p> <p align="center">MAY 23</p> <p>Tom Frearson</p> <p align="center">MAY 30</p> <p>Tom Frearson</p>

Notes from our Missionaries

Update from Mac & Rhoda Bradshaw in Manila -April 3, 2010

Here it is Easter already! We are always glad to be in Manila during Holy Week. The city practically comes to a standstill. The Metro shuts down for two days, shops and cinemas close. Many leave for their homes in the countryside to visit family. And as this is Black Saturday we have the Easter Vigil to celebrate with our Renewed Catholic friends tonight and services in our own church tomorrow morning. A double blessing!

Rhoda and I are coming to the end of one of the most exciting adventure-filled years in our 52 years as missionaries. We anticipate that our "furlough" will be from May 5 til August 5 when we will return for the next round of fruitful ministry.

We have stories to tell of many amazing things the Lord has allowed us to be a part of over the past year. Our health and vigor has been such that we can witness how valued age and experience can be in this Asian setting. We have been given the privilege to stay on and support ministries we have helped to start thirty years ago as they reinvent themselves for a new era of creative mission.

Some will remember my bout with prostate cancer 15 years ago. My story attracts attention here because I am a survivor who followed an alternative route to healing. Rhoda became so involved in my healing that she pursued studies in natural health. At the age of 74 she received an ND degree. She is using her training to help direct people here to a more healthful life style. On top of this she has been to Uganda twice to participate with a Philippine based mission group to train Ugandans in ministering to emotionally scarred children and adults coping with HIV/AIDs.

Now comes the surprise! My cancer has broken out again in the form of an aggressive skin cancer. On our return to New York next month we will pursue the identification of this growth. For now have gone back to the clinic and treatment that helped me so much 15 years ago. We fully expect to come back for a new term of serving God in this beautiful land. I can keep working and so can Rhoda. Please join us in prayer for my complete healing. Pray that nothing will prevent us from fulfilling our calling. We both confess with Paul: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

April 12, 2010

Good news regarding Mac's tumor. Though a rare type and usually malignant this one is benign. Three pathologists agree! We are incredibly thankful to our gracious Lord, the Risen Lord!

Update from JoEllen Reynolds-March 2010

OEPC is contributing towards support for JoEllen Reynolds, serving with [Youth With a Mission](#) . Cards of encouragement should be sent "airmail" to JoEllen Reynolds:

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Notes from our Missionaries

April 17, 2010 (from JoEllen's internet Blog)

I am now on the Hawaiian Island of Kaua'i, which is one of the most western of the islands. Our team has moved into housing next to the YWAM base team in the village of Anahola, Kaua'i. We have been excited about coming along side them and supporting their vision to bless the community and start training schools. They are a group of young adults starting a base that will focus on sending mercy support to areas where injustice is happening. The three properties is now a blend of families and with middle aged folks, and young adults all mixed together. It is surely representing Christian community in a much fuller fashion. It is a miracle that we found 3 different rental properties all adjoining, each willing to rent to us at the right time. Reaching out to the community we are finding miraculous open doors of favor with those well grounded in the village. We met with a local Auntie (elder) in the area who welcomed her into her home and gave us the best advice and wisdom on entering into this culture. She offered us some provisions right away to reach out the youth, and we all got really excited. I am finding that the compassion and the burden that the older people carry for the youth is so inspiring. So is the hospitality and generosity! We have been given so much food by the Hawaiian people, it humbles me. I continually thank God for giving me favor and providing above and beyond what I need, so I can share. We are blessed to have this opening to live on the border of Hawaiian homeland territory, where only native Hawaiians can live. This is a miracle for us non-Hawaiians, so we are excited to see how God will open door to relate with the native people along with the many tourists who are spiritually searching. Kaua'i is known for natural beauty. It is like a postcard filled with natural beauty. But we are finding some adjustments. It is much colder physically than Kona we are and less prepared clothing wise. Burr...we are cold sometimes, and are learning how to adjust to countless chickens and roosters that wake up at all hours of the night. We also encountered some limited housing space because the construction was not done when we arrived. So I am in one room with Deb/Ralph 3 year old Lukas and 14 month old Lily with a sheet between us. It is snug. Dave and Jess who is pregnant are on an air mattress in a little room with their one year old (Emma) and Gabriel in a garage/room. Furthermore, we find the climate to be filled with New Age mysticism, and various cultist practices. It has strong ties with Buddhism and Hinduism and holds the largest crystal in the world. My first day here, I met a lady gathering flowers for a Hindu altar in our neighborhood and practicing occultist religions. We find many people from the mainland often come on a spiritual journey seeking and searching. Our neighborhood has extreme drug abuse with Crystal Methamphetamine "ice". The local Christians told me that they lose one teenager a month to suicide. This is closely related to this use of "ice" a powerful drug that develops a cycle of depression and getting high. Suicide is the leading cause of injury related death in Hawaii. Over the past several decades the church has come and gone for physical and spiritual reasons. We recognize that the youth have beautiful personalities, but live without hope for broader opportunities. The educational system is eye-opening for me as an educator. They do not have state funds to pay teachers, so the children in public school do not have school on Friday. This is shocking and creates a wealth of problems. This is for all children from elementary to high school, which means children watch children opening a door for more drug usage. We see it as an opportunity for the church to rise up and reach out! We are looking with spiritual eyes, so we are excited armed with joy to see God's original design for this lovely place which we believe is to be a place of prayer. I continue to marvel at God's calling and the privilege of being able to carry hope to others. I am convinced that no one understands me or loves me more than Jesus and I feel honored to carry his love in my daily practices to those I meet along the way.

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Notes from our Missionaries (continued)

UPDATES/PRAYER REQUESTS FROM Tedd Lodes April 21, 2010 (excerpt from the Lodes' internet Blog)

We finished Lesson 5 today and we still have an average of 12 students per class!! This village is out in the "campo" (the countryside - a.k.a. "the boonies"). There was a prophesy in the church a couple years ago that gringos would come visit them one day, and they said they thought that it would never happen because they live out in the middle of nowhere, but apparently...um...we're it (the day my brother came with us and shared a devotional). You mean us kids, Lord?

Perhaps they take the class more seriously because of the prophesy, we don't know. We also get the impression that it must be one of the most exciting things going on out there right now (they're really isolated and it's a break from the mundane - some sort of activity for them to be a part of), but we're thrilled to know that the majority are eager to read the Bible!

UPDATES/PRAYER REQUESTS FROM Allyn and Diane Huntzinger April 2010

Recently 181 devotional thoughts from the very popular "Our Daily Bread" produced by Radio Bible Class have been translated into Farsi and put in a booklet. In addition, a Farsi website <http://www.naneroozane.org/> has some of these devotionals. 300 copies of the Persian "Our Daily Bread" have already been sold in the USA, and 1000 more have been ordered. Allyn received thank you notes from Persian leaders in France, Canada and different cities in the USA. Allyn and Diane were invited to a friend's home in the Philadelphia area on Easter Sunday at 2PM to have dinner with an Iranian couple, Ali and Farnaz. Farnaz has accepted Christ, reads her Bible, and is growing spiritually in spite of many problems. Ali, her husband, is open to the gospel, but family and other problems as well as secular pressures have kept him from true faith. PRAY FOR GOOD SPIRITUAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ALI AND THAT HE WILL COME TO PERSONALLY KNOW THE RISEN CHRIST.

Allyn has been burdened by the Lord to help promote the publishing of Persian children's material and its distribution worldwide. Please continue to pray for the salvation of Persian children. On March 20 Allyn met with one of the publishers of children's materials and gave that organization the CD with 11 Persian teacher books containing 44 lessons from the life of Christ. PowerPoint pictures will be provided free by this organization by the end of April, so that the lessons and visual pictures can be placed on one CD. Then these CDs can be sent inside Iran, be recopied there and be used by hidden house churches to teach parents how to teach their children to know about Jesus Christ, and personally accept him as their Saviour.

The second children's organization has released pictures for their Bible lessons. Now there are 9 Persian teacher books containing 48 Bible lessons with pictures which can be placed on one CD and distributed in Iran. Also, there are now 13 different children's devotional books in Persian. Each book has devotions for 60 days. An Iranian believer puts 7 of these devotionals a week on a Persian web site. Already there have been 40 to 80 "hits" a day and 7000 views in just a few months.