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Mission Highlight

Good morning fellow workers in the LORD! I would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you to the area of global workers for Christ. What I am referring to is often called "Missions". Global workers like you and me are bondservants of Christ and Ambassadors of the Gospel encompassed in this mortal flesh. While in this flesh we are all tasked with delivering the Gospel to others both near and far. Part of this task is to pray for doors to be open for the opportunity for the gospel to reach those in more closed areas and with more closed hearts. This is not a job for a few strong men and women but is task for all of us wherever we are planted and wherever God directs our lives. If it is living in Africa, so be it. If it is Dresser Junction, great. We are all called as Christians to share Christ with those God puts in our path. How this looks is as different for each as there are believers on the earth. Just like each member of the body is different from the other. We are all part of one body, but each member has a different function. The Main thing is Christ. Proclaiming Him is central to all we think, say, and do. To Him belongs all the Glory. He will not give it to another. When we delight in Him He is glorified. When we can help others delight in Him He is all the more glorified. As His bondservants we are bought with a very high price, we are not our own. So, glorify God in your body. Whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all for the glory of God.

Many of you are aware of the 10/40 Window. That narrow area in Africa and Asia that is said to have the least amount of resources and the least access to the Gospel. In much of this area Christians are openly persecuted for sharing about Jesus and their faith in Him. By God's own power we have seen many roads develop into this area. Now we are hearing of yet another people group with opportunity to share the Gospel and by God's grace, make a significant impact. This is a generational window some have called the 4/14 Window. It is the time in our development between the ages of 4 and 14 when we are reportedly most open and receptive to the gospel. According to researcher George Barna (the Barna research group),

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50 percent of a Child's belief system is established before the age of six and by 13 years of age 90% have their long-term belief system established. Other sources concur that, at least in the US, 85% of the people who choose to follow Christ do so between the ages of 4 and 14. This large mission field is often overlooked. Here in the US it is not hard to see the impact of this type of great omission after 40 years.

How can this be changed? Who will invest in the least of these? Jesus loves every one of these little children. He wants all of them to call on Him. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? We have sermons and Bible studies and children's ministries. We have groups like "Child Evangelism Fellowship" and "In the Gap" going into local areas and schools through the proverbial gates of hell to teach about Jesus. We have parents taking seriously their God given responsibility to train up their child at home in the way that they should go. All of these are part of global work for the body of Christ.

What about those who don't yet have the opportunity? Places near and far where God has made the field ripe for the harvest? Is there a place where God is calling you to work more or differently in His field? As you think of these places of opportunity where is God calling you to invest your talents?



If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months we are glad you are joining with us! If you would like to learn more about New Life be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. In addition, you're invited to join us for our meal after service. We would love to meet you and get to know and for you to get to know us more.

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This Week's Schedule of Events

Mon Prayer Night @ the Barton's-6:30 pm
Tues Men's Bible Study— 6:30 am
Wed Every Man's Battle— 6:00 am
Wed Immerse— 6:15-7:30
Thurs Men's Bible Study— 6:30 am
Thurs Ladies Bible Study— 10:00 am
Thurs Ladies Bible Study— Noon
Thurs Ladies Study— 6:30 pm
Thurs GriefShare— 6:30 pm
(Adults & Youth meet separately)

Meal Teams

3/12 Meal Team 6 (casseroles)
3/19 Meal Team 7 (sloppy joes)

Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in joining a meal team.

Fellowship Tip for March

Have you begun a prayer/discipleship relationship with someone from New Life? If not, prayerfully consider whom you can be regularly meeting with for the purpose of growth and sharpening as disciples of Jesus.

March Memory Verse

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

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Announcements

Men's Retreat: Men, registration forms and pamphlets are here for the St. Croix Valley Men's Retreat taking place Friday April 14th and Saturday April 15th. The location is Oak Forest Retreat Center in Frederic, WI. The first session on Friday begins at 7pm and the retreat ends Saturday around 5pm. Fathers are encouraged to bring their sons! You can also register online, just follow the web address on the registration form. Any questions just talk to pastor Paul.

Potluck Sunday: There is no meal team today so please consider helping to serve the food dishes and or clean-up the kitchen and tables afterward. Thank you!

Join New Life Abolitionists! Ephesians 5:11, "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." We will be ministering to the orphans abandoned to death at the Robbinsdale PA abortuary the second Saturday of March the 11th from 7-11am. Robbinsdale Clinic P.A., 3819 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55422

New Life Connect "...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

New Life Christian Community has a secure online community designed to engage the body of Christ in between Sundays. If you would like to be part of this online community, please send an email (see emails to the left) to one of the pastors. They would be glad to set you up with an account. All you need is an active email address.



Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be teaching from the book of Acts. Our passage for today is Acts 28:1-10.

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