

A NEWSLETTER TO INFORM OF THE WORK OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES

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MPC Hosts Mission Fair Sunday, October 2nd

MPC will host its 14th annual mission fair on Sunday, October 2nd from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM. We have invited 28 exhibitors to come and represent God's work in their lives. The missions invited are helping nearly every continent in the world.

You will be able to meet and talk with representatives of many vital ministries and hear about how these organizations and missionaries are serving our local and global communities. Learn how you can become involved in changing someone's life for the better and helping to spread God's word.

The Mission Team wishes to assure you that the Mission Fair is designed to be an opportunity for you to ask questions and be provided with information. It is not intended to be a time for the solicitation of donations. Some

presenters may be offering items for purchase, but please do not feel that you are expected to make any purchase at the Mission Fair.



Mission Spotlight Sol's Soles4Souls

Sol Buxton started collecting a pair of "kindly used" or new shoes for each day between his 9th and 10th birthday in order to put a good pair of shoes onto the feet of 365 people who would otherwise be barefoot. This young man is working in cooperation with an organization named Soles4Souls, a Nashville based charity that collects shoes from footwear companies and individuals to give to those in need anywhere in the world.

We are thrilled to announce he has already met his goal and is working on

another 365 pairs of shoes! We can continue to assist Sol in his effort by bringing pairs of shoes to church for his collection. There will be a box in the Missions Room, just off the Narthex, where they can be deposited throughout the year until his birthday next summer. Sol will pick them up every Sunday.

Sol gave an interview about this experience in a feature article on the Soles4Souls website. If you want to read that interview and encourage him with your own words on his blog, visit his follow this link: <http://blog.soles4souls.org/2011/06/campaigns-to-watch-sols-for-soles4souls/>.

May God bless Sol through this important project!



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Making a Difference

Janet Loughry Plans Mission Trip to Albania

In October 2011, Associate Pastor Janet Loughry will accompany others from the Santa Barbara Presbytery to travel to Albania where the new Emanuel Presbyterian Church is being started up. This new church will be a member of our Santa Barbara Presbytery. The team will teach the new pastors and staff what is needed to become a Bible-teaching, God-loving church family. Each member of the team is paying his/her own way as the Santa Barbara Presbytery cannot afford to pay for their travel and time. As Pastor Dave said, "We can get her there, now we just need to bring her home." If it's in your heart to assist in Janet's mission trip, please drop a check or cash in one of the "special purpose" envelopes provided in the pews into the offering. Enter "Albania" on the note line of your check. We need Janet here at MPC, so we thank you in advance for helping to bring her home.

Register for the Arrow-Dark-to- Dawn Orphan Care Summit on Oct 15

At the Corner Community Church in Simi Valley from 8AM to noon you will be inspired by speakers who will share God's word and heart for children who are orphaned or in foster care. You can connect with others who share a passion for orphan/foster care and international adoption ministry. Please come and embark on an amazing journey of compassion and service. Continuing education credit is available for current foster parents. Childcare is provided but space is limited so please register as soon as possible. For details on breakout sessions, childcare and registration, go to <http://www.arrow.org/orphansummit>

Thank you MPC! We collected over 70 bottles for Sarah's House during the 2011 Baby Bottle Campaign

Mission Fair 2011 Invited Exhibitors

1. African Teen
2. Barraka Foundation
3. Boy Scouts of America
4. Catholic Charities: Moorpark Food Pantry Plus
5. Dark to Dawn
6. Disabled American Veterans
7. Emmanuel Presbyterian
8. Get on the Bus
9. God's Hidden Treasures
10. Habitat for Humanity
11. Heifer International
12. Kairos Prison Ministry
13. Lifewater International
14. Lighthouse Women and Children's Mission
15. Lord's Table
16. LOVE
17. Mary Magdalene Project
18. Mission Without Borders
19. Military Family Support Group
20. MPC escrip
21. Operation Christmas Child
22. Sarah's House
23. Senior Concerns
24. Sol's Soles for Souls
25. United Blood Services
26. Ventura County Rescue Mission
27. Village to Village Philippines
28. Wycliffe Bible Translators - Steve and Kathryn Christensen

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:24-25**



INTERNATIONAL MISSION NOTES

Wycliffe Missionaries Bible Translation: Christensen Family

Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Steve Christensen is currently working on the Arop-Lokep translation of the Bible back into English. According to Wikipedia, this Oceanic language is spoken by about 3,000 people (as of the year 2000) on four islands in the Siassi chain in the Vitiaz Strait in Papua New Guinea.

Sounds simple, right? Just work with some local people and translate the entire Bible into a new language; that's what Wycliffe does. But this summer, Steve sent us a letter that clarified just how hard his work really is.

In English document translation, there are crucial steps: the first is translation of the document from English to the new native language. Next, the new native translation is translated back into a new English document by someone other than the person who did the original translation. This second step is called a "back translation". This "back translation" identifies where you have translation issues in native language translation. The translator compares the two English documents and if the meaning has changed, then the native translation has to be corrected. The last step is correction of the original document. The process of translation continues until the "back translation" has the same meaning as the original document. Steve sent us some examples that demonstrate the importance of the "back translation".

The first example comes from Matthew 2:16 (KJV)

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired

of the wise men."

Steve shared with us the back translation of Matthew 2:16 into the language of Arop-Loken:

"Erot put his skin [=waited] and not any person appeared to him and spoke to him. So his insides put [=he determined] like this, that those people whose insides get work [=think] about stars, they certainly deceived him so his chest was angry."

As you can see, this is really difficult work. Several translations and back translations are required to ensure he has the word of God translated correctly. So how can you help? Steve asked for four things in his letter to help him with his work and they are all about prayer. Please pray that:

1. Steve is given the wisdom to work on the translator notes that will aide them in translation
2. Steve will do a good preliminary check on the translation and that the checking in PNG goes well
3. God raises up the new financial and prayer partners for him.
4. We all, together, continue growing in the Lord.

Please add these thoughts to your prayer and watch God work. Praise the Lord for Steve's patience and persistence!

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come. [Matthew 24:14](#)

Charstar: Ryon's Writings

Leicester, England

The prayer to the Lord you offered on behalf of Paul and Alice Ryon has paid off. They are back in Leichester after a lengthy process getting their visas issued. They received them on August 1st just in time to pack and make their August 17th flight back to their work. An additional praise they wanted to share is that Paul's glucose level has gone down and Paul's mother Ellamae has found the right care giver to assist her twice a week. Prayer requests from the Ryon Family include:

- Adjustment to the surroundings and weather
- Finding new friendship and re-cultivating old ones

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) just celebrated 50 years serving in the CONGO! It all began in In 1961 when a rebellion forced Belgium to relinquish governmental control and many colonists evacuated the country including many doctors. Only 200 doctors were left in the country by the end of 1961. MAF partnered with Grace Ministries International partnered to reestablish medical and educational support to remote areas of the DRC. Fifty years later, these mission workers praise God that they are able to have 40,000 students in schools and of those students, 15,000 have professed Christ. AMEN!

How Can I Get Involved?

Start with Prayer, Then Get Busy

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. **Isaiah 58:10:**

Please keep the following projects on your calendars for the fall and winter months?

During your next shopping trip, please consider gathering one of the following, which are Catholic Charity Urgent Needs:

- Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- Jell-O
- Sugar
- Cooking Oil
- Fruit Cocktail
- Mayonnaise
- Salt
- Canned Corn Whole Kernel
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Rice
- Baby Food
- Diapers

Please bring any food items ready for donation and leave in the Missions Outreach.

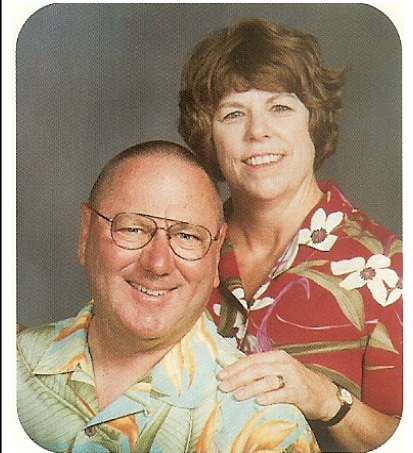
Thank you and God Bless!

Operation Christmas Child Mission: To demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This year, the Mission Outreach team has set a goal to provide 150 shoeboxes to help support this global demonstration of God's love. This year's drive begins October 2nd during the mission fair where the boxes will be available for pick up. Please plan to return the boxes to MPC at the November 6th or November 13th services.

Our Partner now in Heaven:

On August 23rd, heaven received a new and glorious member of our Mission Team: Francie Taylor. We are so sad to have lost such a wonderful woman. We ask that you continue to pray for grace and comfort for Jay and his family as they learn to live life without their glorious Francie.



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Mission Outreach Team

Mission Statement

The Mission Outreach Ministry Commission of the Moorpark Presbyterian Church has as its purpose the fulfillment of the Great Commission of Christ. The ministry team works to proclaim the Gospel, to educate and encourage the congregation in missions, to make disciples, and to respond to the spiritual and physical needs of human kind, both in our local community and throughout the world.

Christ's Great Commission:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 38:19-20