



CSC–New Orleans, LA Mission Trip Update

Dan called in this morning to say he wouldn't have internet access to send his article for the newsletter and he wanted me to share some things with you for him, so here we go: There are a total of fifteen people from Purdue and the CSC on this trip. They left Saturday morning and spent the night in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on Saturday night. The group arrived in New Orleans Sunday night and worshipped with the Hickory Knolls Church of Christ.

The group will be getting up at 6:30 am and will be working from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm each day, Monday through Friday. Right now, the group is still doing demolition, consisting of removing water damaged dry wall, door facings and removing flooring – they are not sure if or when their tasks will change. One of the most depressing things Dan mentioned was that many of the homes had still not been touched since the group was there a year ago. Here it is eighteen months later and much of the area hasn't changed at all!

I've been here long enough that most of you know I do everything I can to keep the costs of our trips as reasonable as possible so that everyone who wants to go is able. On this trip, I have to tip my hat to Dan...he worked things out so that the trip is basically costing the participants nothing! Our college students and Dan have joined up with a group (about one half in each group) of students from the Agricultural Assistance Management Department at Purdue. With that connection, the group has been funded (vans, gas, hotel, etc.) by a Service Learning Grant. Of course, with the description of the work above, you can tell this is not a leisure trip—I think the laborers deserve the support.

The group plans to return on Saturday. Dan and the others solicit our prayers for their efforts and their safe travel home. – Lee

*Our vision:
Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

Why SHAPE?

In his letter to the church at Corinth Paul compared the church to a body. He wrote, *"Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an ear where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be"*

(1 Corinthians 12:14-20).

This is the purpose of SHAPE, to find out which body part each of us is. The 12th chapter of I Corinthians begins by talking about spiritual gifts, which, in the church, are the equivalent to the parts of the body. The purpose of the SHAPE program is to determine which gift (body part) each of us is. In this way we can help each of us make the contribution to the church that God intended. –Rick Swensen

Women's Tea this Saturday!



Women who have signed up to attend the Tea will receive a call early this week from your hostess. She will give you directions to her house and ask you to bring a light snack or treat. Young women of all ages are invited to bring their mothers. Please call **Barb Tilley at 474-5161 or Susan Swensen at 420-0216 if you have any questions or haven't been called by mid-week.**

Men's Breakfast, this Saturday, March 17, 7:43 AM



The Men's Breakfast is this **Saturday, March 17, 7:43 AM-8:59 AM**, in A2. The food and fellowship are great. After eating and singing, we'll listen to Tom Miller give us some encouraging words.

-Kevin Walters

Focus on the Family Programs

Upcoming **Focus on the Family** programs are heard on local radio, WHPL-FM 89.9 at **2:00 PM Monday-Friday.**

- March 14* **Family Photos: A Priceless Treasure**-Representatives from Creative Memories offer tips on preserving and displaying precious family photos.
- March 15, 16* **Reconciled Marriages**-Panelists offer hope for overcoming the difficult challenges faced by separated and divorced couples who attempt marital reconciliation. (Parts 1 & 2)
- Mar. 19,20,21* **Confronting Guilt in Motherhood**-Author Julie Ann Barnhill explores how guilt in a woman's life can keep her from experiencing joy in her role as a mother. (Parts 1, 2, 3)
- March 22, 23* **Restoring Balance to Your Life**-Dr. Richard Swenson discusses the need to maintain a healthy balance in our stress-filled, fast-paced culture. (Parts 1 & 2)



It's a Girl!

Former Elmwood members, **Jana & Andrew Falwell**, are new parents! **Elizabeth Claire (Ellie)** was born February 23, and weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces. Congratulations, Falwells!



Thank you so much for your generosity and thoughtfulness. I truly appreciate you remembering us during this time and I know Dan is truly blessed by your friendships.

-Kay Cooke
for Sue Durham family



Patrick Ruhl will be performing (singing & dancing) in the Harrison High School musical, "*Thoroughly Modern Millie*," this Friday & Saturday, at 7 PM. Tickets are on sale at Harrison High School, 463-3511.

Natasha Risley will be in the Twin Lakes High School musical, "*Bye Bye Birdie*" this Friday & Saturday, March 16 & 17, at 7:30 PM.

March 11, 2007
Class: 171 Worship: 257
Contribution: \$7,068
Budget: \$8,550



Midwest LTC 2007 – Unstoppable

Most of you are ready for this, but we will be needing to provide you with regular updates between now and Easter weekend, April 6-8. It takes a large army of support staff to make the convention possible and Elmwood has been a part of the supporting staff for eight years now and that effort continues this year. Many of you know I am honored to be one of the board members and for several years, Sue McClain has served on the advisory board...she continues in that role, she just isn't at Elmwood any more. Sarah Bird is our Convention Event Coordinator for Puppets and Mariah Wise is our CEC for Live Modern Christian Drama. Over the years, Laura Barlament, Mindy Hart and Sam and Sara Postlethwait have served as the CEC for Christian Writing. For a couple years, Harry Linback worked with me on the Scholarship Committee and Sam and Sara have now joined that team. Cliff and Lauren Cunningham (Gayle and Lisa's daughter and son-in-law) are our CECs for Group Singing, but they will not be able to make the convention this year. I sent out the S.O.S. and Elmwood members answered the call again. This year, Tom and Beth Miller will be overseeing the Group Singing (Large and Small) events at the convention and we are thankful for their servant hearts, but they still need more help. If the schedule does not change, Tom and Beth will need four room coordinators from 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm and two room coordinators from 5:15 to 6:30 pm on Saturday afternoon/evening. These room coordinators would be in charge of keeping the groups on schedule and making sure the judges and spectators know the order of appearance. If you are planning to be at the convention and would be available for one or both of these time slots, or if you are willing to make the trip over just to help, please let Tom, Beth or me know as soon as possible...and thanks in advance for covering this need.

Observers

If you are not a registered/participating third through twelfth grade student, if you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, younger or older brother or sister, or even a third through twelfth grade student just coming along to support the participants, YOU ARE AN OBSERVER and you need to register as such. You may register at http://www.mwltc.org/lcreg/observer/observer_walkup.php. If you don't have a computer or are not comfortable with them, let Rose Hunt or me know and we can register you. Rose has helped register our observers for several years, now. You will be able to register at the convention, but you may have to wait.

- Lee

Can You Help with LTC?

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) will soon be here. Our youth needs your help. If you can be in Indianapolis at the Marriott East on April 6 or 7, we are in need of judges and door monitors. Our students are participating in Puppets, Drama, Large Group Singing, Small Group Singing, Bible Bowl, Scrapbooks, Bulletin Boards, and Christian Art at the convention. If you can help with any of these areas, please let Lee Porter, Rose Hunt, Barb Tilley, or Phyllis Simmerman know.

Prayer Concerns...

Sean High, 15-year-old grandson of Gene & Nancy High, in Charleston, South Carolina, has been diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. Not able to eat anything and having lost a tremendous amount of weight, he is in serious condition....**Bud Darby** is recuperating at home after having angioplasty surgery (7 stents) last Monday.... **Terry Spenard** had surgery on Thursday after suffering a broken and dislocated shoulder while at work....**Delpha Allen** is in Home Hospital, room 3301....**Dawn Barrett**, niece of Armilda Follick, will have surgery for cancer this week. It will be followed by chemo and radiation treatmentsContinue praying for **Dick Waterstraat**, **Mary Tavana**, **Sarah Watts**, **Henrietta Frampton**, **Seth Mullen**, **Willard Farmer**, **Roy & Marlene Stafford**, **Julie Lichty**, **Annie Crowder**, **Paul & Argie Verett**, **Kaden Koebcke**, **Marcia Swails**, **Lynn Robinson**, **Ruth Marks**, **Delpha Allen**, **Anna Dale**, **Minnie Scott**, **Carrie High**, **Irene Fox**, & **Burnell Gulden**.

Serving in our military: **Jeremy Crable & Michael Bryenton** (Afghanistan); **Brian Guthrie** (Qatar, Persian Gulf), **Philip Devine** will be leaving for Iraq this month; **Joshua Thompson** (grandson of Mary Lou Baugh in Iraq), **Jon Kiefner** (Amanda Guthrie's brother in Iraq); and **Amanda Martin** (South Korea:).



March 14, 6 PM...Good \$ense budget class

March 14, 7 PM...Bible Classes for all

March 17, 7:43 AM...Men's Breakfast in A2

March 17, 1:30-3:30 PM...Women's Tea

March 18, 6 PM...LIFE Group meet

April 6-8...LTC in Indianapolis at Marriott Hotel

Read:
Deuteronomy 14-30;
Acts 21:17-26:32

2007 Spiritual Adventure

Week 13: March 26–April 1

Saul of Tarsus – Prejudiced, Prominent Fanatic – Who Could Convert Him? Acts 21:17 – 26:32

Paul gives a glimpse of who he was during his defense before the Jews in Acts 22. He states, "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today. I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons, as also the high priest and all the council can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished."

Who could convert someone with this power and authority? Who would even try? Consider the following: "But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me, and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' And I answered, 'Who are you Lord?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene whom you are persecuting.' All those who were with me saw the light ..."

The answer is Jesus! Jesus is the only one who could have gotten Saul's attention. Saul was a Pharisee, highly trained in the law, with authority from the Jewish leaders to bind Christians, and zealous to the point of wanting to put an end to the Way in his service to God. Saul fully believed what he was doing was serving God. Only Jesus could show him his error. How then could Jesus do this? The only answer is that Jesus was raised from the dead – the ultimate proof that he is the Son of God. Saul's conversion in turn is strong proof that Jesus was raised from the dead. Therefore, we can take confidence in the fact that Jesus is the Son of God, seated at His right hand. He is an anchor for our faith.

–Tony Campbell