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Real Life News & Notes

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Mission to Guam and Saipan

January 20-February 3, 2015
John & Holly Cooper

Thanks be to God for His guidance and protection for this mission trip to Guam and Saipan. Thanks also to the many supporters of these trips. Many give generously of their money and prayers and others pray and offer words of encouragement. Thank you all so much. I cannot record everything that happened on these two weeks but I will try and touch on some of the highlights. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me. (970-216-5782, jscooper1952@gmail.com).

Holly and I left Grand Junction on Tuesday morning, January 20. We flew the one hour to Denver and waited about an hour for the noon flight to Tokyo. After the 12 hour flight to Tokyo and another one hour layover there we flew 3 ½ hours to Guam arriving around 10 p.m. Wednesday night. Got rested up on Thursday, got a local phone, and got a replacement suitcase as mine had been rendered unusable after being damaged in transit. Had a great conversation with the hotel/airport shuttle driver Joe who had recently gotten out of the Jehovah's Witness faith and really needed to know there is a different approach to Christianity. He was so relieved after talking with us. I got his phone number and will continue to be in touch with him. I also met with the Deputy Airport Police Chief as a part of my Police Chaplain outreach to Guam Police officers. During my last visit there in July he had given me a "walk through" the airport and I had also spoken to an Airport Police briefing session. I had left my name and phone number for any needs the officers may have. They were very appreciative.

On Friday we left for Saipan to meet with Loida Park. Visiting Loida was really the main reason for this whole trip. I had met her on Guam in July when she was in great need of spiritual guidance. On Saturday we met with her and the local preacher, Boya Cabaluna. She opened up again about some of the things she was going through and I knew it was good we had come. She came with us to church on Sunday and she was very happy about finding the church. We did several things together to help her on her path to Jesus. I have e-mailed and called her several times since our return. She has attended church several times and the preacher has visited with her. Mission accomplished to this point.

We returned to Guam on Monday, January 26. We invited Greg and Judy Quan, Guam church members and Guam residents to dinner that night. Tuesday night Holly spoke at a ladies fellowship group from the church. Wednesday night we attended church and Thursday night we took out Navy Captain Doug King and his wife Katia for dinner. They are also very active members of the Guam church. He is the executive officer of the Seabees there in charge of the preparations for the transfer of the 5,000 Marines to Guam from Okinawa in the next few years.

During the days we also visited members of the church. Holly and I took out the Guam preacher and his wife, Alex and Brenda Coloma, and another leading couple in the church, Manny and Lou for lunch. I also organized an outing for the youth at Ypao Beach on Saturday. We snorkeled and picnicked there. Also, I was able to speak at one of the Dededo Police Precinct's Briefings. I rode along with several police officers and was asked to counsel with one of the officers whose detainee had hung himself in the jail cell. The officers and staff were very appreciative of my efforts to support and encourage them. For me it was a great way to share the love of Jesus with them and plant seeds. I have kept in contact with several of them since my return.

Though I had not planned on it I was asked by the Guam church to teach class on Sunday morning, then preach and then do the evening Bible study. So I felt like we also greatly encouraged the brethren on Guam as well as Saipan. We also were able to positively influence several at the hotel for Jesus. I would be glad to say more but perhaps this will suffice for now. Thanks again for your support and prayers.

In His love and service, John and Holly Cooper

Memory Verse For March: Col. 4:2

"Devote yourselves to Prayer"

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word

This morning we will look at a man whose questionable character started as he was born, was reflected in his name, and felt the consequences even after the light finally came on. Jacob, the father of the 12 tribes of Israel has a life changing moment as he finally reaches a dead end, thinks his brother is going to kill him, and ends up wrestling with God (or a manifestation of him) all night. I'll meet you in Genesis 32.

Welcome Guests!

Our members will warmly greet you and we ask that you please fill out the visitor card attached to the gift bread. We invite you to share Communion with us as the bread and wine (grape juice) are passed. Please get to know us over several visits and perhaps you will choose to make this your church home. We don't have a lot of horns and whistles and like any family we have our dysfunctions and shortcomings, but we love God, respect his Word, love each other, and do our best to reach out and be Jesus to all those around us as we share Good News about the kingdom of heaven!

Acts of service...the face of Jesus

I think every church has one, the kind and gentle lady with a smile and a basket of sweets whom the children migrate to and receive a special gift not only of candy, but of a smile, a kind word and sometimes, depending on the bashfulness of the child, a hug from the "Candy Lady." Candy Ladies were a part of my fond early church memories and I still am blessed to receive a treat on occasion from our Candy lady! Thank you Glenda Scheurman, our Candy Lady!!

****The Truth Project.****

Many have asked about purchasing this DVD series. I found it on Amazon for around \$100. This would make a wonderful family gift for you to purchase and pass around to your children and friends. (I don't get anything for plugging it ;-) Please join us **Wednesday night at 7pm for Tour 9**. Dr. Tackett will discuss, "**Whose law?**" Bring a friend, neighbor or Truth seeker!

"Love One Another!"

Pepperdine Lectureships

The Pepperdine Lectureships take place May 5—May 8. Bryan Crowe has registration forms and programs for this event if you would like to attend. See him for questions.

Women's Ministry Request

Ladies, please return your surveys that were mailed to you. We need your input to help us plan for the future. If you have misplaced your copy, there are some available on the table in the foyer.—Thank you, Karen Wade

VBS - SAVE THE DATE!

This year VBS will be June 22-26 in the evenings. Please be praying for this ministry and consider what role you can play in it! We will soon need leaders for crafts, snacks, music, Bible lessons, games, and service project stations. See Lesa Brassette for details. Watch for volunteer forms and an organizational meeting very soon.

Teacher Needed

We need a teacher for the 2—5 year olds on Wednesday evening starting ASAP. See Sharon Riddle if you can help. Also, Sharon asks that if you have any heart shaped valentine boxes, that she would like them for a TBS project.

Baby Shower for Clarissa Tofel

There will be a baby shower to celebrate the birth of Clarissa Tofel's new baby boy, Jasper, on Saturday, March 21, at 10:00 here at the church building. Clarissa is registered at Target. If you have questions, please call Gail Urbina at 256-1098. In addition, a care calendar has been set up to provide meals. To sign up, visit carecalendar.org. Her ID is 205976 and the code is 4582. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The Five Most Important Events in History

A new emphasis has been added to the graph paper timeline of Genesis 5 & 11 currently on display in the Fellowship Hall. Take a look at "The Five Most Important Events in History" labeled with large numbers and text. The idea is borrowed from the copyrighted material of Thomas E. Broadbent, an online friend from Beavercreek, OR, who has given Sheila Yeager permission to use. Thomas Broadbent's writings describing the importance of each of these events to us today will be made available in the coming months.

Computer Needs

Dana Heath is looking for used computer. If you have one, see Dana.

Care Calendar Addition

A care calendar has been set up for Bryce and Jeannette Sanburg. Jeannette is in need of some help and rest.

You can go to:
carecalendar.org

ID: 206670

Code: 6301

If you have any question call Jan Nelson at 216-3264

Singing Classes

Lane Coale is in need of a larger group of men and women to sing all parts. His goal is to have at least 4 people for each part. They meet at 9 AM on Sunday morning in Room 201 and Lane encourages you to choose to serve for just one quarter at a time. See Lane, last weeks bulletin or web site for further information.

Volunteers needed to make cookies for the college group that will be here March 18. If you can help, see Melva Willbanks.

Special Prayer Requests

TYLER KELLER....continue to pray for Tyler as he has a long recovery from his accident. Pray for his family also. Pray for comfort and strength and peace for him and his family as they go through the process of recovery with all that entails.

Continue to pray for Ken Garrison as he goes through his chemotherapy treatments. Pray they will be successful and he will eventually be cancer free. Pray for comfort as he takes them.

Please continue to be in prayer for the military folks and their families, the missionaries and their families. Pray for safety, strength and strong faith for all of them.

Continue to pray for the church around the world, for those who are being persecuted for their faith. Pray for strength, strong faith and protection and safety for them. Pray for those who are over there on humanitarian missions to feed, house, cloth and shelter them. Pray for those who are the persecutors to cease in their terrible acts, and come to the knowledge of the true God.

Pray for our church family here. Pray for us to be truly united in the work that Jesus left for us to do. May we be credible witnesses of what Christ has done for us by our love for one another and for others and our concern for the lost. Pray for us to seek God's will, not ours, in all we do.

Continue to pray for the upcoming VBS and Youth camp and those who will be leading in these efforts. Also for those attending, that their hearts will be touched for God.

Pray for our nation, pray we will repent and turn back to God, that He may bless us. Pray for wisdom in our response to the things happening around us in the way God would have us.

Prayers of thanksgiving for God's loving care and answered prayers. For redeeming us through the blood of Jesus and sustaining us each day. Pray our lives will bring glory and honor to His name.

YOUTH NEWS

Huddles

Sunday, March 15th at 6:00 PM we will Huddle at Craig and Elaine Roberts house, 2950 Pheasant Run Circle GJ, CO 81506.

Spring Break

Monday March, 23rd there is a day hike planned 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Bring a lunch a your hiking shoes.

Middle School Madness

Friday, April 10th – Sunday, April 12th. The Grand Junction youth group will be attending a **Middle School** retreat near Estes Park, CO. The cost is \$110, there are scholarships available so please feel free to ask for one if you cannot pay the full amount. If you are in Middle school plan to attend this amazing, uplifting, encouraging and fun weekend. **Please grab a Registration form by my office and turn it in by March 29th.**

CCYC

June 7th-13th

Theme: Surrender

James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.



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For the Record

Mar. 8, 2015

Attendance	269
Average Attendance, 4th qtr.	282
Contributions	\$5,921.00
Budget	\$7,035.38

Communion Preparation—March

Ed & Wilma Seela

Communion Table 3/15 Kit Hatfield

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in March

Chuck Tourney
Edgar Treu
Dick Truitt
Marvin Trumbo
Vince Urbina
Dan Vorse
Bill Wade
Gabe Wilkins

Announcements

Curtis Fleming—March
Ron Wilson—April
Scott Ferguson—May

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Dane Jennings—Go Fish—Auditorium
Bobby Heath—23rd Psalm—103
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery
2 & 3 yr. old—104
Pre KK, Kindergarten—205
1st & 2nd Grade—209
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
Middle School—213
High School—203

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 4 yr. old—104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
All teens meet in—203

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Mar 15 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt
Mar 22 Bob Howard, Dave Scheuerman
Mar 29 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd

Acts 7:51-8:3
Acts 8:4-25
Acts 8:26-40

Visitors welcome.

1 John 2: 5-6

But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.