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# Real Life News & Notes

*Patterson Road church of Christ*

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*

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## Outreach Update

As your outreach minister I try and keep you and the elders here informed of some of our efforts to evangelize. Below is part of my most recent report to them. I have only included the part in which I share some of the things we accomplished on Guam through our most recent visit, July 5-28. I hope you are encouraged by what God is doing through all of us there. In upcoming articles I hope to share some ways we are reaching out locally and how you can be a part of these efforts. Thank you for your support, prayers and interest.

A servant of Jesus, John Cooper

August 5, Out Reach Update:

Nice to be back from Guam. I praise God for his care for Holly and I and the success He granted us. Following are some of the highlights. Please ask if you want more info.

Numerous individual Bible studies were conducted. I am especially encouraged by a man named Marky. Very capable and interested. I see him desiring baptism soon as he contemplates following Jesus more completely.

Loida Park from Saipan is another great contact. She came seeking hope and help and we were able to pray with her and share verses of encouragement. She is the President of a large accounting firm with over 1,000 clients. I hope to visit her in Saipan in November if I return to Guam then as the church on Guam wants me to. Our outreach influence is expanding to Saipan! She may come visit us here in September.

Ben Medina is a member of the church who wanted to accompany me and learn to be more effective as an outreach worker. We did some things together but he

I was welcomed by the various Police Precincts and they are so appreciative of our efforts to expand and revive the Police Chaplaincy program on Guam. I met with the Governor's aid and the Lt. Governor's aid and they are committed to this effort. Had several texts with the Lt. Gov., but did not meet with him this time, he had pneumonia. Did two "ride alongs", got a tour of the airport Police operation, (one officer said he would come Sunday to church) and spoke to three Police briefings about the Chaplain program. They have my number posted in these precincts so officers in need can call me anytime.

Alex (the local preacher) and I met with prison officials and got a tour of their facility. Alex, Lord willing, will begin a weekly Bible Study with inmates soon and also we offered our services as Chaplains to the guard staff. I called Matt King from Guam and he said he would help me in formulating a strategy to meet the

We did have one youth outing at the beach. Had 16 total show up. Very encouraging.

I met weekly with a college age group of girls and they were very interested and faithful in attendance.

The attendance is up in the church there and a new family came while I was there. They will be there for at least two years.

One of the Filipino members had a contact who was a host on a radio show. They had me as a guest. It was supposed to be a 7 minute segment but went 20 minutes. Discussion was on how to have better marriages and also on rational reasons for faith in God. The host wants me to come back and talk more on these topics. Wow! How God opens doors!

I hope you are as encouraged as I am about what God is doing through us on Guam. Thank you and I hope you can encourage the congregation with news of these successes. Always good for our people to hear good news and that something we are involved in is doing well and helping people find hope and help in Jesus.

**Memory Verse For August—Col 1:13**

**"He has rescued us".**

## Our Gathering Today

**Guests:** We hope you enjoy the visitors bread and please fill out the card and place it in the collection plate when it comes by. Our Church family will greet you and make you feel welcome this morning. We hope you find our gathering of Believers in Christ to be an encouragement as you are edified to and challenged in your walk with the Lord this week. If you trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation and remember his sacrifice, we invite you to share communion when it is passed. **Please let us know how we might serve you and pray for you this week.**

**Sermon:** This morning we will explore **Treasure in jars** from **2 Corinthians 4**. Paul encourages us to consider this amazing gift within us that forms who we are, how we view our world and what we do with the treasure! **May God's word bless and fill us this morning as we venture back out into the world this week.**

**Thank you!** to **Curtis Fleming** for preaching last Sunday (**I heard you even had fireworks!**). Also, special appreciation to **you, Keri and the Youth ministry search committee** for all the time, energy, meetings, and focus you are investing in our Youth minister search. May God bless us with his discernment and guidance and we prayerfully select one to work with our **young disciples**.

*"Love One Another!"*

### Creative Christian Art Guild to Meet

The Art Guild will have A Pot-Luck Lunch at the home of Cindi King today. Bring a dish to share and if you would like to carpool, meet here at the building at 12:15 PM.

Now is a wonderful time to join the Guild. We are learning new skills, enjoying new friends in fellowship and creating new art projects. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### Empty Nest Group

Thursday, August 21st at 11:30 AM, the ladies will be meeting at Bamboo City for lunch. Please RSVP to Sherry Crowe, (970)256-1127

Sunday, August 24 at 5:00 PM the empty nest couples will be meeting at Lincoln Park for a concert, "Evening Under the Stars". Bring chairs and your own dinner. (Food also available to buy at the park). RSVP to Sherry Crowe.

### Peaches and Ice Cream in the Pit

Tonight at 6 PM For the devotional the youth group will be presenting the lesson and A.J. Urbina will be leading us in some songs.

### Ben Mereness Visit

Also next Wednesday night August the 20th. at 7 p.m. in the auditorium Ben Mereness from Eastern European Missions will be updating us on the work in the Ukraine. Currently they are continuing to distribute Bibles in the public schools in the Ukraine.

### Quilting Ministry

The quilting ministry is taking some time off. They will not be meeting again until September 9.

### Montrose COC Area Wide Singing

There is going to be an area wide singing at the Montrose Church of Christ on Sunday August 24th. at 3 p.m. followed with a fellowship time which will have sandwiches. John Cooper will also be preaching in Montrose on that day.

### Youth Minister Candidate - Ulyses (U.S.) Norman

Visiting with us this weekend is U.S. Norman who is interviewing for our youth minister position. He comes to us from Oklahoma. If you would like to review his resume and a list of remaining events for getting to know him, copies are available in the foyer at the information booth.

### Dear Grand Junction church family,

Here are our prayer requests for this week.

1. We've been battling quite a bit of sickness over the past few weeks. Scott is currently being treated for both pneumonia and malaria. Mariah's trying to shake off a lingering cold/flu, and Inge is recovering from a throat infection. We also started Jayden on a malaria treatment last night as he's had headache and fever. Because of the colder weather, we see many sick people, so we covet your prayers for healing.

2. David went to the hospital today with a young man named JoÃ£o, who's probably twelve or thirteen (he doesn't know). He's an orphan in Magola who lives with his grandmother who has recently started going to our church. Lisa discovered on Sunday that his feet and hands seem to be rotting away. Tests confirmed that it isn't leprosy, but the healing will be hard and painful. We have provided medicine, soap, new bedding, some clothes, and a mat. Please pray for wisdom as we minister to this family.

3. While at the hospital, David met some people who work with a government group that helps people in need, but their resources are limited. They spoke about their need for help and were very interested in us sharing Jesus with those they work with. In order to see what they were doing, David went with them and was brought to tears when he told us the story. One of the people they visited was Amina. She is HIV positive and just gave birth to a baby 8 days ago. Her family has kicked her out and she only has a place to live because of her neighbors who gave her a small piece of land and built her a small structure, and some are taking her food. We have taken her baby formula, vitamins, and bedding tonight, but even more importantly, David will return with some of the disciples tomorrow morning to share with her and her neighbors about Jesus.

4. Lastly, since the last time we sent out the prayer requests, we had twelve people in Magola who gave their lives to Christ in baptism. Please pray for these new believers. *In Him, Scott and Lisa Harris*

Pray for ED FISKE and his family, Della Fiske-Turner's brother. He was in a bicycle accident in Vail this week and has multiple injuries including a severely broken hip, broken collar bone, concussion and other bruises and contusions. He is in the hospital in Vail. They are hoping to move him to a hospital in Denver where he lives soon. Pray for healing, comfort and peace for him and his family.

Pray for ARLENE ROWLES to be relieved from the pain she is suffering from a displaced shoulder. Pray it will heal. Continue prayers for JUDY TURNER, from the Montrose church, for healing from a broken ankle.

Continue to pray for MARY CLAYTON...she has returned to Rwanda and her work there. Pray for safety, and guidance from God for travel and as she continues working there. Also pray for ANNE and her family she is still visiting in Tennessee...for her parents health and for safety as she travels. Thank God for Doug's safe return.

Pray for safety for TEDDIE GOODNER and her nephew as they travel to visit family in Texas.

Pray for DEBBIE ZORNS, her sister in law and Roberts mother, who is seriously ill with multiple health issues...for healing and comfort for her and her family.

GENA WILLITS— She suffered a temporary loss of memory last week and was taken to the hospital and released. Doctors suspected an anxiety attack and at last word, she was doing better. Please keep her in your prayers.

The family of Ann Bricker—Ann's nephew, Matt, passed away last week leaving a wife and 4 children.

Remember those who are battling cancer, LuAnn Moore, Kellie Whiting and Janice Ferris and their families.

Continue to pray for those expecting babies, for healthy pregnancies and deliveries, for healthy babies and moms and strength and peace for the dads!

Remember our Military people and their families...they need our prayers for safety as they serve in dangerous places...for strength and peace for their families as they are separated. Pray for God to guide and protect them.

Continue to remember our missionaries who are serving in places that also are dangerous, pray for guidance and protection for them and for wisdom from God to be able to touch the hearts of those they are working with for God. Pray for the persecuted Christians in those places where they are being tortured and killed for their faith. Pray for God's comfort and peace to reign and in the hearts of those who are trying to wipe them out.

Pray for our elders and their families, and also for the others who serve the Lord in various ministries in our church family. Pray for the elders to have wisdom and guidance in all the decisions they must make. Pray God's guidance in the choice of a Youth minister. Pray for our family that we will do the Lord's will and bring many to Him.

Pray for those who have ongoing illnesses that they live with daily. Pray for healing and comfort from God for them. Also pray for those suffering from addictions of any kind, that they may turn to God for help and be able to overcome those debilitating addictions.



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## For the Record

Aug. 10, 2014

Attendance	261
Average Attendance, 2nd qtr..	234
Contributions	\$8,976.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

## Communion Preparation—August

Sue Boyle, Della Fiske/Turner

## Communion Table 8/17/14

Dean Blanck

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in August

Mark Brassette  
Mike Bricker  
Lynn Briggs  
Dave Bussert  
Tony Clayton  
Lane Coale  
Shaun Collazo  
David Cooper

## Announcements

Scott Ferguson—August  
Curtis Fleming— September  
Ron Wilson—October

## Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Dane Jennings—Auditorium  
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

### Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Scott Ferguson—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.

Aug 17 John Cooper, Dave Scheurman  
Aug 24 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt  
Aug 31 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd  
Sept 7 Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris

Lk. 15:11-32  
Mt. 18:23-25  
Mt. 20:1-6  
Mt. 21:28-32

Visitors welcome.

### 2 Timothy 1: 8—10 NIV

“So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me, his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Jesus Christ before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”