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Ushers for December

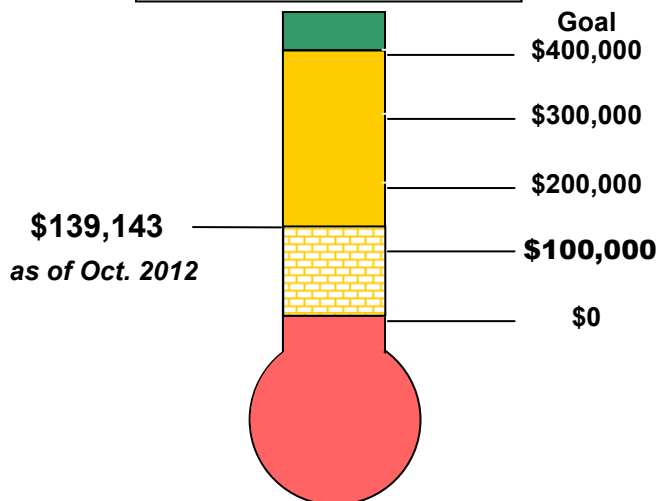
- 12/02: Mike Poppinga Family
 12/09: Robert Clair Family
 12/16: Ron Wipf Family
 12/23: David Reynhout & Nate Reynhout
 12/30: Deb Geiman & Glen Rabenberg



Greeters for December

- 12/02: Buchholz's
 12/09: Eichacker's
 12/16: Harty's
 12/23: Somsen's
 12/30: Dobson's

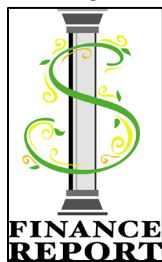
Building Fund Update



OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Starting Balance: \$3,923.75

Receipts:



General Offerings	\$10,995.55
SS Adult	117.00
SS Youth	16.54
Interest Income	0.30
Sunday Schl Missions	44.00
Missions (GCF)	320.00
Misc Offgs/Reimbs	174.00

Total Receipts: \$11,667.39

Total Expenditures: \$9,399.79

Ending Balance: \$6,194.35

NOTE: The full version of the Treasurer's Report will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer after each Governing Board meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please note that Annual Reports from the following Committee Chairmen are due into the church office by January 6, 2013:

Pastor	Sunday School Supt
Elders	Alliance Women
Trustees	Treas/ Budget Committee
C.E. Committee	Audit Committee
Youth Leaders	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/01: Frances Anderson
 12/03: Mitch Dobson
 12/03: Clarence & Pam Giedd
 12/06: Kayli Buchholz
 12/06: Kami Buchholz
 12/11: Jennifer Barnard
 12/12: Ben Helder
 12/12: Nathan Adkins
 12/16: Koden Elkins
 12/17: Myrna Siebelts
 12/17: Alex & Stephanie Botkin
 12/18: Ron Wipf
 12/19: Quinton Poppinga
 12/21: Gregg Gass
 12/22: Payton Botkin
 12/23: Erin Nelson
 12/27: Todd Glanzer
 12/28: Clarence Giedd
 12/29: Jennifer Dobson
 12/30: Tammy Dobson
 12/30: Taylor Eichacker
 12/31: Adyson Glanzer

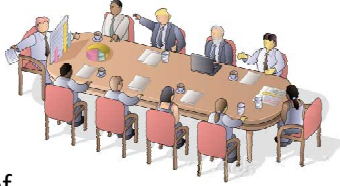


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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING REPORT

from Monday, November 19, 2012

- The Trustees reported on the situation concerning our church's furnace units, which are in bad need of TLC (and prayer!).
- The proposed Church Building Project was discussed at length, especially the idea of concentrating on building our people.
- January 23rd was selected as the date for our De Smet C&MA Annual Meeting for 2013.



– Jack Adkins, Board Secretary

OUTSTANDING BILLS

If you have any outstanding bills that have been charged to the church or if you have any bills for which you need to be reimbursed, please fill out a Voucher (located on the table in the foyer) and turn it in to Curt Eichacker as soon as possible. Thank you.

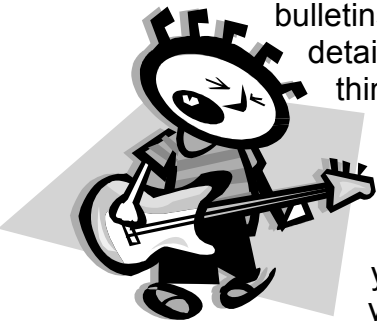
CHURCH GIVING REPORTS

If you would like to receive a report of how much you gave to De Smet Alliance Church during 2012 for income tax purposes, please present your request to Curt Eichacker, our church treasurer.

PRESENTATION NIGHT in JANUARY

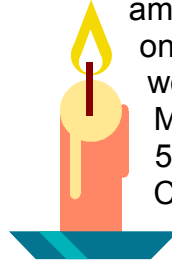
An evening of praising the Lord through our many talents will be held on Sunday evening, January 27, at 6:30 p.m. Watch the weekly bulletins in January for more details. In the meantime, be thinking about what

Christian song you might sing or instrument you could play or inspiring article you could read, or what you might want to ask someone else to perform. It is always a fun night, and there will be refreshments afterwards. We hope you'll be there to participate or just sit back and enjoy as we celebrate God's good gifts to us.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Christmas Eve is a time to celebrate the most amazing gift of all – the gift of God's only Son, Jesus Christ. If you are able, we invite you to join us early on Monday evening, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service to remember our Savior's birth. Before you gather with your own family that night, we hope you can join your family first as we celebrate Christmas.



NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING

You are warmly invited to join the church family and friends on New Year's Eve to enjoy a delicious oyster soup and chili supper lovingly prepared by our elders and their wives (and, of course, Roland). And you won't want to miss Neal Martens' year-in-review video, fun games to play, and all kinds of dessert (*brought by you, if you wouldn't mind*). The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. – so bring a bowl, bring a dessert to share, bring a favorite game to play, and bring a friend!

COOKIE WALK

Since there will be no cookie exchange this year, please keep in mind:

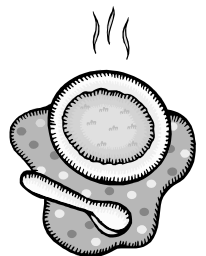
Annual DCW Cookie Walk
at the 4H Building
During the Christmas Tree
Festival
Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012
from 11:00 AM to 2 PM
or while cookies last!



(FYI: A cancer walk group is having their soup meal at the same time.)

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Soup Luncheon
Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012
11:00 AM
C&MA Church Fellowship Hall
We will provide soups and breads;
You are welcome to bring
a dish of goodies to share –
and a friend or family member, too!
If you have a reading or Christmas
memory to share, bring that as well.



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IVERSON UPDATE

When we returned to Taiwan last year after home assignment, it seemed obvious that the Holy Spirit was at work in our friend, Lena. She definitely had an interest in Christ. When we asked her, she said she was at "50%". Her meaning was that she halfway wanted to follow Jesus, but had many doubts. She emphatically told us, "BUT DON'T PUSH ME!"

During the months that followed, we saw Lena's heart soften more as she began attending church and a neighborhood Bible study. Every now and then, we'd ask her: "Where are you now, Lena?" She'd pause a moment and say, "60%". . . then a few months later . . . "70%".

Last night, Lena shared a bit of her journey. She told how, with doubts, she began praying for help with some family struggles. As God responded to her prayers, she thought, "This really works!" She kept asking and relying on God's provision and met a God who cares for her. She confessed though, that her attitude in prayer was demanding. She said, "I acted like I was the boss. I told God, 'You listen to ME'." Last night, with arms upraised in worship and surrender, she told us: "Now I say, 'God, whatever YOU want, whatever YOU decide, it is OK with me.'"

Lena has reached 100%! She is following Jesus and wants to be baptized and publicly declare her faith at some point, but she is afraid. She believes her husband and relatives will strongly oppose this. **Please join us in praying that our Mighty God will open doors for Lena, and that by His grace, Lena's husband and family will also turn to Christ.**

Lena's journey in faith has occurred in direct answer to the prayers of many of you. Thank you for your partnership with us in prayer for the people of Taiwan. Your giving to the C&MA Great Commission Fund provides the means for us to be here in Lena's village, planting Amazing Grace Church. Thank you for giving! As we look to God, we trust that soon we'll see many more in our village reach 100%.

~ *Living the Call Together, Tim & Penny*

Dear Praying Friends,

We have been granted a wonderful opportunity and we need your help. We have a chance to hold an English camp at a local elementary school in our township. At a camp like this, we are sensitive to the fact of it being held on a public school campus, yet we do have freedom to share Christ with the students and families as we visit with them.

Would you consider coming over to help us? Our camp is on the school's schedule for July 1- 5, 2013. A team of about 10 would be ideal, but we can also work with a larger or small team. You do not need to be a trained teacher to do this. If you can speak English, and enjoy working with children, you can be a part of this. You would be partnering with Taiwanese friends who could help with translating, and who will also be sharing Bible stories each day.

Please pray about it and let us know. If you have any questions or would like more details, please e-mail us. Thanks for considering this.

~ *In Christ, Tim and Penny*

MAXEY UPDATE

Dear praying friends,

"They stole my wood and built a bridge with it for their upcoming conference." Pak Lukas explained to me with sad eyes. "But God allowed a flood to come and that night it wiped out their bridge."

Thank you so much for praying for Pak Lukas (Alliance church leader) and for many who wrote us words of encouragement. Your prayers were felt. As you know, a week ago we asked that you, to join with us in praying for the situation in our village of Silimo. The dissenting group known as the GKIP, had threatened to take our house, the Let-Let Hut (handicraft building), the GKII church district office, a meeting area and elementary school that we have operated for almost 10 years now. The problem is that the land where our station is located was officially given to our family by the chiefs many years ago, but traditionally it belongs to present members of the GKIP. The GKIP are planning on having a conference Nov. 16th and 17. Pak Lukas just got out of Silimo today and he asked that we pray for a spirit of confusion to come on them. Pray too that God would either remove the Silimo 7 or change their hearts. These are the highlights Lukas gave me (Buzz) when we met to talk today...

- Pak Lukas was safe and there have been no further threats on his life by GKIP.
 - He had good talks with Alliance pastors. One persecuted group of 12 families have started to use Lukas' home as a place of worship. They were ousted from their church.
 - We are building a house in a lowland village to be used by our translators, Amos and Enos. (We are trying to finish the full Ngalik Old Testament and corrections have been started.)
 - Because of the persecution from GKIP, the early elementary Let-Let school has had to move off the property. They are still meeting in another building.
- There are 7 men especially who have caused problems and again we send you their names, asking that you pray specifically that they would be shaken by the hand of God. Here are the Silimo 7... 1. Matias 2. Geradus 3. Matius 4. Yapet 5. Naman 6. Kaka Budi 7. Simon

Will you keep praying for God to remove them or change their hearts. We're in a battle, so let's arm ourselves according to Eph. 6. We are expecting great things from God and promise to keep you posted.

We are presently out on the coast visiting Dani, taking in one of his futsal practices and a game. We will also be making purchases for our upcoming **Papua United** coaches training for ministry. Will you pray for ministry-minded participants and a Spirit led time, 26 Nov.-1 Dec. Last week we finished up making a cement futsal court. Today we will buy paint and supplies to take back in to Wamena. Sangko (whose wife died suddenly almost 2 months ago) asked that we also purchase milk supplement to take back for his baby.

With our appreciation and love,
Buzz for Myrna

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CLASONS IN CONAKRY UPDATE

Hi prayer warriors,

We are coming upon this Thanksgiving season realizing that we have much to be thankful for! We are thankful for God's provisions, His gift of salvation, His power, and His supernatural ability to answer prayers and work in our lives.

We have seen answers to prayer recently:

-We asked for prayer for Nicki's health in regard to a kidney stone that was giving her a bit of discomfort. Well, since we found out she had a kidney stone, she has had no more problems with pressure in her back. Either the stone has found a resting place in her kidney and does not want to "pass" yet, OR (and this is the one we are believing God for) GOD has intervened. The Lord spoke to her this week and said, "Where is your faith? Have I not raised people from the dead, healed the lame and the blind? Am I not able to shrink this kidney stone or to even make it disappear? Don't you know who I am? I am SOOOOOOO much bigger than this kidney stone!" Then, he reminded her of the song, "Our God", her favorite worship song. It was such an encouragement to her! The words are as follows:

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind

There's no one like You, none like You

Into the darkness You shine,

Out of the ashes we rise,

There's no one like You, none like You!

Our God is GREATER, Our God is STRONGER

God, you are higher than any other,

Our God is healer, awesome in power,

Our God, Our God!!!!

-We asked for prayer for Anika's fever and sore in her mouth. Praise the Lord we consulted with a missionary doctor friend who recommended a specific antibiotic that helped her immensely!

-We asked you to pray for our search for the youth center rental property, and we feel we are nearing the end of our search. We have a couple good options, but are waiting for a positive confirmation on one of them. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for the final decision to be made. PRAY for God's supernatural direction, especially THIS WEEK!

PRAY ALSO this week for...

...the men's basketball camp we will be holding at a nearby Christian school on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Pray for a good number of young men to come and for their hearts to be open to the message that will be shared at the camp. Pray also for safety in traveling to and from the camp for the leaders/coaches.

...a young man named Davin (with the Envision program of the CMA) who is coming down from a village in Guinea to stay with us and work with our Conakry team for one month! YEAH! We are excited for this opportunity. Pray that God will work in his life and that he will bless many hearts while he is in Conakry.

...our Conakry team (Clasons and the Arnie and Cheryl Solvig family). Pray that we would stay united in vision and that we'd find new and creative ways of reaching the youth of Conakry. Pray for a passion for the lost that doesn't fade!

...our house worker (Emilia) who is very sick with a mysterious illness. Pray that as we take her to the doctor tomorrow, they will know how to help her. Pray that she will be encouraged and KNOW without a doubt that God is her refuge and strength. Pray for this to help her grow in her faith.

Thank you again for the specific and faithful prayers that you lift up to the Lord for us!

In His Faithful Service, Chad and Nicki Clason

