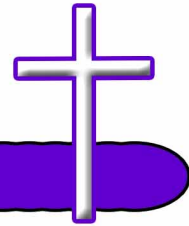


The Christian Fellowship Banner



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***Introducing the HFM Summer Team going to Hungary
to serve alongside EKE in July***



Top Left to Bottom Right: Anna Swanson, Emma Unverzagt, Alejandrina Ross, Caleb Korhonen, Kristina Korhonen, Hunter Nessa, Ben Westendorf, Joan Korhonen, Pastor Jonathan Unverzagt, Maggie Staff, Cody Richard, Pastor Earl Korhonen, Natalie Richard, Emma Auld, Katie Staff, Eric Staff = 11 High School student & 4 Adults

MISSION TEAM PREPARES FOR HUNGARY

Plans are being made, passports ordered and 16 people are praying for a great harvest of souls in Hungary in July of this year. Once again Hauge Foreign Mission is sending a summer team to come alongside EKE and teach children and youth camps in Hungary. The team will depart Minneapolis, MN on Thursday July 31st and arrive in Budapest the next day. After a couple days to acclimate and experience the culture and meet EKE members we will all head to the village of Lucfalva where we will conduct a Childrens camp and a youth camp simultaneously - Monday - Saturday on Sunday we will visit churches where Pastor Korhonen and Pastor Unverzagt will preach. The team then divides in half - with some conducting a childrens camp in Kispet and suburb of Budapest and the rest conducting a youth camp at Piliscalba conference center.

The teens have stated that and say they are excited to see the Hungarian culture, meet people, teach them about the Lord, looking forward to hearing the Hungarians praise the Lord in their own language, looking forward to sharing the Gospel with the people, especially the children, and teaching the kids songs, and telling about Jesus through the puppet ministry.

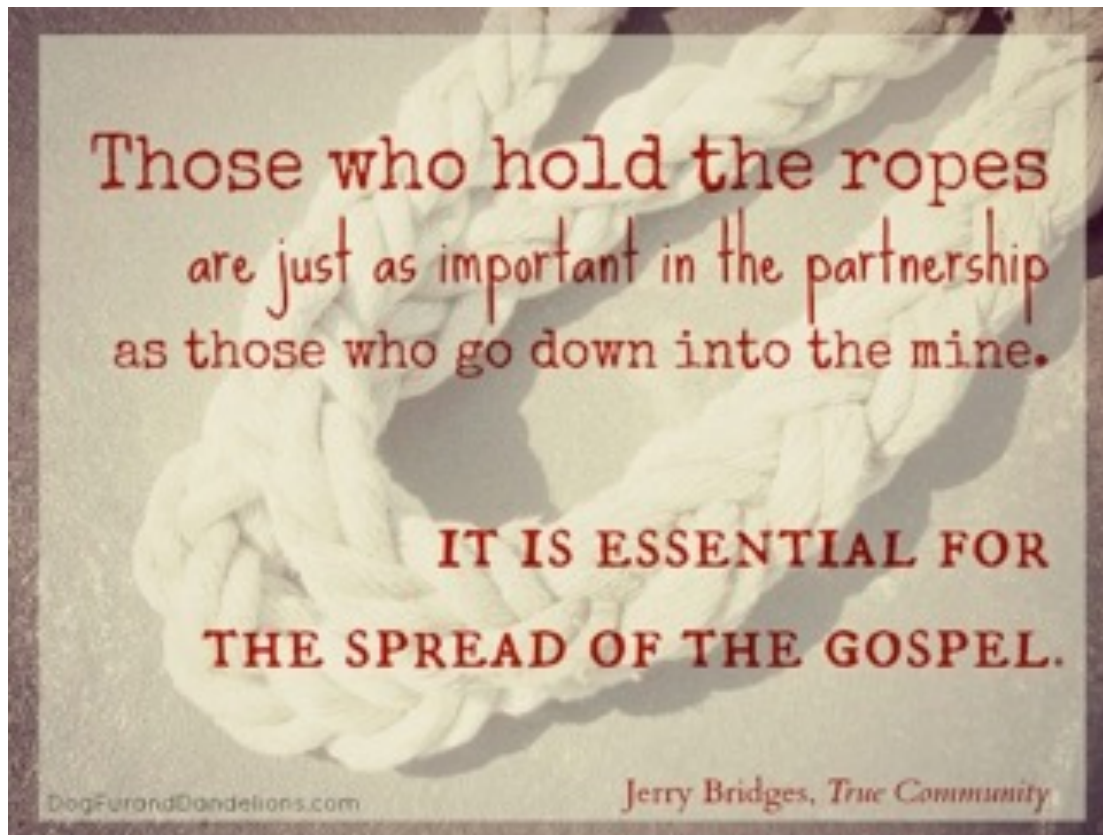
Visit our webpage at www.haugemissions.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * The salvation of souls
- * Open ears to hear the Gospel
- * EKE members as they plan the camps
- * Puppet ministry of the team
- * The preaching of Pastor Earl & Jonathan
- * Good health for the team
- * Finances for team members

Please begin praying for the Lord to work in the hearts of the HFM team members the leaders of EKE and especially those who will be hearing the invitation to Life in Jesus Name! If you'd like to help with the team costs you can contribute to the summer team on our web page or find information where to send your gift.

- Jonathan Unverzagt Editor



News from Norwegian Lutheran Mission

I Peter 4

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for

the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

I am busy, busy, busy. That is what I have told myself the past few weeks. I had been asked to write my reactions after reading I Peter chapter 4 and thought, well, I am busy but I think I can get it done. I read it a few times that first week and thought, wow, what a message about what Christ has done for us by His suffering on the Cross.

Christ's Suffering

But it was not until reading the chapter again this week that I gained an even deeper understanding for Christ's suffering. Yes, He suffered so that we may live. Without Christ's suffering we will be judged according to what we have done. Without Christ's suffering we do not have hope. He suffered and thus we will have eternal life with God our Father.

Christians' Suffering

Do we really suffer for being a Christian? Yes, Peter tells us that our greatest suffering is the experience with our own sin. But are we ever insulted because of the name of Christ? Does it happen very often to you or me? This is something that we in Norway, or other so-called Christian countries, might not experience regularly. Sure, someone might make a joke or comment about Christians

in general but my eyes have really been opened to this passage after now living in a place with Christians who suffer trials and insults daily just for proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ. I hear stories about Christians being punched, ridiculed and insulted for saying that they follow Jesus.

Not only have I heard first-hand the stories about the sufferings of Christians but I joyfully have experienced first-hand the rejoicing that is proclaimed because of the sufferings in Christ. Being hit or insulted has not dampened the love these Christians have for their Saviour Jesus Christ but conversely they praise Jesus for the sufferings because they know that Christ first suffered for them.

The Challenge for Christians

Back to being busy. I often say something like, yeah, I am really busy with work right now. So after reading this passage I started to think if there is a challenge to us Christians who seem to always be busy with one thing or another. This passage is very clear with the message that Christ's return is near and that we should always be in anticipation of His return. And at the same time we should have a clear mind and be self-controlled. We should love others as Christ loved us and serve our Lord faithfully without grumbling. Yes, there it is. This part of the passage spoke directly to me. Even if I am busy, the Lord will always provide the strength to serve Him in everything I do.

Praise to God

Praise to God for sending His son Jesus to suffer for us.
Praise to God for the sufferings we experience because of

the name of Christ. And Praise to God for the strength he provides us to serve Him every day.

- *David Olson NLM Missionary to Mongolia*

News from The Halversons

We were blessed on November 30th with the arrival of our 4th child, Uzziah Dennis. The following week our pediatrician told us that she was concerned about his direct bilirubin levels. The next week held more lab tests for Uzziah. Many more lab tests, genetic tests and even a liver biopsy followed for Uzziah to try to determine the cause of the abnormal lab results. In the end Uzziah was diagnosed with chronic liver disease caused by bile duct paucity—meaning Uzziah was born with fewer bile ducts than his liver needs to process bile properly. We were told this could play out in many different ways, depending on how his body coped. However, in the two months since this diagnosis his liver is showing signs of healing. We have seen his lab numbers come down, his color become more normal, and his body grow well (one of the adverse symptoms can be lack of growth)! We are so grateful to see God answering the prayers of so many people in this way!! Because Uzziah isn't quite in the "normal" range yet, and Papua New Guinea (PNG) has such a prevalence of hepatitis, it would be unwise for us to take him to PNG right now. If he got hepatitis now, it could be very dangerous for him. Our hearts are still in

PNG, but we recognize being in the US a little longer is what is best for Uzziah.

Until it is safe for Uzziah to return to PNG (likely 6-12 months), our plan is for Jamie to serve at Moody Aviation in Spokane, WA. Moody Aviation is one of the primary schools for training new missionary pilots and mechanics (Jamie is an alumni), and they are currently in need of additional staff to help with their aviation maintenance training. When Jamie shared the idea of serving at Moody Aviation with Wycliffe, they were excited at the possibility. Moody Aviation wants Jamie, Wycliffe wants Jamie there, we want to be in Washington close to Lisa's family, and your partnership makes it possible for us to serve at Moody Aviation. As a result, we have just agreed to a 6-12 month assignment with Moody Aviation.

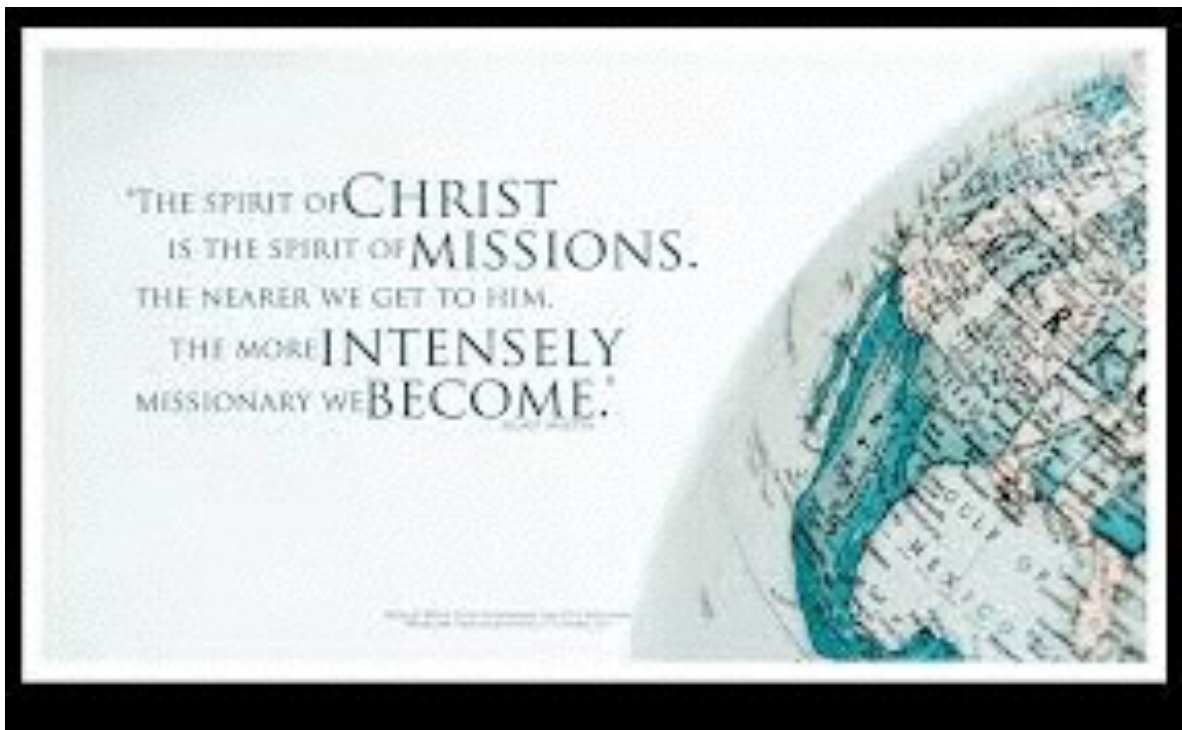
We are seeing our assignment at Moody Aviation as a short term assignment (6-12 months) for a couple of reasons: 1. Our long term goal is to return to PNG. (The aviation department in PNG is very short on pilots and mechanics and the flight schedule has been reduced as a result.) 2. We think that Uzziah will be healthy enough to return to PNG in 6-12 months.

- Jamie Halverson

Jamie and Lisa Halverson, with their four children, Thad, Thea, Zeke, and Ziah, serve through aviation in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators

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Receipts

Jan. 2016

G. Fund	160.00
Hungary	100.00
NLM G.F.	100.00
NLM - D. Olson	600.00
NLM - Bolivia	100.00
NLM - Ethiopia	50.00
Retreat Scholarship	60.00
Summer Team	760.00

February 2016

G.Fund	1310.50
Hungary	50.00
NLM - Peru	20.00
NLM - Ethiopia	50.00
Retreat Scholarship	10.00
Summer Team	2,110.00

March 2016

General Fund	260.00
Summer Team	110.00
NLM G.F.	50.00
NLM-D. Olson	200.00
Retreat Scholarship	10.00
NLM Bolivia	150.00
NLM Ethiopia	50.00

January Total	1,930.00	February Total	3,550.50	March Total	830.00
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Totals for Fiscal year 2014 (beginning Oct. 1, 2015)

Mission Gifts	Jan.,Feb.,Mar.	Total Fiscal Year 2014
General Fund	1730.50	2,561.00
Retreat Scholarships	80.00	110.00
EKE- Hungary	150.00	280.00
NLM	1,370.00	2,855.00
Summer Team	2,980.00	2,980.00
	6,310.50	8,786.00

** **January Memorial:** Given by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Dahl in Memory of Dennis Halverson for Family Retreat Scholarships*

*“Why wait for a call when
you have a command?”*



- Bob Hughes

(Missionary to the Philippines in the mid 1900's)

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