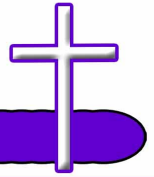


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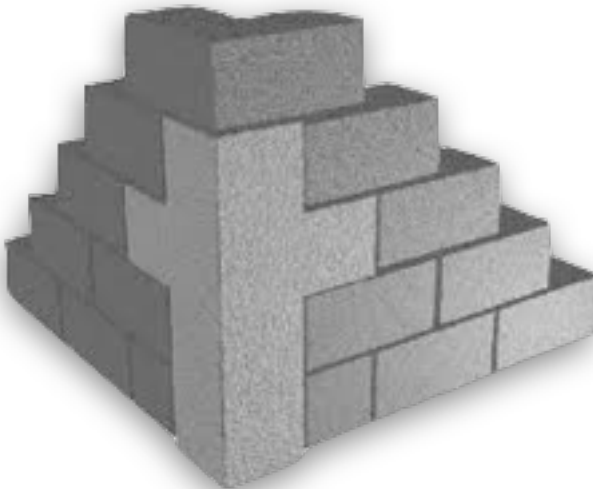


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*You are invited to the Hauge Foreign Missions Labor
day weekend family retreat
Friday, September 2nd - Monday, September 5th
@ The ARC in Osceola, WI*

OUR THEME:



The ONE Foundation

***“For no one can lay a foundation other than
that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”***

I Corinthians 3:11

(More retreat details on following pages)

THE RETREAT - **Evangelist**

Dr. Craig Jennings is the Pastor Of Grace Lutheran in Bottineau, ND. From 1985 to the present, Dr. Jennings has pastored churches in both the Church of the Lutheran Brethren and the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. Dr. Jennings also served as Professor of Historical Theology at the Free Lutheran Seminary and Bible School in Minneapolis from 1989-1995. Dr. Jennings and his wife, Laurel, were married in 1979. They have three children: Karen, Brian, and David.



THE RETREAT - **Adult Bible Teacher**

Pastor Terry Olson is the Assistant to the President of the AFLC. He and his wife Jean currently live in Grafton, ND. He and his wife have served AFLC parishes in Radcliffe, IA; Minot, ND; Fargo, ND; Lake Stevens, WA; Valley City, ND; Dickinson, ND; Thief Rivers Falls, MN; and most recently Buxton, ND and Grand Forks, ND.



Visit our webpage to learn more about HFM and to get more Retreat details.

It is on our webpage - **WHERE YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER FOR THE RETREAT** at [**www.haugemissions.org**](http://www.haugemissions.org)

THE RETREAT - **Missionaries**



Andras Oravecz is a board member of EKE, a Gideon, and engineer for the Audi factory in Győr, HU. He and his wife Agi have 5 children.



Gergely Fejos is a member of EKE, He works IT in statistics for the Hungarian government and teaches at the EKE Faith Deepening weekends. Gergely also translates all the EKE testimonies into English for the BANNER each month.

TESTIMONY from EKE - HUNGARY

My name is Mihály Süveg, I am a first year student at the Evangelical-Lutheran University of Theology. I would like to share briefly about the way God called me, and the way I understood His will. It was at the age of 13, in a camp of EKE I got to know Jesus Christ. Afterwards, for a rather long time, I was not firmly rooted in Him. I did not really know what plan He has with my life. In this way, after I graduated from high school, several years passed, and I still did not know God's purpose with my life. I fell

into the same sins again and again and I would say I was living as a child in the spiritual sense. I always prayed for forgiveness, I always needed Him to cleanse my conscience, again and again, and He did so, but I did not really want to know what He would like me to do, because I was afraid He may ask me something that is too difficult for me, or something I cannot perform. And God really asked me something that caused me fear. I had to give up things that prevented me from following Him (as we have talked about it). To me, one of such idols was rock music, but I can say it was really just one of them. I had a huge collection of discs, and it required my time and my attention so much, and I knew it separated me from God. I had to give this and other things, too, to Him. As I was able to say, "Lord, I want to follow you," and as the intent to know what plan He has with my life grew stronger, He gave me hunger to read the Bible, and hunger to go to church, and I felt a stronger and stronger inspiration that I should preach the Word of God. "But how can I do it?" I asked, because I had been stuttering since my childhood. It still occurs from time to time when I am talking. Then God let me meet a pastor who had stuttered, too. It was interesting. I met Péter about two years ago, and God prepared my heart to obey Him. It was not easy. I handed in my application to the school of Theology, and as weeks and months were passing, I still had a lot of doubt within myself; I looked back to the past again and again. The Bible verse, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God," became very important to me.

I also want to say that when I began studying theology, God kept on growing my courage, giving me brothers and sisters in my class, with whom we could pray together, encouraging one another. God always gave me a task I could do by His grace. He enabled me to hold a worship service, standing

before the congregation, and preach the Word of God – as a first year student. I wanted to delay it. When another student called me and told me about this opportunity, I answered I would think it over, because I did not want to do it so soon – maybe I will not be able to speak, and fluff the sermon. But when we finished talking, and I was reading Isaiah, and I got to the passage, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” and Isaiah answers, “Here I am. Send me!” And this is just one of the times God talked me personally. It is wonderful to understand His will, then to obey, and to experience that He always gives power to do what He asks. The service was in the church in Győrújfalú, before 45 people, which was a huge crowd to me. A few years earlier, I could not even imagine standing here. God enabled me to speak almost without a slip of the tongue. It was only at the end I had to confess that I stutter.

By freeing me from several bonds and cleansing my conscience, God enabled me to go beyond my own limits; I, who had been an introvert person, was now able to go to people, to start spontaneous talks, even to homeless people at the square in front of the Theology building. I give thanks to God for enriching and blessing the past year of my life. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

-Mihály Süveg

NEWS from the Halversons

Piecing Our Return to Papua New Guinea (PNG) Together!

Increasing Financial Partnership

With plans in the works to return to PNG in October, we have many logistics to organize. One of those is to have full ministry partnership. We are currently \$400/month short of having that logistical piece in place. If you would like to partner with us, please let us know.

Getting Medical Clearance

Praise the Lord! Uzziah is doing great! Uzziah has a doctor's appointment with a specialist in July, and after that appointment we are anticipating that we will be able to get medical clearance to return to PNG in October. Thank you all so much for praying for him.

Finding Rest and Stability

The constant change of the past few months and a baby who likes to eat multiple times a night has left all of us tired and longing for things to be back to "normal". Please pray that we would find our rest in our God who does not change. And that He would also give us our daily bread of physical rest.



Completing Commitments

Jamie's six month commitment with Moody Aviation ends in September. It has been stretching at times, but also such a blessing and encouragement to us!

Training

We are currently working with the aviation team in PNG to determine what training Jamie should have before returning. This training plan is based on the anticipated roles he will fill in PNG during this coming term.

Prayer: Praises & Petitions

ASK for the provision of the final \$400/month that we need to be able to return to PNG.

PRAISE for furnished houses to rent. Our current house even has a fenced in backyard and a park just down the street!

PRAISE for the opportunity to invest in the next generation of missionary aviators.

ASK that we have the proper focus on God as we participate in the work He has for us—here and in PNG.

PRAISE for the godly, caring colleagues Jamie works with at Moody Aviation who have been an encouragement to us.

PRAISE for continued improvement in Uzziah's health.

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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The precious blood of Christ

It will be good to look into the word of God and see some of the things that the shed blood of Christ purchased for us.

We immediately think of our redemption through Jesus Christ. First Peter 1:18-19 ***“knowing that you were ransom from the funeral ways inherited from your forefathers not with perishable things such as silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”***

Yes Jesus was the perfect sacrifice and the only way that man could be redeemed by God. As Christians we realize how truly precious the blood of Christ is and yet how often do we think about that precious blood and what it bought for us? A number of years ago at a Bible conference time was given for testimony and Scripture to be shared. The pastor that was leading the meeting asked for scripture that spoke about the blood of Christ. I still recall that there were very few that could share. Not that the Christians were not aware of how precious the blood is but so few had memorized verses on it and I found myself guilty in this respect also. We need to late to memory much more scripture for our own edification and strength.

Hebrews 9:22 ***“Indeed under the law almost everything is purified with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”***

Revelations chapter 5:9 ***“And they sang a new song saying worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals for you were slain and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”***

Just think all every kindred tongue, people and nation the precious blood was shed for all so that they could belong to the family of God. All who will accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are redeemed by his blood. Acts 20:28, admonishes the spiritual leaders to feed the Church of God which he has purchased with his own precious blood.

Forgiveness is also purchased by his blood. Ephesians 1:7 ***“in whom we have redemption through his blood the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.”***

Not only do we have the forgiveness of our sin in part but the

whole. All the sin debt is paid in full, the past Sin the present sin and the sin that is yet to be committed even the sins we are not aware of as well as known sin. Now this does not mean that we can live in sin and expect a continual forgiveness not by any means. Paul asked the question in Romans 6:6 **“What shall we do then? Shall we continue in sin so that grace may abound? God forbid! How shall we who have died to sin live any longer in it?”** Verse 16, **“Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves you are slaves of the one whom you obey either of sin which leads to death or of obedience which leads to righteousness?”** To continue in sin would only prove that we are not truly walking in fellowship with God. For a Christian there is victory over a life of sin when we walk close to Jesus.

Deliverance was also purchased for us. What joy what peace we experience when Jesus has set us free from a life in spiritual darkness to a life of spiritual life. We experience deliverance from the power of the devil. He may tempt us and at times cause us to fall into sin but then **if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:9) Because we can do as it states in Hebrews 10:19, **“Therefore brothers since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus.** We are delivered from our sin by the washing of his blood and got no longer holds us guilty but we have full pardon. Praise his wonderful name.

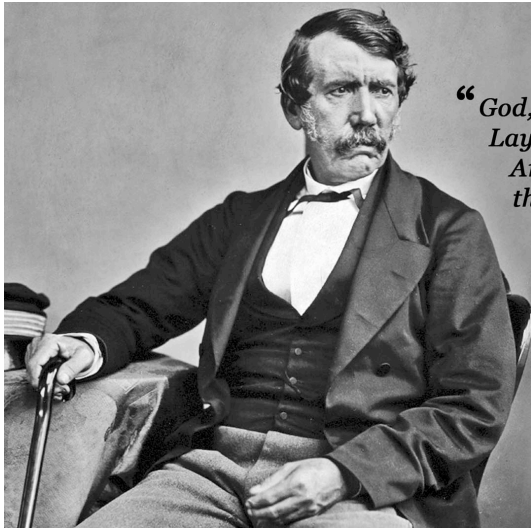
- **Pastor Alvin Larson - originally published February 1993**

*Christ not only died
for all: He died for
each.*



Billy Graham

AZ QUOTES



*“God, send me anywhere, only go with me.
Lay any burden on me, only sustain me.
And sever any tie in my heart except
the tie that binds my heart to Yours.”*

David Livingstone

19 March 1813 - 1 May 1873

**“THE MARK OF A GREAT CHURCH
IS NOT ITS SEATING CAPACITY,
BUT ITS SENDING CAPACITY.”**

MIKE STACHURA



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Whatever, we do, we must not treat the Great Commission like it's the Great Suggestion.

Charles R. Swindoll

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Receipts

APRIL 2016

G. Fund	340.50
Hungary	50.00
NLM - Bolivia	200.00
Retreat Scholarship	20.00
Summer Team	20.00

April Total 630.50

MAY 2016

G.Fund	30.00
NLM	50.00
Summer Team	1000.00

May Total 1080.00

JUNE 2016

General Fund	160.00
Summer Team	10.00
NLM G.F.	50.00
Hungary	50.00
Retreat Scholarship	10.00

June Total 280.00

Totals for Fiscal year 2016 (Ending September 30, 2016)

Mission Gifts	Apr., May, June	Total Fiscal Year 2016
General Fund	530.50	3,091.50
Retreat Scholarships	30.00	140.00
EKE- Hungary	100.00	380.00
NLM	300.00	3,155.00
Summer Team	1,030.00	4,010.00
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Because the bad news
is worse than you
think it is, the
good news is better
than you think it
is.
- Craig Williams

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