

The Christian Fellowship Banner



“Created In God’s Image”

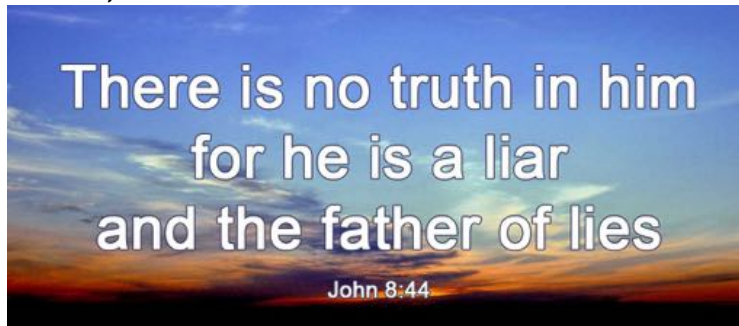
Hauge Foreign Missions 2018 Family Retreat Report

We once again had the blessing of gathering for an extended Labor day weekend retreat at the Association Retreat Center in Osceola, Wisconsin. 110 full time retreaters came together under the theme: **“Created In God’s Image.”** Pastor Jonathan Unverzagt our evangelist, took us through the implications of being an “image-bearer” and the need for believers to clearly model the image of God to a world where sin has done so much damage and blurred who God is.



When we realize that everyone is created in the image of God we realize there is a value and dignity to every single person to every single life. Living out our duty and calling as image bearers is a great tool for evangelism - in leading the lost to Jesus Christ.

Pastor Lyndon Korhonen led the morning Bible study and reminded us of the need for daily renewal into God’s image. He said, think about how deceit is a tool of the devil.



If the devil can deceive us we become corrupted. (Ephesians 4:22) He reminded us the old flesh is decaying and needs to be daily put aside. He pointed out that “being renewed in the spirit of your mind” is written in the “passive” tense which means it is not something we do but someone something else is the active renewing agent, ie. the Word of God and the Holy Spirit work the renewal but we must submit and allow it to happen in our lives. The secret to daily Christian renewal is to “reckon yourself dead to sin.” Romans 6

Our Missionary Marton Kulcsar shared on how the ministry of EKE (Lutherans for the Gospel) is progressing in Hungary. He has recently taken a call to the congregation in Lucfalva and besides his regular pastoral ministry is looking to expand their outreach into the gypsy community.



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He shared with us how the after effects of 40 years under communism still has effects on the believers' understanding of "serving" in the body of Christ but that they are seeing this begin to change.

He is excited for the mission team that HFM will be sending to Hungary next August as we serve along side his congregation in a children's camp in his village.



Left: Pastor Marton and his translator, his sister Agnes, share a hymn in Hungarian during the missionary hour at the HFM Labor Day weekend family retreat at the ARC.

Announcing a Mission Team to Hungary in 2019

HFM will be sending a team to Hungary in August of 2019 to help teach and share in 2 children's camps alongside EKE next year.

If you are interested in being a part of this team and receiving more details please email the editor at:

www.haugeforeignmissions@gmail.com

The dates for the trip are August 8th - 24th.

We are limiting the team to 8 members so request a spot soon.



Prayer is surrender--surrender to the will of God and cooperation with that will. If I throw out a boathook from the boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God.

— E. Stanley Jones —



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Testimonies from EKE in Hungary



Pastor Marton Kulcsar and his sister Agnes shared on the work of EKE during our Family Retreat in September. Please see the Editorial for more details.





Norwegian Lutheran Mission

The World for Christ



Right: The BANNER editor Jonathan Unverzagt sits down with David Olson NLM missionary to Mongolia at the NLM GF in July

David Olson is returning to Mongolia. I had the blessing of meeting up with David at the General Assembly of NLM in Norway in July. We discussed his return to Mongolia and the work he will be engaged in while he is there.

His main project will be working with special needs children in western Mongolia. There will also be lots of continuing education for the children. He is going to be involved in a 2 year project of research and evaluation on what their needs are moving forward. This project will also include helping/training the locals and the social services how they can help the special needs children in their community.

When the 2 year evaluation is done they will apply for a 5 year project through NORAD Norway's aid association. David will be working out of the main NLM base in Mongolia.

David said, "prayer support is the biggest need" from HFM and other believers in the US.



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On Aug 17, 2018, Jamie had the privilege of flying one of our Kodiak airplanes P2-SIB from Port Moresby to Aiyura, our home airstrip here in Papua New Guinea (PNG). P2-SIB is our oldest Kodiak, and is the highest flight time Kodiak in the world. On that flight it passed 5000 hours of flight time. On arrival to our home airstrip, Jamie and the passengers were greeted by the Ukarumpa fire truck and a small crowd who had gathered to celebrate.

Close to the finish line!

Please pray for wisdom, good health, and safety for our friends and neighbors, Steve and Debbie McEvoy, and the Migabac team working on typesetting the Migabac New Testament between now and the end of November. This is the last step in the translation process before sending the Migabac New Testament off to South Korea for printing. The dedication of the Migabac New Testament is planned for July 26, 2019. Getting around PNG, even with helicopters and airplanes, is not always as easy as it might seem. Other means of transport can be even harder. This past June, the McEvoy family was trying to get out to the village to do a final read through of the Migabac New Testament with the Migabac people before typesetting. However, the weather was bad, and it took three days of getting up early and waiting at the airport, hoping for favorable weather, before they were finally able to take off and get to the village. On September 28th, our department's helicopter left to pick up five Migabac people from the village so that they could come to our center at Ukarumpa to typeset the New Testament with the McEvoy's. But the weather was again bad, and the helicopter could not get into the village to pick them up as planned. What to do next? To travel to Ukarumpa without aviation for the Migabac team is a long road! It means a hike down the 3000 foot mountain, catching a public motor vehicle (PMV) that may or may not be running based on road conditions, then making a 60 mile boat ride--in a 20 foot boat--on the ocean. But because of rough seas, the boats were not running! If the boats were available, then it would have been an overnight in the port city of Lae, followed by an all-day ride in a PMV up to Ukarumpa on a very rough road.

Also, a statement to be in prayer about:

There has been fighting between two villages in Aiyura valley where our branch's PNG headquarters is located, but approximately 2 kilometers away. Proactive security measures have been taken to closely monitor traffic through center and minimize the number of staff travelling through the valley. The Royal PNG Constabulary (police) have sent a team of officers to restore law and order, and attempt to enable a peace agreement. Several of our branch's staff's friends or paid staff's loved ones have been impacted by this fighting – and we are concerned for their well-being. Although the unrest is not targeted at our branch, please join us in prayer that God would bring about peace for His glory. Lots of prayers and arrangements later, on the following Thursday the helicopter was able to pick up the Migabac team from their village! They arrived in Ukarumpa by 10:30 am, got settled in, and started on typesetting after lunch. So, yes, aviation is not always able to get people to where they want to go as planned, but we are still very thankful to be able to serve as reliably and safely as we can. Thank you for being a part of helping make Bible translation happen here in Papua New Guinea! Your prayers and support make it possible for us to serve those doing Bible translation here in PNG. APEC is coming to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG). In November the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation will be having their high level meetings in the capital of PNG. So if you see anything about APEC in the news in mid-November, you might want to take note as it is happening in PNG.

Prayer: Praise for safety as Jamie has been flying. Praise for a safe and good trip to Lae for a short vacation.

God Removes The “If”

When God chooses to do something great and revive His people, He selects one individual (never a group or denomination) through whom He can work. But before He can use that one whom He has chosen He must remove the “if” – the doubt that God can use that individual to bring deliverance, revival or whatever He purposes. Look at Gideon. When the angel came with the encouraging message, “The Lord is with thee thou mighty man of valor” (Judges 6:12-13). Gideon replied, “Oh, my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us?” Does that sound familiar? “If God is with us why don’t we have revival?” “If we had a better preacher,” “If certain members would change,” “If we had more faith,” “If we were better educated,” “If times were different,” then we’d see revival. “If!” “If!”

Gideon’s second “if” came after God had promised, “Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.”

Gideon answered, “If” now I have found grace in Thy sight...” He still doubted and asked for a sign. Even after the sign was given he had doubts and came with another “if.” In verse 36 he said to God, “If Thou wilt save Israel by my hand as Thou hast said...” How daring of Gideon to challenge God: “If you will do as you say.” What unbelief in view of the evidence God has already given that He would use Gideon! How great and merciful God is! So Gideon laid out the fleece, and God did as he had requested, sending dew only on the fleece with all the ground left dry. Still Gideon dared once more to test God, saying, “Let not Thine angel be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray Thee, but this once...” And again God granted his request. The fleece was dry while all the ground was wet with dew. How marvelous God is! Gideon’s heart was right, and he longed for deliverance for Israel. No doubt he had prayed much for it, but he did not expect God to use him to accomplish it. Is that your problem, too, in spite of all God has promised you? Do you still doubt that God can use you?

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Then behold the great grace and mercy of God. In chapter 7, v. 10-14, He told Gideon, "But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host, and thou shalt hear when they say." They went and they heard one man relate a dream about a loaf of bread striking and overturning a tent, to which another replied, "This is nothing else than the sword of Gideon, for unto his hand hath God delivered Midian and all the host." God had finally removed all Gideon's "if's." Now he was convinced. He became so sure that God would use him, that he sent 31,700 of his troops home. With the remaining 300 plus strong faith in God who had promised victory, he went to conquer an army of 135,000. God gave tremendous victory, turning the enemy soldiers to destroy one another. See what God could do with one man when the "if's" had been removed! He did what was humanly impossible.

Dear fellow pilgrim, let God remove your "if's" too, and you shall see revival and growth. This same God will use you, not to overcome a physical enemy, but to overcome satan's hosts and all hindrances to revival in your church or community. Think again of God's great mercy to Gideon by so graciously removing the "if's" and through Him saving a nation. Then trust God to use you. He can, and He will when you are willing to pay the price. Much and mighty prayer and waiting on God until He empowers you for the task He calls you to.

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Receipts

July 2018

G. Fund	200.00
NLM	100.00

August 2018

NLM	100.00
Retreat Sch.	225.00

September 2018

G. Fund	4,107.00
NLM	100.00
Hungary	1,354.00

July Total	300.00	August Total	325.00	Sept. Total	5,561.00
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Mission Gifts	July, Aug., Sept.	Total Fiscal Year 2018
General Fund	4,307.00	6,513.54
NLM	300.00	1,350.00
Hungary	1,354.00	1,354.00
Retreat Sch.	225.00	525.00
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