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Global Work at the Jiffy Lube

By Ellyn Roe

In early April, Steve and I had the joy and privilege of visiting BPC global workers Jerry and Candis Bingham in their Longview, Washington, home. We found them to be as enthusiastic, energetic, and Kingdom-focused as always.

Candis reviewed for us that, “Our first msn. field was in Papua New Guinea, and then after we waited 2 years for visas, our msn. organization sent us to Southern Mexico (Chetumal, by the Belize border). But then we needed to come home for our children—a long, hard story for another time). Then we went back to Mexico and then to Uganda for many years. We had to come home due to Jerry’s health so we went back to Mexico, Tecate, as medical help was closer.”

Today they are strong global outreach advocates at their local church, and shared with us that they still are serving with Tecate Msn. International (TMI), doing PR for them, speaking at churches, and sharing their work. In addition, they mentor and encourage their Mexican global workers in Mexico, Morocco\Spain, and Tanzania.

The Bingham’s still are actively involved in their ministry in Uganda, working with their former msn. agency, ACTION International Ministries. Jerry mostly is involved with the Pastors’ Leadership Development while Candis works along with their beloved national co-laborers there with the sponsorship of Home of Love Orphanage kids’ networks.

We swapped many stories about the Lord’s goodness and the need for the next generation to be burdened for the lost in our neighborhoods and around the world. It is obvious that Jerry and Candis continue to be global workers-in-practice,

always expecting God to bring people to them who need His Word and/or spiritual encouragement. As a direct result, Jerry has already given away three cases of Bibles, one at a time, and Candis says, “I’m a tract giver, ready always with a comment of ‘why’ I’m giving it.”

Jerry told us about reading his Bible while awaiting his turn at the Jiffy Lube recently. After the attendant had arranged the transaction, Jerry said to him, “Would you like a Bible? It’s what I’ve been reading. It is my whole life.” The worker accepted gratefully, and Jerry saw him take it immediately to his car. What a great example to us all. Is the Bible your whole life? Are we expectant about and prepared to put God’s Word into the hands of people who need it?

Thank you, Jerry and Candis, for serving God faithfully and with such joy. They would be the first to say, “All glory to God who accomplishes His great purposes around the world and in our home state.”



L-R: Steve and Ellyn Roe, Candis and Jerry Bingham, April 3, 2024, in Longview, WA

Photo credit: Steve Roe

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PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS Twosomes Partnering with God around the World

This monthly PAGE 2 column reminds us that a partnership takes two. We should all be active, on-going SENDERS partnering with the SENT.

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We Are Coming Home!

By the time you are reading this, Lord willing, we will be wrapping up a three-year term here in South East Asia. At the beginning of May, we plan to return to the beautiful USA for a much-anticipated furlough. We hope to spend the first few months based in the Seattle area with my (Craig's) parents, and then from September till Christmas based in Green River, Utah, with Abi's parents.

A brief ministry update: Craig has been able to meet daily with a young man in order to support the ongoing translation efforts here. While the Bible is available in the national language, the Bible is only still partially translated into the heart-language of the people in this area. Please pray that the discipleship and exposure to the Truth which accompanies the translation process will bring about new believers.

Our hope is that we will be able to gather again together with you in joyful worship soon after we arrive. Our two youngest kids have never been to America and we can hardly wait to introduce them to you in person!

Grace and Peace,

Craig, Abi, Bella (4), Lilly (2) and Cedric (6 months)



Photo courtesy of the family H

Update from Chad

By K.D.

I'm so thankful for the support I've received on both ends of my unexpected trip to Washington in March — both of colleagues in Chad and of BPC. Even though it was a challenging month, I am thankful I was able to help my father and family in multiple ways as he dealt with health and other challenges. In Chad, I am back into work at the office,

planning to start up English Club again after Ramadan, got back in time to visit neighbors on Eid al-Fitr, celebrated with students graduating from the English Center, attended meetings, am adjusting to the heat and dust and all, and am once again part of many varied facets of friends', neighbors', and colleagues' lives (including, since arriving, aspects of death, marriage, sickness, and moving houses).

It definitely feels like plunging from one world to another and back again!



Marlene's Presentation Is Ready for Viewing

Hello dear BPC family. I hope to see many of you now that I'm back in Washington. God has given me a part-time job teaching English to refugees in Tacoma. It came sooner than I'd hoped and as a result is keeping me busier than I had hoped.

I have prepared a 12-minute AV presentation which I would love to share with you. If you have a group I could visit, that would be great. Let me know if you'd like to be invited. I would love to have an opportunity to thank you face-to-face for all your support.

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Much love and appreciation for you all,
Marlene

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Living for God's Glory

By Pastor Bud

The fact that God made us for His glory is abundantly clear in Scripture. In Isaiah 43:7, God speaks about *“Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”* The idea of being made for His glory began in our creation when God created us in His image. Shortly after God made us upright (Eccl. 7:29), we sinned and marred the image of God in us. In the words of the apostle Paul, *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Rom. 3:23).

The history of the human race is a testimonial about how we have failed to glorify God. Thankfully, through faith in Jesus, we can be made new, holy, and righteous. With the newness of life Paul talks about, the old things of our bondage to sin pass away, and we become new creatures in Him. Only after we have become new does the apostle Paul give us one of the most overarching commands in Scripture. In 1 Corinthians 10:31, Paul commands, *“Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”* What was impossible in our sinful state has become possible as a new creature. But like all other aspects of progressive sanctification, living for the glory of God requires cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

The cooperation I am referring to is presented in Philippians 2:12-13, where Paul says, *“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”* We are to work out our salvation while God is, at the same time, working in us for His good pleasure. I can think of nothing that brings more pleasure to God than when we fulfill the purpose for which we are made—by glorifying God.

Practically, how does one do all things for the glory of God? The answer to this question is too expansive to fit in this article. However, I believe there is a starting point

for us all. It involves a category of thought necessary for proper cooperation with the Holy Spirit so that we bring God glory. Simply put, it involves proactively seeking to conform to Jesus' character in the things we do and the things we don't do.

Each day, we are presented with hundreds of opportunities and choices. Most of the time, we let opportunities pass; instead, we choose to do what we already planned or what might be more convenient for us. I suggest a different approach.

Actively look for opportunities to glorify God. The Bible is like a detailed character sketch of what God is like and what He loves. As you live each day, look for ways to proactively do what He loves rather than what you feel like doing now. It may be as simple as smiling at the grocery store checker and saying, “God bless you today.” Or, it may be trying to meet a need, sending an encouraging note, or reaching out to someone we know is discouraged. There are many ways to glorify God if you look for them.

Another way we can approach a life that glorifies God is by what we don't do. This can be harder than being proactive. When you encounter something that you don't like, it is natural to express your displeasure. Instead, we glorify God by giving a blessing instead of a critique. Don't always seek to get your way or have things always done to your liking. After all, Jesus glorified God more than anyone who ever lived, and when things didn't go His way, He never complained. Remember Peter's message about *“not returning evil for evil or insult for insult but give a blessing instead, for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing”* (1 Pet. 3:9).

If we sought God's glory more and our preferences less, I believe it would change our church and the world.

For His glory alone,
Pastor Bud

Milestones

Births

Rosalie Buckley

March 26, 2024

Parents: David and Abigail Buckley

Great-grandparents: Skip and

Pauline Kulle

Margo Mae Diener

March 28, 2024

Parents: Thomas & Sarah Diener

Grandparents: Pastor Bud and

Teresa Diener

Infant Dedications

Jonathan Lincoln Roenicke

April 21, 2024

Parents: Nathan and Elizabeth Roenicke

Grandparents: Pastor Bud and Teresa

Diener; Bill and Carol Roenicke

Rhett Sneesby

April 28, 2024

Parents: Ryan and Jessica Sneesby

Grandparents: Doug and Lisa Barton;

Randy and Suzanne Sneesby

Great-grandmothers: Fay Barton

and Kris Nelson

SPORTS CAMP 2024



July 22-26, 8:45am-Noon

Boulevard Park Church

**1st-5th Graders: Soccer,
Cheer, Flag Football or Art**

4-5 Year-Olds: Kickstart

(a variety of age-appropriate games & sports/
must be 4 by July 17 to participate)

Register through the QR code or
at www.bpcburien.org, beginning May 11.



THEME: COURAGEOUS We'll see how Esther gains *courage* as she trusts and obeys God!

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 31:6 *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.*

4 and 5 year-olds are only offered the Kickstart Program. They will begin the morning with the older kids, break off for a sampler of sports and age-appropriate lessons, and then finish the morning with the older kids.

Kids who are entering Grades 1-5 in the fall can choose from Soccer, Cheer, Flag Football or Art. (Flag Football is only offered to 2nd-5th graders.)

Kids entering 6th grade in the fall have the option to participate as a camper or volunteer.

Volunteers Needed! Sign up here!

Lead a group of 8-12 kids, no sports skills needed...just a love for Jesus and the kids He brings to your group. Youth, please have your parent's approval when you sign up.



Already signed up? Save these dates & times!

- Volunteer Training & Lunch: July 21, after church/12:00-2:00pm
- Volunteer Schedule During Camp Week:
 - Volunteer Check-In & Devotions: 8:00am
 - Camp: 8:45-12:00
 - Volunteer Debrief: 12:15-12:30pm

Contact children@bppc.org or Lisa at 206-334-6775 to get in on the action!

Missing the Mark

By George Brown, Elder

What do I mean when I talk about “Missing the Mark”? Here’s an example from the Bible that accurately illustrates my thinking: Matthew 16:21-23 says: *“From that time on, Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ‘Never, Lord!’ he said. ‘This shall never happen to you!’ Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan. You are a stumbling block to me: You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.’”*

How many times in our own lives do we have the things of men in mind rather than the things of God? Perhaps these additional Scriptural examples of missing the mark will stimulate your thinking:

- When God instructed Samuel to have King Saul completely destroy the Amalekites, Saul was specifically told to kill every man, woman, child and infant and all of the oxen, sheep, camels and donkeys. But Saul did not kill the Amalekite King Agag nor the choice sheep and oxen. This incurred God’s wrath and ended God’s blessing of Saul as Israel’s king (1 Samuel 15:1-9). “Kind of” following God’s instructions isn’t good enough – Saul “missed the mark”.
- When Jacob deceived Isaac to receive his father’s firstborn blessing, he clearly was missing the mark of acting in a godly manner. (Genesis 27)
- When Job’s friends offered him advice that centered on Job’s supposedly ungodliness, they also missed the mark. (The Book of Job)

The Bible is full of examples of men and women who fell short of God’s standards. But there are also examples of those who stood their ground for God and were rewarded for their faith.

- Look at David’s encounter with Goliath. In the face of a terrifying opponent, David prevailed. Goliath had intimidated the entire army of Israel and yet this upstart youth did not fear him. God gave David victory! (1 Samuel 17).
- Queen Esther put her life on the line to free the Israelites from the edict by Haman to destroy the Jews in Babylonian captivity. As the story unfolds, Esther comes to King Ahasuerus not knowing whether he will allow her to approach him. If not, she has assured her own death because no one could approach the king uninvited. She was granted access and allowed to plan a banquet during which Haman’s duplicity was revealed, ultimately resulting in Haman’s death and the cancelling of Haman’s edict. Queen Esther’s faith saved her Jewish brothers and sisters from annihilation. (Esther chapters 3-7)

In our daily decisions, on which side are we? Do we seek to judge our actions by God’s standards or are we “missing the mark”? Are we “kind of” obeying God’s Word or are we fully committed to following His principles? I know it’s really hard sometimes to take a stand but that’s exactly what God requires from us. Let’s reevaluate our level of commitment to our God and make sure we’re not “missing the mark” by focusing on human standards rather than God’s standards.

Calendar Events

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00A Adult Sunday School
9:15A Youth/KIDS Sunday School
10:30A Children’s Church
10:30A Worship in person & Livestream

Sunday, May 5

9:00A Prayer Meeting
10:30A Worship /Communion

Sunday, May 12

Mother’s Day

Wed., May 1, 8, 15, 22, 20, 29

6:30P Family Dinner
6:40P Adult Bible Study
6:30P Youth Group

Monday, May 6, 20 & 27

6:30P Men’s Bible Study
7:00P GriefShare

Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21 & 28

6:30P Women’s Ministry Bible Study (runs thru May 28)

Monday, May 13

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle
6:30P Men’s Bible Study
7:00P GriefShare

Tuesday, May 14 & 28

9:30A MOMLife

Wednesday, May 15

11:00P Press Articles Due
bpcpress@bpcburien.org

Saturday, May 18

8:00A Men’s Breakfast/
Pancake Chef

Friday, May 24 &

Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed



An Answer to Prayer

At left: the new Care Net unit that you prayed for is fully operational! At right: new Care Net director, Grace Mignoli.



Photo credit: Steve Roe

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Please Note:

NEWS RE: SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The 9:15 a.m. Children’s Sunday School will not be meeting from June 16 – August 25. We’ll look forward to seeing you at 9:15 a.m. again in September!

Meanwhile, the 10:30 a.m. Nursery and Kids Church for Preschool and Elementary classes will continue as usual throughout the summer.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have someone graduating from high school, college or grad school, please call and let the church office know their name, where they are graduating from, degrees and their plans for the fall. Their names will be listed in the church bulletin and the July issue of the Boulevard Park Press.

ANNIVERSARY TO CELEBRATE

Pastor Nate Kowallis has blessed us as Youth Pastor for five years. On Sunday, June 2, following the morning worship service we will celebrate the anniversary with a cake reception in the Multipurpose Room. Please plan to stop by and greet Nate and have some cake and coffee. We are grateful to those who serve us so faithfully.

Garcia Family Begins Ministry

By Laurie Garcia

A lot has happened since we—Jared, Laurie, and Carson Garcia—were last at Boulevard Park Church in December. We enjoyed time with family and our sending church over Christmas, knocked out many last-minute details, and then on Sunday, January 7, we officially were commissioned by our church. We left the next morning and after 40+ hours of travel time by plane and car, we arrived in our new home, Baguio City, Philippines. Starting the next evening, we conducted a 3-day workshop on expository Bible reading and preaching which was hosted by our church in the field, Pines City Baptist Church. We were encouraged by the attendance of around 80 participants, including 17 local pastors. The following several weeks were busy with settling into our new home and working out all the logistics of life in a different country. Jared also regularly began preaching and leading a men’s Bible study through Titus.

In March, we stepped away for a brief time to join our mission organization’s first ever Global Retreat in Thailand. We were encouraged and refreshed. It was a great time of fellowship and collaboration with brothers and sisters serving all over the globe, but we also were ready to get back home and dig into the work. While we were traveling, Jared officially was voted in as the second pastor at Pines City Baptist Church.

Looking ahead, we are greatly anticipating the relaunch of the existing church-based Bible institute as the rebranded “Pines City Baptist School of Theology.” PCBST exists to equip pastors and church leaders in expository preaching, sound theology, and a biblical philosophy of church ministry for healthy churches in Northern Luzon. Classes start in June. Also in June-July, we will be hosting several students for a missions practicum in partnership with our mission organization, Reaching and Teaching.

Please continue to pray for us. We are thankful for many answers to prayer already over the past few months. A few specific prayer requests for this season are: pray for our marriage and parenting as we all continue to adjust. Pray for the students who will be part of the new School of Theology,



Commissioning service on Sunday, January 7



Arrival in Baguio City

and that we would be effective in raising up more trained and qualified pastors and leaders. Pray for our four practicum students that God would provide direction through their experiences here, and that some might even decide to serve long-term here in the Philippines.

Below: Group photo following the January workshop



MEN – JOIN US
Flying Heritage Museum
Everett

Saturday, May 18th

Leave church: 9:15 a.m.

The church van holds 14 – sign up early.



LUNCH AFTER MUSEUM VISIT

Sponsored by Men's Ministry

CARE NET
BABY
BOTTLE
TIME!!



It's time to look for coins or dollars or your checkbook, because the wildly popular Care Net Baby Bottle Fundraiser Campaign starts on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12**, when free baby bottle banks will be available from Care Net volunteers Steve and Ellyn Roe.

Display the bottle to remind you to: 1) pray for the faith-based, life-affirming work of Care Net, and 2) collect your contribution of coins, dollars and/or checks (Payable to Care Net of Puget Sound).

For families—these bottles can help you discuss the sanctity of human life with your kids. If it is permissible, take an extra bottle for your work place—what a great prompt for your colleagues to ask you about a woman's right to choose LIFE for her baby!

Bring the bottles back to the Roes at church on **Father's Day Sunday, June 16**. (NOTE: Please do not return the bottles before June 16, as it creates a security issue for the Roes and church staff.)

Thank you, dear friends, for your ALWAYS amazing sacrificial generosity toward Care Net of Puget Sound. You are indeed champions for the Gospel and for God's tiniest image bearers.
 ~Ellyn Roe, Care Net Liaison

Celebrations!

May Birthdays

- 1 Noah Harder
William McCreary
- 3 Gary Schwatke
- 6 Karen Doerr
- 7 Don Whalen
- 9 John Hagar
- 12 Rachel Drost
Don Hartley
- 14 Hillary Hightower
Joe Hightower
- 15 Pete Wagner
- 15 Ellyn Roe
- 16 Fred Volkers
- 17 Lisa Bowen
Josh Burt
- 19 Jim Lindberg
Wyatt Wagner
- 20 Jim Shoe
- 21 Jon Recker
- 25 Eva Lee Henderson
- 27 Brenda Partridge
- 28 Judy Maier
- 29 Larry Gray
- 31 Rae Weller
Dick Frederick

Early June Birthdays

- 1 Noe Martinez
- 2 Lisa Siedenburg
- 3 Judy Mattson
- 4 Farouq Hammo
- 5 Kian Conroy
Gene Deda
- 6 Ian Faulkner
- 7 Gary Stariha
Lisa (Stampalia) Jones
Larry Rice
- 8 Cora Miller
Nathan Recker
- 9 Natasha Hartley

If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be, please contact the church office.



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*Reaching Our
World for Christ*

Ladies! Mark your calendars for

Saturday, June 22, from **10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**
for our June **CONNECT** activity!

Come and join us for some **fun**, **friendship**
and **food** as we kick off summer with a
PICNIC in the MPR!

More info to come in the weekly bulletins
and next month's Press!