

December 2014

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Air Hill Breezes

CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I've had my first Christmas in Heaven
A Glorious, wonderful day.
I stood with the saints of the ages,
who found Christ the Truth and the Way.
I sang with the Heavenly Choir:
Just think: I who longed so to sing!
And oh, what celestial music
we brought to our Savior and King!
We sang the glad songs of redemption,
How Jesus to Bethlehem came,
And how they called His name Jesus,
That all might be saved through His name.
We sang once again with the angels,
The song that they sang that blest morn,
When shepherds first heard the glad story
That Jesus, the Savior, was born.

Oh, how I wish you had been there:
No Christmas on earth could compare
With all the rapture and glory
We witnessed in Heaven so fair.
You know how I always loved Christmas;
It seemed such a wonderful day,
With all of my loved ones around me
The children so happy and gay.
Yes, now I can see why I loved it:
And oh, what a joy it will be
When you and my loved ones are with me:
To share in the glories I see.
So dear ones on earth, here's my greeting:
Look up till the day dawn appears,
And oh, what a Christmas awaits us,
Beyond all our parting and tears.

Dr. Albert Simpson Reitz



A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Wilda English, n.d.

God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ?.

*"For unto you is born ... a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Luke 2:11



AIR HILL MISSIONS

Pastor Chuck:



I want to thank each one of you for your support on my mission trip to India. It was a great trip and I truly felt used by God.

On the trip I had the opportunity to teach four sessions at three different locations. It was a thrill to see the pastors absorb the material, ask questions, and express their gratitude for the Biblical insight. Throughout the years God has blessed me with the privilege of sitting under the teaching of some great men of God; Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, Dr. John Oswalt, Dr. Wang and many more. This trip gave me the opportunity of passing on Biblical teaching of these men to other pastors.

At first it was a struggle teaching and preaching through an interpreter. I was constantly re-doing my lecture notes; making shorter phrases, removing illustrations, changing words. Plus, the feeling was like running a race and every 50' needing to come to a complete stop and then start again. It was exhausting.

The highlight of the trip was the young folks. We had a number of occasions to connect with the youth from the churches and we thoroughly enjoyed each one of them. The youth were impressed that a visiting speaker from the USA with a Doctorate Degree would come into their world. I was singing, wrestling and jumping around with them.



I was most impressed with the attitude of the people. Many of them lived in extreme poverty and understood persecution but yet they were happy. Not only did they express joy, but they gladly shared with us the little that they possessed. They truly reflected Paul's statement in Phil. 4:12 "...for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstance."

This trip provided an opportunity to teach, but it also provided a chance to learn. In those two weeks I was able to give Biblical knowledge, but to also receive crucial life lessons concerning walking with Christ.

Marilyn Ruth:

Time is flying by and we hope to wrap things up in our final 3 weeks here. This has truly been a wonderful learning adventure which the Lord has graciously allowed us to be a part of.

God has been good. We are anxious to come back home. Please ask the church to pray for our safe return.

Leaving Cape Town @ 5:30 Sunday evening Dec. 7

Overnight flight to London

Leave London @ 5:00PM

Overnight flight to Dallas arriving at 8:30PM Tues. Dec. 9

Then it will be JET LAG!!!

MORE AIR HILL MISSIONS

Dana & Judy Crider:

Interestingly, lately the nights have been disturbed: sometimes seasonal thunder rolling across and between the mountain peaks; more often by barking dogs who are informing the community that they are unhappy with the prowling leopard which has nicely helped itself to several dogs it found alone on the hillside; last night, we were entertained till 1:30 am by the sound of a tractor-mounted digger working its way around the curves of road below Pennington, ditching a route for the new fiber optic communication cable being run through-out Mussoorie and to Dehradun.

Hillside? Well, keep in mind that our home is sitting at about 6,000 feet elevation and the road meets our front gate and path some 85 vertical feet below our front yard and door. If you are not acclimatized to this elevation, you will always reach home with a red face, sweating and out of breath. If you cannot walk well, you may end up carried in a four-man-lifted chair up that 85 feet, along a path that measures about 210 feet long with 35 or more steps on the dirt and cement path. If you weigh as much as I, the four-man lifted chair-ride is accompanied by grunts and exclamations about the chair being heavier than four days or a week ago (it does not help for me to tell the coolies that I lost 3 or 5 pounds in those days).

Often, I reach the yard outside the front door to a chorus of 'Hi, Appa' with possibly anywhere from one to six grandchildren. They at least pretend to want to have me around: actually Gideon really does enjoy coming to read another book about dolphins or dinosaurs; Joel loves having complements about his music, his dancing and his sports; Gabriel thrills to tell anyone willing to listen about Star Wars episodes and characters; Eden gives an easy giggle about any greeting or tickle and enjoys doing math with me; Micah laughs daily when he is mistaken for his Daddy as his voice is changing or when his identity is mistaken due to his faux-British accent; and Charis, whose piano practice can be heard when she takes a break from homework or reading, also knows she can bug me anytime and often with math questions.



Yes, life here is a joy, interwoven with long days of quiet and self-entertainment while Judy, Andy and Sonya meet the unique demands of their jobs in Woodstock. Not all of the demands on their time are easy or simply enjoyed, but all demands have to do with supporting the institutional goals of facilitating the education of a mixed national/social/religious group of young minds and lives. One of the stated goals of Woodstock is to see each individual reach and expand their own potential, a challenge in this 21 century with its competing calls and media-communicated demands of what can be called success and maturity and value.

Dana & Judy plan to arrive in PA on Dec. 23rd and will be staying in Mechanicsburg. They will head back to India on Jan. 26, 2015.

MORE AIR HILL MISSIONS

KARINA THRUSH—JAPAN



Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity! God is faithful! He has given us the opportunity to touch about 50 people through our English for Life Camps! Our camp in Utsunomiya was challenging for us as staff with all the traveling each day, but God used those long travel hours to build closer relationships with each other and our students from the school who went along with us. The Gospel was shared clearly on the last day and we were so thankful that some of the people came back to hear it. Many of them afterward had some great questions and we could tell they were really pondering what they heard.

Our second camp in Saku was held in a local church. We had a larger number of people at this camp from a variety of ages. I had the opportunity during this camp to care for the children while the adults were in the classes. This was such a special time for me. One of the other staff members and I used that time to share the gospel creatively with the children also. This was such good practice for us to take what we learned and say it in a way that children can understand.

This term at SYME has been such a blessing. God has blessed me with new friendships with some ladies who love the Lord very much. I have learned so much from them and from our training time. I was also challenged to pray, "Lord change me" and "Lord break me." God answers prayer. God has been teaching me to love Him more than anyone or anything else. This seems so simple, yet it is very difficult. Loving God is obedience to His commands. When I choose disobedience even in the "small" things, I am choosing to love myself more than Him.

Thank you for your time,

Karina Thrush

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 24: Flying home to PA

End of January: Travel to Indiana for the winter term

Beginning of March: Travel back to Japan for spring term

Prayer & Praises:

Continued connections with the people we ministered to through the English Camps

More students/former students to commit to the USA term

Safety in upcoming travels

Praise for the 3 students coming to the USA so far.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

WOW

Our children in WOW will continue in China during the month of

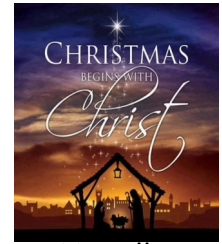


December. Wally Brickman and the children are learning about

PERSEVERANCE

On Nov. 12, the girls decorated Chinese Lanterns and with the help of their craft leaders and Sissi and Sito they had an amazing time launching them. To get the details, ask Sissi, Sito, Daryl or Sharon.

The Sunday School children (preschool - 5th grade) will be learning about a very special gift God gave to the whole world:



Jesus Christ. "She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name *Jesus*, because He will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

The older children will also have a special visit from Anthony, Shawna, & their children and Karina Thrush to hear updates about their ministries.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!
December 13, 2014
Christmas Family Dinner and Program
An Easy Learn, Musical
 Featuring our very own
 Air Hill Children, WOW Children and
 Good News Club Children.

Nativity Sudoku

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Word Scramble

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| Mary | stable | inn | angels |
| Joseph | donkey | Jesus | gifts |
| manger | worship | Bethlehem | |
| star | shepherds | baby | |

Lamplighters at Sight and Sound

On November 22nd, 56 Lamplighters and friends traveled to Lancaster by chartered coach enjoying a variety of humor, stories, and paper & pencil games and door prizes along the way.



After enjoying a delicious buffet lunch at Shady Maple, we enjoyed Sight & Sound's newest production, the amazing Bible Story of "MOSES". Shopping was enjoyed and a few purchases were made in the gift shops of Shady Maple and Sight & Sound.

A fast food stop at Wendy's rounded out the day and we arrived home at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,
Lois Denlinger



Locate codes and do something great for our school

By drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can earn My Coke Rewards points and donate them to our school. Your point donations will go towards rewards like sports equipment, art supplies and educational resources that help our students learn, play and have fun.

My Coke Rewards codes can be found on hundreds of different packages from these brands:



Want to donate points? Here's how you can get them:



Bottles have a code under the cap worth **3 points**



24pk of 12oz cans have a code under the flap worth **20 points**



12pk of 12oz cans have a code under the flap worth **10 points**

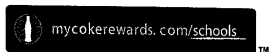


32pk of 12oz cans have a code under the wrap worth **25 points**

Here's where you'll find the codes to get points:



Register and get more information on how to donate at mycokerewards.com/schools.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- * **Dec. 13, 2014:** Christmas Dinner and Program
- * **Dec. 14, 2014:** Budget Council after Worship Service
- * **Dec. 24, 2014:** Christmas Eve Service
- * **Jan. 18, 2015:** Council Meeting
- * **Feb. 13-15:** Youth at Snow Camp
- * **Feb. 14, 2015:** Lamplighters Valentine Banquet with Elva Hurst, Chalk Artist
- * **Feb. 28, 2015:** Sportsman Banquet with Tracey Breen, a full-time outdoor writer.
- * **March 10-14, 2015:** Church Pictorial Directory

Please put cut out codes or bottle caps in Daryl Stoltzfus' mailbox for Mowersville School.

YOUTH PAGE

New Heights Youth Group

Grades 6-12

Meeting every Wednesday at
6:30 pm



Merry Christmas

'Tis the season... Celebrate Christmas this year by looking for opportunities around you to serve others. Let's all commit to give back in some way this December. Buy groceries for a family in need, buy gifts for a less fortunate child, invite someone to dinner that may not have another place to celebrate or whatever you are able to do to share Jesus' love with others. Then it can truly be a Merry Christmas for all.

If we all take time to care for and serve someone else, then I truly believe that we can take Christmas back from the consumer driven, materialistic holiday it has become and use it once again as a celebration of the earthly birth of the Son of God who would go on to offer each of us salvation through his death and resurrection.

Monthly Passage

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

- Colossians 2:6-7



New Year's Eve

We are planning to usher in the new year together with a celebration on New Year's Eve. Watch for more info coming soon. It will be an awesome evening of making friends, hanging out and playing some great games. Hope you can join us!

December 2014

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Fri

Sat

	1	2 6:30 Air Hill Basketball 7:00 Church Board Meeting	3 6:00 Meal 6:30 Wed. Act.	4	5 1-3 Good News Club	6 6:00 Leadership Banquet
7 8:20 Breakfast 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship Des. Off.: MCC	8 8:30 am Sewing in the Annex 7:00 pm Ministry Board Meeting	9 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Air Hill Basketball 6:30 pm Ladies Prayer	10 6:00 Meal 6:30 Wed. Act.	11	12 1-3 Good News Club	13 10 am Dress Rehearsal 5 pm Christmas Program
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