

2016

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# Air Hill Breezes

God May Send an Elephant

God is at work. Just when it seems like things are at their worse, God moves. Below is a story I received from the Bishop of India which clearly reminds us of this truth. (Names and places have been changed).

Rev. Joe (not real name) has been proved a zealous & active worker in the Lord's vineyard in

District. He has God given Passion to win the lost for His Kingdom at any cost. Rev. Joe used to go for outreach to a village called \_\_\_\_\_ and established a house church with 2 families.

God has His own ways to make His name known among the people that do not listen to His name. Man experiences himself feeble when God exercises his power

Bill and Sam (not real names) are the two inhabitants of the same village. One day, Rev. Joe was sitting on the Bill's porch sharing the Gospel. After the sharing was over, Bill's family washed the porch with cow dunk water to purify the area. After a month Rev. Joe again went to the same place to share the gospel.

This time Bill and Sam came and threatened to beat him if once again he comes to that place to share about Jesus.

Rev. Joe abstained himself to visit that place for next few days. But one day, Bill and Sam invited Rev. Joe to return and share the Gospel. Rev. Joe was surprised by this invitation and assumed it could be a

conspiracy to trap him. But prayerfully he decided to go there. By reaching the village he heard a story from the two villagers that made his joy double in the Lord.

According to Rev. Joe, Bill and Sam, went to the forest to collect the non-timber forest products. They have been doing this work for the last 30 years. Their practice was to go in the morning and return to home in the evening. Never had they faced a problem during their visit to forest. But one day Bill and Joe suddenly encountered 3 elephants. They could not escape from that place and climbed up a tree. The elephants did not move from the place & watched them for a long time. Remaining on the tree they called in the name of all their god & goddesses for rescue. But nobody came to rescue them.



They recollected the incident where they threatened Rev. Joe and thought they faced this situation because of that. The two men started asking forgiveness to Jesus for their wrong doing and prayed to Jesus to rescue them from this deadly situation. After they prayed, the wild elephants slowly moved from their places. After a while these two villagers got down from the tree and returned to their home without any harm. They then went to Rev. Joe and shared the story (testimony) with him and asked him to come and to continue to share the Gospel. Now, Bill and Sam believe on Jesus and share how none of their gods rescued them but Jesus. Soon they accepted Jesus as their Personal Savior. Now he is preparing these villagers to grow more in the knowledge of the Lord.

Remember – No matter how many doors close when you share the gospel God is still at work. Our responsibility is to share and then leave the rest to God. Maybe God will send an elephant to that person who you are praying for and witnessing to.

#### **Shepherd Ministry Moments**

Sunday evening October 16 was a beautiful night to gather around the fire ring behind our church enjoying a campfire hotdog roast.

We all sat on hay bales as we ate a light meal. There were 17 present along with 2 pups. We created faces on small pumpkins with great skill. As it grew dark, lights were strung around our hay bale area so we could see better to draw. 3 men judged the faces.

A gift was given to the prettiest and the most creative. The prettiest went to Mickey and Mildred and the most creative went to Angie and Sandy.

We ended our fellowship time in singing "Amazing Grace" and "You are my Sunshine", after which we had a sharing time with our shepherds followed by a time of prayer.

God is so good and I thank Him for His faithfulness. If God is calling you to be a shepherd, please obey. You will be blessed.

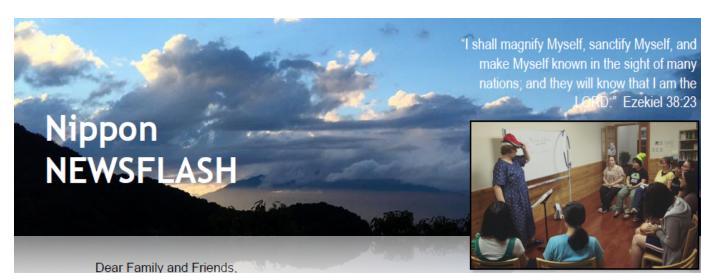
#### CHURCH BOARD/MINISTRY BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

#### Sept. Church Board

- Introduction of Warren Hoffman as Chair
- Blue prints of the elevator project are on the wall of Sunday School room #15
- Acceptance of Resignations: Lane Thrush from Church Board and Ministry Board, Carla Goshorn from Personnel Committee
- Dennis Diehl agreed to fill the uncompleted term of church board secretary until January.
- Office hours request was granted for Tues Fri 8 am 1 pm
- Updating the church and cemetery Articles of Incorporation

#### Oct. Church Board

- 2017 Budget to be brought to the Nov. Church Board Meeting
- \$300 to be given to Brandon Myers for his mission trip
- Discussed scheduling a planning time in Jan. or Feb. 2017 to set the calendar for the 2017 year.
- Financial Council date set for Dec. 11 after church
- Church Council is set for Jan. 29th.



Thank you for your faithful support and prayers! It is hard to believe we are finishing week 6 here at SYME! This term is passing by so quickly! We are half way through already, but it has been a wonderful term so far. Our students have been learning about the will of God, how to share their personal testimony. theology, using our tongues for God's glory, English and much more.

Here are some highlights:

We have sent one student, Dave, off to the Word of Life Bible Institute in Jeju, South Korea, as well as praising the Lord for the recent salvation of Joe. We are also welcoming a new student, Julia, to SYME this weekend. She is Mary's sister (current student). Our director of the Pacific Rim, Pastor Randal Gilmore. and his wife stayed with us for a week and was an encouragement to the staff and students. We were also blessed with the visit of the new director of the SYME that will begin in the spring in Nicaragua. He shared with us the needs in Nicaragua and his heart for the youth that he has been called to minister to there. God is faithful and He has been so good to us.

The thing that is heavy on my heart recently is our Heart to Heart Bible study with our girls. Next week, we will be sharing God's heart for our sexual purity in all areas of life. The following heart to heart will be about being teachers of good things. The Lord has given me the privilege to share in the teaching responsibility for next week's Heart to Heart along with Miss Jodi and Miss Mana. Please pray that we will share with boldness and gentleness. Also, pray for the follow up with our girls. This is a heavy topic and we want to be careful in how we teach it and have wisdom in how to follow up with them. Pray they will have open hearts and seek help if they are struggling in this area.

In Christ,

Karina Thrush



Teaching time at our September Heart to Heart on spending time at the feet of Jesus from the story of Mary and Martha.

Fzekiel 38:23

#### **Upcoming Events**

Oct. 4: Man2Man/Heart2Heart

Nov. 1: Man2Man/Heart2Heart

Nov. 11: Fall term ends Nov. 12-19: Pacific Rim

Conference in the Philippines

#### Prayer & Praises

God will open Shouko, Yura & Yuzuki's (3 girls from Friday Kid's Club) hearts to understand the gospel and believe for salvation.

Wisdom in preparations for Heart to Heart.

An opportunity to meet with each of the girl students one on one this term.

More intensified prayer time.

Praise God for increased accountability relationships and unity among the ladies on staff.

Students volunteering to wash the SYME vehicles!



# Nursery News

November 2016

for your BIG HEART shaping LITTLE MINDS

#### **Nursery Contacts:**

- \* Deb Ogburn (chair)
- \* Kathy Coldsmith
- \* Danae Wenger

#### WOW

The nursery will not be staffed on Wednesday nights. If there is a need for a church family member to have nursery care, please let someone on the Nursery Team know.

#### **New Formation**

The Nursery Team has reorganized the process and procedures of the Nursery Team Responsibilities to fit the team's strengths and to enhance the flow of such responsibilities. In short, each responsibility has been divided among the 3 team members to accomplish each month, as opposed to formerly, only completing the tasks on the designated month. How does this effect

our volunteers??

It doesn't! We only wanted to inform you of the changes to enhance communication. Your volunteering is much appreciated and we definitely couldn't do it without you!

Below are the team member's titles, names and a brief description so that you know who to contact:

#### "Stocked and Loaded"

- Deb Ogburn
- Ensures there are adequate copies of all

papers, coloring sheets, and all supplies

#### "Toys and Beyond"

- Kathy Coldsmith
-All things toy related
(cleans, disposes/adds,
inspects toys) as well
as weekly washing
items and emptying
trash

#### "Schedule for 52"

Danae Wenger
 All things related to scheduling and communicating with our volunteers

#### 3rd Helper

It is exciting to welcome all the little ones to our nursery on Sunday mornings! Because we have an increasing number of little ones, we are adding a 3rd helper to

our worship service hour. The 3rd helper can be 13 yrs old or older, with approval of the nursery team. If there is not a need for the third helper on any given Sunday, meaning there are less than 5 children, the third helper is to join the worship service. This schedule will continue until the need is no longer.

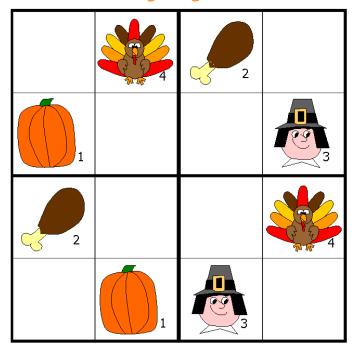
## WHATS NEW IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Children's Sunday School classes are now combined into one class. Teachers are Carla Goshorn and Sharon Warren.
- Two open positions in the Children's Ministry: Release Time Leader and Children's Sunday School Team Leader.
- Approx. 95 children coming to Good News Club on Fridays.
- Approx. 70 children and youth coming to WOW and Youth Group on Wednesdays.

If you are interested in serving in the Children's Ministry, please contact Sandy Bender.

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### Thanksgiving Sudoku



Each row, each column and each of the large four squares should have one of each image. Fill in the blanks!











- Dec. 10th Christmas Family Dinner and Program. Meal @ 5 pm, Program @ 6:15
- Dec. 14th Join the children with Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins.
   Meet in the gym at 6 pm
- Dec. 25th No Sunday School and no Children's Church.

# new Height



#### CRC 2016

It was a great weekend. Pray for all involved that they will see where God working in their lives. Hope you can join







#### 18th Annual Air Hill Craft Show

Nov. 26 - 8a-2p

Join us for one of the youth group's biggest fundraisers. More than 35 vendors selling crafts, art, jewelry, baked goods and much more! Youth, this is a great opportunity to help out and earn money for your accounts so that you can participate in upcoming events. Everyone else, please consider helping out by baking something that we could use for the bake stand - whoopee pies, pies, cookies, fudge or whatever your specialty may be.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

-1 Chronicles 16:34



Pressing on to New Heights



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