



# Church of the Open Bible

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## ***March Is Missions Month for Bedford!***

### **WE HELPED HAITI THIS PAST YEAR - AN UPDATE**

A very special thanks to all who have been so generous in providing funds to assist with the hunger situation in Haiti. We are sending \$1500 per month to Pastor Lesly for the purchase of food for those in need. He has also provided some seeds to be planted so that perhaps, weather permitting, they can grow some food for this year. As long as we have the funds to do so, we will continue to send this amount each month to Pastor Lesly. The CIA World Factbook says this: "Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 80% of the population living under the poverty line and 54% in abject poverty. Two-thirds of all Haitians depend on the agricultural sector, mainly small-scale subsistence farming, and remain vulnerable to damage from frequent natural disasters, exacerbated by the country's widespread deforestation. While the economy has recovered in recent years, registering positive growth since 2005, four tropical storms in 2008 severely damaged the transportation infrastructure and agricultural sector." Please continue to pray for Pastor Lesly and this group of suffering brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **OUR FOCUS THIS MONTH - PERU!**

Bill Wachtel and David and Lynne Krogh will be traveling to Lima April 4 to 9. A medical doctor and his family along with another new family have been attending the church since we were last there. They have requested baptism while the team is in Lima. They have been studying the Systematic Bible Study course on-line with David and they have had extensive correspondence by e-mail with Bill. The team will work with Pastor Gaston and Pastor Beder's widow, Maria, in developing plans for the further development of the work. Services will be held on Sunday with Bible studies scheduled for the other days. Plans to travel on to Uruguay to meet with Mauro Gonzalez and his group have been cancelled because of

Mauro's serious illness. He has been hospitalized to determine the cause of his illness, which seems to be related to his heart. Plans will be made to visit Montevideo at a later time.

### **SPIN YOUR COINS FOR PERU ... FOR CHRIST!**

**USE OUR VORTEX** at the back of the church to spin coins for Peru!! (It will also accept paper money!) There are SO MANY NEEDS with our brethren around the world – if only we had millions of \$ to help them all!! Matt. 25: <sup>39</sup>*Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?* <sup>40</sup>*And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

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**DISTANT READERS** who send donations this month to help with our Peru outreach would be greatly appreciated! You can send your donation to: Church of God / 689 Adams St / Bedford OH 44146 or you can send directly to: LHI (Lord's Harvest International) / PO Box 2950 / McDonough, GA 30253.

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**The Flowers Today From Frank Roper Are In Memory of  
Dick Richter (2-28-1925 to 6-29-2005)**

### **NEXT WEEK - Our Annual All Church Outing!**

**NEXT WEEK!** our annual Dutch Treat All Church Outing will be enjoyed at Golden Corral's buffet in Macedonia. Everyone is welcome! Lunch on Sunday is \$9.99. Drink is extra for \$1.99.

**JENNIFER WETZEL** will be our guest speaker for Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope you can be here to visit with her and hear her life update and Palm Sunday message!

**BILL AND GINNY CRAMER** (Jefferson Ohio) has again sent our (their) church a generous tithe check to help with our work here. They wrote, *"Please tell everyone we said hello."* They are doing well.

### **CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? AND IN AMERICA!**

OAKLAND, Calif.- A California minister faces up to two years in prison and a \$4,000 fine when he's sentenced Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> for trying to save the lives of unborn children by demonstrating against abortion outside an Oakland clinic.

When he was arrested last year, the Rev. Walter Hoye II was carrying a sign that read "Jesus Loves You & Your Baby. Let Us Help You." He was convicted of "unlawful approach" under Oakland's "Access to Reproductive Health Care Facilities Ordinance."

Hoye is appealing his conviction and challenging the constitutionality of the law, but says he's willing to go to jail if that's "God's will."

**ED GOIT** is scheduled for kidney cancer surgery tomorrow. Keep him in your prayers. He attends our Fonthill Canada church and was a former pastor in the Church of God.

**ERNEST GRAHAM** (89), former pastor, fell asleep in Christ February 26<sup>th</sup>. He was residing in a nursing home in Lakeland FL being cared for by his daughter, Elizabeth, and hospice. An obituary will appear in the Restitution Herald in the spring; services and burial will be in Dixon IL. Our sympathy and prayers reach out to the family.

**BILL GALLAGHER**, father to Mike Gallagher who pastored Brushcreek, is in the hospital – heart? He & I went to OBC together.

**ISRAEL'S NEW PRIME MINISTER:** The leader of a Messianic Jewish ministry says she is pleased that conservative leader Benjamin Netanyahu will be Israel's next prime minister. Israeli President Shimon Peres has chosen Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu to form a new government. Jan Markell, founder and director of Olive Tree Ministries believes Israelis realized that Israel will need a leader who will be able to act without the support of the United States.

## **WE ARE COMMANDED BY GOD TO PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM**

1. Please be praying for incoming Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his wife Sarah and his team. Pray for wisdom and courage as they form a new government over the next six weeks amidst news that Iran now has enough uranium to build a nuclear weapon.
2. Please pray for peace along the northern border of Israel after several rockets were fired into the Galilee area from southern Lebanon.
3. Please pray for peace along the southern border of Israel given that even since the announcement of a "cease fire" with Hamas more than 50 rockets and mortars have been fired from Gaza at innocent Israelis. (See Ps. 122:6 & Isaiah 62:6,7 / Joel Rosenberg, 2-23-09)

## **“Fireproof”**

is an excellent movie for someone having marital problems or who wants to know the pitfalls to avoid in marriage!

ASSIST News Service reports that the 17th Annual Movieguide® Faith and Values Awards Gala and Report to the Entertainment Industry announced the 2008's winners for "good and uplifting" film and television.... Hosted by Dr. Ted Baehr, chairman of the Christian Film & Television Commission and publisher of Movieguide®, the event offered prizes up to \$100,000. The film "Fireproof," which won Best Feature Film at the San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival in January, walked away with the \$100,000 Epiphany Prize for Most Inspiring Movie of 2008. Other nominees included Disney's "Prince Caspian," "Gran Torino," and "Henry Poole Is Here."

**PRAY FOR:** Bill Gallagher, Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Josh Eberly (by SMay), Bill Marsh, David Krogh, Pastors Earl Poland, Ed Goit, Alva Huffer, Don Ward & Leon Driskill, Ken Cramer, Joyce Macy Nodstrom (M.Ellen's niece), Don Kostyo, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, W.C. Blankenship, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Anita Cain, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Jacob Hinton\*, Kathy Reed\*, [\*by Skip], Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Halee Fertig, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

### March 2009 (Mission's Month)

- 01 Communion Observance / Elder Steve Weaver
- 08 Annual All Church Outing / Golden Corral
- 08 Daylight Saving Time Begins (clocks forward 1 hour)
- 15 Elder Steve Weaver / Pastor at NE & Minister's Conferences (GA)
- 22 Gideon Speaker
- 29 SS offering to missions

**Future Dates:** Apr 5, Palm Sunday – Jennifer Wetzel, speaker / Apr 12 Easter: Andrew Weaver, assisting; 'Son'rise 8a.m., Breakfast 9a.m., Worship 10a.m. / May 3, Annual Membership Mtg / Jun 1-5 CWS

## **SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M. WORSHIP 10:45A.M.**

Musicians: Doris Schuld and Frank Roper  
Welcome / Announcements / Prayer  
Worship Hymns: Mark Cain  
367 There Is Power in the Blood  
119 There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood  
Prayer / Offering  
Mission Meditation: Pam Weaver  
Message: "When I See The Blood, I Will Passover"  
Key Verses: Ex 12:1-7; Isa 53:6-8; Ex 12:88-12; 18:11; Matt  
24:42-44; Ex 12:13, 21-28;  
1 Cor 5:7; Matt 26:28  
Communion: Elder Steve Weaver  
219 Blest Be The Tie That Binds

**Currently On Our Outdoor Sign  
You Can Put Truth In The Grave - It Just Won't Stay There  
Resurrection - Death's Antidote!**

