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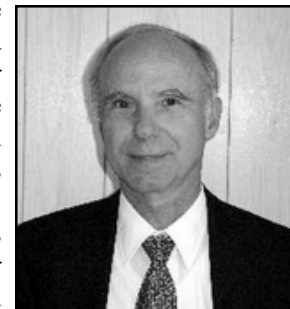
### \$ MONEY \$

What is money? In its most basic form it is simply a medium of exchange. In our case the government assigns a value to pieces of paper and coins so we can use those pieces of paper and coins to purchase things and services. Conversely, it allows us to sell things and services such as our work products, time, and skills. The neat thing about money is that you don't have to carry around a chicken to exchange for a loaf of bread or deliver several cows in return for a car. And of course it makes it easier for governments to collect taxes.

However, the piece of paper is only as good as its perceived or real value. Although the number on the bill doesn't change, its value can change, and, of course, there are many factors affecting that value. For instance, I was reading in the Austin paper that the US public debt is about 53% of our gross domestic product (GDP), or

around \$7.5 trillion dollars. For comparison, Saudi Arabia has debt around 20% and China has a debt around 18%. It also stated that within ten years the US debt would approach 100% of the GDP based on current obligations for entitlement programs. At that point the debt becomes so burdensome the country can't afford to fix highways, provide for education, and provide other essential services. Printing more money will only fix the problem if the money actually represents value. In short, money is dependent on the value it represents, not on the number of pieces of paper that are printed.

Let's look at money from another perspective. You have heard that "the love of money is the root of all evil." You can replace the word "love" with a number of other words. You could use words such as abuse, control, power, fear, lust, or hoarding instead of



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love in this phrase and still be correct. Now remember that money is simply a medium of exchange – nothing more. Lets explore two of the words that could replace love in this phrase; fear and hoarding.

The fear of money could be the root of all evil. How? Fear generally drives us to purchase a new product. We are afraid that if we don't use our money to buy the latest electronic device or game, or those new jeans, or shoes, or boat, or car, we won't have what everyone else seems to have (we don't recognize their debt). We listen to advertisements for any number of products that will keep us looking or feeling young. The fear of growing old and looking old causes us to use our money to purchase them. If we don't have the money on hand, we can use our credit card to purchase the item and pay it out over time at interest rates and fees approaching as much as 25% of the purchase price. But it helps relieve the fear, and of course our debt increases. If we do this long enough, we spend our resources just paying the interest and still have the debt.

How can the hoarding of money be the root of all evil? Well if you hoard

money, you focus on the worship of that money. Something that is no more than a simple medium of exchange becomes your god. You may live without necessities or not support your church and fail to tithe because you are hoarding what is God's. Yes, that is evil. Malachi 3:8-10 discusses this. It says "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'how do we rob you?' **In tithes and offerings.** You are under a curse – the whole nation of you – because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Hoarding our talents and not giving to God what we should turns us into thieves.

We are to be stewards(Matthew 25:14-30) of what God has allowed us to use. We should be responsible (Ephesians 5:15). We shouldn't spend ourselves into unsustainable debt, nor should we hoard what God provides. We should take care of the widows and orphans (James 1:27) and fairly compensate our pastors

(Leviticus 7:32). Paul in Galatians 6:6 advises us to share all good things with our instructors (pastors) in the word. God values us and we are blessed. Our storehouses are full, yet we are hesitant to recognize the value of our spiritual servants. We are hesitant to invest in our spiritual leaders. In that sense we are like the servant who buried the talent he was given, and as a result even that talent was taken from him. We assign the value to our spiritual leaders, and it appears that in most cases the value we assign our spiritual leaders is bargain basement rather than top quality. With that attitude we are doomed to failure, not because the pastors are bargain basement spiritual leaders, but because we value them that way, even when they are top quality.

We don't seem to have a problem spending 25% with our credit cards, but are unwilling to tithe at 10%, or only give 5%. Just think what you could cause to happen if you did tithe or just added ten dollars to the collection plate each Sunday. Our pastors wouldn't have to worry about making ends meet to help their congregations and others the Bible tells us to help. Our bivocational pastors could be full-time pastors. We could have full-time youth directors and infrastructure, outreach to our widows, children, elderly, and others, and we would have facilities to provide more people with the word of God. Or we can continue struggling along as we have in the past.

We can rob God or we can bask in His benevolence. It is time to choose.

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## Mutual Aid Society to Offer Scholarships to Brethren College Students

A new and exciting program is beginning in the Unity of the Brethren and the Mutual Aid Society. Under the encouragement and direction of the 63rd biennial convention held in Temple last summer, the Mutual Aid Society board of trustees has researched and approved the creation and administration of scholarships for Brethren college students.

While the program is in its infancy, many facets of the program have been defined.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of creating the Mutual Aid Scholarship is to educate and increase the awareness of the Brethren Tenets featuring the Mutual Aid Society mission to "bear one another's burdens" while encouraging youth involvement in Brethren organizations and activities.

For years, many Brethren have lamented the fact that many young people raised in the Unity leave and join other churches, and even provide leadership in other denominations instead of within the Unity. We as a Unity have searched for ways to retain our young people for many years so that the work, traditions, and heritage of the Unity can be passed on to future generations. The scholarship program is being created in hopes that

1. All Brethren will become more familiar and involved with the mission and service of The Mutual Aid Society.

2. Young people will become more interested in and aware of the purpose and work of the Mutual Aid Society and the importance of "bear-



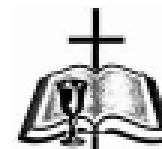
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ing one another's burdens" in this increasingly self-centered culture in which we find ourselves today.

3. The most active and involved young people within the Unity may gain assistance with their college education and then be inspired to remain active in the work of the Unity once they begin their careers. Active young people who have been exposed to and trained in Brethren theology, values, and heritage through organizations like the Mutual Aid Society will be best equipped to assume leadership roles in the Unity of tomorrow.

4. At a minimum, young people who have assumed leadership roles in the Unity and have been active in the Unity camping program as well as the Mutual Aid Society, will be provided with educational assistance as an expression of support and affirmation of their service as young people. The hope is that the availability of financial support will inspire more

young people around the Unity to become members of the Mutual Aid Society and not only attend camp, but also eventually serve as a counselor at the appropriate time. The camping program is one of the best Unity programs in which young people can meet other Brethren young people and learn the foundational aspects of Christian service and leadership.

For these reasons, it is important to encourage our youth to participate in the camping program.

**Amount:**

The goal of the Mutual Aid Scholarship program will be to provide a minimum of \$3,000 in scholarships each year. This amount may be awarded to 1 or more candidates at the discretion of the scholarship review committee appointed by the Mutual Aid Board of Trustees. The amount of the scholarships shall be determined by the amount of donations collected each year and the number of qualified

applicants. All Scholarships will be funded by private donations. There shall be no subsidy from the existing assets of the Mutual Aid to fund these scholarships.

**Requirements**

- Active Communicant member Brethren Church
- Mutual Aid Society member for at least 2 years
- Hus School Alumni having completed at least one full term
- A minimum of 1 week of service as a counselor with the Unity camping program.

- 2-page Essay on Brethren Church History or Brethren Organization

To support the Mutual Aid Society Scholarship program, please send donations to:

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Please keep this new program in your thoughts and prayers as it continues to evolve.

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*In early March of this year, Jean Maly, wife of Rev. Milton Maly, spent time in Haiti working in response to the tragic earthquake that occurred there in January. The poignant, sensitively told story of what she saw, heard, and experienced while she was there follows in story form. ...the editor*

## **The Story of My Trip to Haiti** **March 2010** - Jean P. Maly

In Haiti, I have seen things that make National Geographic pictures look pleasant, but to stop there would not do justice to the cruel significance of what I have seen, and besides, I need the therapy that comes from telling the story. Last month, I was asked to create a model medical plan for the Star of Hope International (SOH) projects in Haiti. SOH is an international aid organization that has a long history of service to the needy, beginning in Houston, Texas, in 1907. SOH has been doing good work in many countries and in Haiti for over 30 years. It always had been in its overall plan to add a medical component to their work there, but because of the earthquake they decided that this was something that had become much more urgent and so they decided to allow the earthquake to propel them. It was in this role that I was sent to do my work, and after reflection, I responded to the request by simply stating that there was nothing that I was doing at the moment that

was more important than what was happening in Haiti. So in the spirit of Mozart's much loved Christian hymn, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" based on Isaiah 6, I said, "Send me". This is the story of what I saw. This is the story of how it was.

There are Haitian children who were orphaned by the quake. That in itself tears at our heartstrings, but there's so much more that's worth telling about. There are villages where the people drink water from the same river where they bathe and wash clothes...the same water that receives the run off from rain that carries human and animal feces downhill. Many young women have no sanitary supplies for menstruation because they always make the choice instead to buy beans to feed their children. I visited classrooms, some of them holding more than 60 young students/1 teacher, where there are no books, paper, pencils, not one toy for preschoolers or kindergarteners. In one school that had been severely

damaged, but part of it still standing, I noticed on the chalkboard under the date January 12th, the last day the children were in school, the "quote for the day" written in French. It read "God loves even the littlest of the children." I wondered if the pastor of the nearby church was going to have trouble convincing them of that after what had occurred on January 12th.

I saw a 30-year-old woman on Friday who I know is dead today (Monday) from appendicitis because her family could not bring her to medical care. She couldn't pay for treatment even if she didn't live on the side of a mountain, 6 hours away by car, and knew someone who had a car. She had no money to pay for a ride anyway. I saw a 12-year-old girl with dead looking eyes who had suffered from an infection for so long that she had lost her will to live. I saw a 75-year-old woman who had fallen and dislocated her hip...three months ago, and was in excruciating pain. I saw school after school after school that had collapsed completely to the ground, crumbling into a mountain of broken cement, rebar, sand, and dust. I saw fear and despair on the faces of older teenagers, some of whom want

to be doctors and nurses, agronomists, musicians and accountants. They had made it through 6th grade, been determined enough to finish 7th and 8th grade, and struggled to sell vegetables and charcoal to be able to go to high school, which is quite an accomplishment. Then they had all their hopes and dreams shattered on January 12th around 5 PM. There is only one university in Haiti, or rather there WAS one University in Haiti.

In the slums of Cite' Soleil (which the UN calls the most dangerous place in the world), I saw several boys maybe 8-10 years old who spotted a massive dump truck stopped in a traffic jam. They ran as fast as their skinny, boney legs could go to find a handhold or a foothold that would propel them inside the deep bed of that truck to scavenge for anything useful. The boys were clamoring to hoist themselves up even as the truck turned the corner and rapidly gained speed, causing some of the boys to fall off onto the severely cracked pavement before they could complete their climb. I navigated the treacherous sidewalks of the capital city of Port au Prince where mountains of



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rubble and garbage cause frequent impasses. I passed a little girl lying on her side in the street. Adults were standing around, but didn't seem to be paying attention that she had blood coming from one ear. The driver stopped to find out what was happening, and was told they were going to take her to a doctor. I am haunted by wondering if they ever did. Turning one corner and encountering yet another pile of garbage, I startled a couple of gigantic rooting pigs, and several goats climbing the pile in search of the plentiful garbage. In an effort to take a picture, my attention was diverted from finding a path and I stepped in pig feces. My thoughts turned to the human feces I stepped in the day before...also on a city sidewalk. On the day I arrived in Haiti while leaving the airport, I asked the driver if I could put the window down to take a better picture. "No," he said, "too dangerous." I asked him why and was told that kidnappings were more easily accomplished if the door was unlocked or the window down, making the Blanc (the white person) more accessible...I would never be allowed to be alone. Dirty street urchins peered into the car window at

every stop light, calling out "Blanc, Blanc, 'sometin' to eat, s'il vous plait." The day before I left the country, two doctors from the aid organization "Doctors Without Borders" were kidnapped.

It was at an orphanage that sheltered 150 children crowded 3-4 to a bed (meaning 6-8 to a set of bunks) in 2 small dormitory rooms under the same roof, that one little girl in a tattered dress followed me around and cuddled up next to me every time I paused to ask a question via my Haitian interpreter. I noticed a skin disease on her hands and arms that looked suspiciously like scabies, which I have had before and know to be very contagious, but I just couldn't bring myself to break free of her hand. She looked up at me and spoke in Creole words that I couldn't understand. I pulled her close to me and looked around for the interpreter, but he wasn't in sight. I was on my own, so I bent down to tell her that I was sorry that I didn't understand what she was telling me. It was then that she spoke to me in a language that transcended words. She touched my chest and then hers, and touched my chest again and hers. I received her

kiss, one for each cheek in the Haitian style. She wouldn't be the only little girl who would ask me to take her with me when I left Haiti. Leaving her behind brought tears to my eyes.

As I visited the projects, I noticed a progression of toilet paper. "What does that mean?", you wonder. It means that in one of the schools, there was no toilet paper; they use leaves. The next school had paper...2 inch by 2 inch squares of tablet paper, well written on. A few feces stained squares littered the ground in the dank latrine. The next school was much better off; it had 1/3 of a roll of toilet paper in the principal's office, so when a student came to the office and asked, two squares were given. "How can this be happening in this world that decades ago figured out how to fly to the moon?" I asked myself.

Later that day, I wandered through a much more progressive 2-story girls' home and entered what was supposed to be the kitchen, but had been evacuated the day of the quake. None of the girls had been in the building since that day. They were cooking and eating under a tree with wide-spread branches, tarps were in place to allow privacy for washing with a bucket of cold water, and tents were

everywhere. I paused, momentarily stunned, to look inside that evacuated kitchen, seeing 2 stacks of about 10 white, wooden caskets of all sizes, 3 feet for the little ones up to adult size. They were left over from those that were used after the quake and still available in case they were needed. The girls were still very much traumatized and terrified of entering the orphanage building since that day. They lived under the constant threat of aftershocks. Most were living in tents on the ground because they felt safe there. Six girls proudly opened the door to a steel shipping container they had transformed into their bedroom, no windows in a shipping container. They were so happy not to have to be in a tent on muddy ground. "When the hard rains really come," they said, "we'll be dry." They must be totally terrified to proudly make a home in a shipping container and leave behind their still standing, but seriously cracked and compromised 2-story building.

There were tent cities everywhere. I was amazed and unable to fathom the expanse of some of them. Tents of every color stretched as far as I could see...shacks made of cardboard laced to cardboard and pieces of tin and



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scraps of wood, and bits of plastic. Many city streets were not passable because tents had been located in them. Even on some very narrow medians that had been built to divide the lanes of traffic going in opposite directions, these shack structures had popped up, filling every inch of the median. People deemed this usable space to shelter themselves and staked their claim. I pondered how afraid I would have to be to build a cardboard shack and live on a city slum street median.

There was a disturbing trend in the female patients we saw during the rural clinic visits. Many little girls had all the symptoms of gonorrhea. Little girls. It was the 8-12 year olds that I couldn't get out of my mind. "Stomach ache" was all they said. The teenage girls had the same symptoms, but did not admit to being sexually active; neither did married women and women with children. I, who have worked for 30 years in obstetrics, and have sensitively and successfully asked that question hundreds of times, could not come up with a suggestion to elicit a truthful answer. I was stumped. Sex is shameful, the interpreter explained. No fe-

male ever admits to having sex. If a young girl tells her parents, they will make her marry to decrease the shame. As I pondered the explanation and thought about the impact of this behavior and mindset on the spread of HIV, I thought to myself that there is so much suffering in this country, but the females suffer doubly because they have all the usual diseases caused by hopeless poverty. In addition, they are so easily available and used by men. That double suffering lasts a life time.

An elderly woman complained of pain in her eyes. The doctor examined them and motioned for me to look closer over his shoulder. She had a yellow streak between the tear duct and the cornea. A migrating parasitic worm causes this, he told me. That's a worm in her eye. I shuddered. She had seen a Voodoo priest several times, but the priest had not been successful in taking away the "hex" that was put on her by a person who wished her harm. Seeing this visiting doctor was her final attempt at relief. The same clinic produced a teenage boy who said he had typhoid 4 years ago and had walked with a limp and pain in his back since. The doctor

tried through the interpreter to explain that there was no relationship between the typhoid and the limp. It was instead because one leg was 3 inches shorter than the other. If the doctor had no medicine that would help him, he would visit the Voodoo priest, he told the interpreter.

I shared a trip to a rural Star of Hope project, a tiny cement block clinic building in the mountains, with a South American doctor who had been a communist revolutionary and banned from his native land and the USA, now practicing medicine in Sweden. He came to Haiti intending to bring health to the people of that mountain community, and so felt entitled to brusquely order the Haitian organizers around, demanding immediate action. He sporadically yelled at the Haitian Star of Hope interpreter when he wasn't obeying fast enough and he felt like he was "losing control" of the chaotic situation. In effect, he was losing control of himself. I quietly motioned him into the corner of the room and whispered emphatically to him, "Is this what you want the Haitian people here to remember you by?...the doctor who had a tantrum?" He responded sharply and

indicated that my opinion was not helpful in any way to his plan to bring health to these people. I backed off, licking my wounds. That evening as I cautiously prodded him for his thoughts about the day, he slowly began to open up. His words gained momentum, flowing faster and faster and were more emphatic but still in a whisper, then choked back tears and finally cried like a baby while I listened to him dump out his soul. He expressed his profound frustration at the inhumanity of the world and the enormity of the needs he was seeing around him. "It's useless to do this," he wailed. "I'm only one person. Where is the rest of the world?" When he quieted, I responded to him gently and relayed some methods of coping I had learned from 6 years in poverty stricken La Mosquitia, but I also knew this was a process he had to endure to be able to continue to work. I noticed how quiet he was for the rest of that evening and the next day. The next evening, he appeared humble and softer and talked to me about emotions that he had never shared before, thoughts he'd never had before. He marveled in disbelief



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at himself that he was doing this with a complete stranger, completely out of character for him by his own admission. And it was so that we shared a few moments of quiet, Christian connection and a seed was planted in his mind that may someday grow into a personal relationship with God. The day I left, he thanked me. I had tamed the lion. I later found myself in the Port au Prince Airport waiting room, welling up with emotion, and it was my turn to cry silently to myself in awe of what God had done through me.

My work is not finished in Haiti. It is a continuing process of setting goals, planning, evaluating the methods and results and rethinking. And so after completing my first trip there, I am left with something that I must ask of you. It costs so very little to sponsor a child in an orphanage that I feel ashamed of how many years I have known about the poverty yet chose not to respond personally in some way. If you are interested in changing the life of one child or meeting one need in an orphanage or school or medical clinic or to go even further by donating money for something as basic as a water well or

latrine, let me know. I can put you in touch with the Star of Hope International Organization that I have personally seen in action. No one at Star of Hope asked me to write this narrative, but I knew in advance that it would be therapeutic for me. Fundraising was not the intention of my participation in the relief effort there, but the compelling result. This story is my way of trying to tell people who have everything they need and take for granted that most of their desires will be met, that there are others in this world that are desperately poor and suffering, that we as Christians have a mandate to help, and there are avenues to help in a personal way even if you don't want to leave home to do it.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with an extremely high mortality rate for infants and mothers, not to mention HIV that some say approaches 10% of the population. Half of the children are unvaccinated. According to World Health Organization (WHO) data, 90% of the children suffer from waterborne diseases and intestinal parasites. TB is more than 10 times the rate of other Latin American countries. Fewer than

30% of the children reach 6th grade.

Cold numbers. Textbook statistics. I have tried to tell you what they really mean, what that looks and feels like. I hope that by sharing with you these intimate details of my experience, you will feel led to do something. Anything.

I know that many of you do care, and it is in this spirit that I challenge you: What are you doing that's more important than confronting the suffering in Haiti?

Post script:

For those of you, **like the Caldwell BYF** (see story, p.19 of the April BJ issue), who have already responded to the great need, THANK YOU!

For those of you who have not yet helped, but would if you knew how, *I recommend that you communicate directly with Star of Hope using this email address: usa@starofhope.org*

They can help you decide how you want your contribution used.

There are many options. You can donate to a school, you can sponsor a child or children, you can specify building materials, or general Haiti relief. I'm sure there are other options, too. I do know that it only takes \$25/month to sponsor a child. You may wonder how that could possibly make any big difference, but if you know that the usual wage in Haiti is less than \$2/day you can understand what a difference \$25 can make to a child's education or opportunities. To us, it's a dinner for one at a nice restaurant. I pray that you feel led to get involved. So very little can mean so very much.

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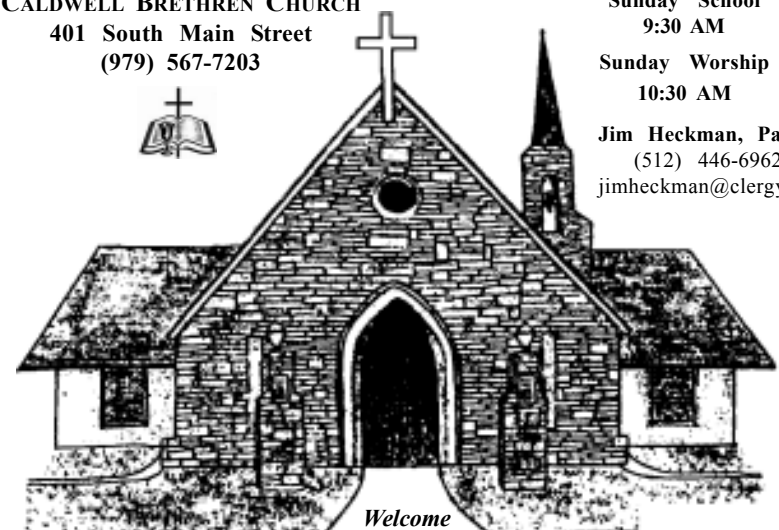
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## In Christ's Love . . . from the Mission Field

...from the Thiessens:

### Man of Peace

Friends, pray with us:

We mentor Cleo, a creative woman who wants to plant churches among the Chatino people of Oaxaca. She has been praying for the Chatinos for eight years now and has spent the last year preparing to live among them. For this she lived in a village next to the Chatinos, learning how to speak Spanish, how to make tortillas, and how to ride the local bus eight hours into the village. She has made friends and been a servant whenever she could.

Now, this week, it's time to begin moving toward the neighboring Chatino village of Zenzontepec. She and Robert will go back to her latin community and meet with the authorities she has gotten to know there. She has been busy creating a coffee table book filled with pictures of village events, families and scenery, and she plans to present this to the village elders as a thank-you gift. She and Robert will also carry thank-you letters to the village and a request that the authorities now help her find a home in Zenzontepec.

This request follows the Biblical model of working through a "man of peace." When Jesus sent out the 72 in Luke 10, He instructed them to search for a worthy or peaceful person in town and to stay with him (or her).

We have often found that working this way opens doors. I remember our first man of peace, a man aptly called Cornelius. When we arrived in town with kingdom stories to tell in our early broken Mixtec, Cornelius would listen carefully and then call out to the

neighbors, "Hey, come listen to this..." and he would repeat our story (greatly embellished, I'm sure, but with the errors edited out, too), and a crowd would gather to hear stories about God.

We are praying for a Cornelius for Cleo. We want someone from the latin town to vouch for her in Zenzontepec and make sure that she is placed with a worthy family. We want God to open doors in Zenzontepec through men and women of peace. The Chatinos have shown resistance to the gospel. Three years ago, right outside the village, the Chatinos brutally murdered a latin believer who tried to evangelize there. May God use Cleo to finish what he started.

Thank you, Anne and Robert

...from the Woos:

### March 2010

Dear friends and family,

Have you ever needed permission to enjoy life? Or ever linked work performance so closely to who you are that success actually means happiness? I believe God has been freeing me from these poisons. We are completely loved and our security rests solely in the hope of our Saviour.

Over the last several months my "job" has really affected my outlook on life. I am a planner by nature so I am overjoyed that the last 6+ years have worked out to take us on a journey into the depths of China. Yet, now that we have set up camp we continually ask, "What are the next steps?" The task seems overwhelming and unclear. There is the thought of, "Go on out there and make it happen." Yet

sometimes there is so much hesitancy on our part it feels like paralysis.

God has been so faithful in all of this. The reminder of whom we are in Christ and not what we do for Christ has taken on a fresh meaning. I have been reminded that God has already started a work here and that we are invited to simply join Him. It is when we pray, seek our part, and then step out in faith that things start to happen.

This year started out with cloudy vision: what to do, and where to go?

But we just pressed on toward the things we have always known to be true. We have slowly increased our language, seen some opportunity to work with the Burmese Dai Christians across the border, developed stronger relationships with last year's friend, shared parts of our Christian faith, and tried to develop our house helper into a mature believer. There has been success, and failure, in all of this. Yet, the greatest difference is to simply lean on God as my hope and joy each

and every day. Difficult? Yes, but I am finding it totally worth it. Rain or shine, God is good.

One story: There is a Dai noodle shop we often visit. So one day we invited the owners to join us for dinner at a Dai restaurant across the street the next day. Not knowing if they would accept, we were prepared for anything. That next day we first went to a foot massage parlor to try to share the gospel with a guy we had developed a relationship with. When he saw us, the first thing he said was, "You are going to eat dinner tonight with the lady on the hill." We couldn't believe that he knew our plans and knew our new noodle shop friends. We shared the good news with him using Dai language and then had dinner with our new friends. That was a good night. Pray for these folk as interest in Jesus has yet to be sparked.

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## Ahuas Clinic Visit/February 2-7

- by Rev. Will Sibert

*editor's note...* this is a review of the overall picture at the improvements and work of the Moravian Clinic at Ahuas. Some of the details regarding the improvements done by this year's work crews is a duplication of information, but the description from the point of view of the Director of the Moravian Board of World Mission gives more details of the work done there.

I last visited Ahuas in 2008, and each time I visit I find that as I step off the plane all the familiar sights, sounds, and smells stored away in memory, suddenly seem so natural, so right, so ready to welcome me home. My relationship with Drs. Gerard Rudy and Norvelle Goff-Rudy, who I had come to visit, goes back to 1990, when Gerard lived with Kim and me.

A crew led Br. David Miller was already busy at work in Ahuas when I arrived. David's team installed a new cattle guard, welding together thick lengths of piping. Br. Tommy Waggoner and a crew of electricians from NC arrived a couple of days later to hook up the new solar panels that Br. Mark Ebert had gotten into place in January to the current system. Gerard estimates that last year the new system saved close to \$10,000 on fuel costs. With additional panels, the electricians were able to add the operating room to the solar energy system, giving the doctors the ability to perform operations without necessarily starting the generators.

### Staffing Needs

The Honduran Moravian Church's medical program consists of 4 key programs as well as several satellite clinics that operate when funding is available. The Ahuas Clinic has curative inpatient services including the capacity to do various forms of gen-

eral surgery, along with outpatient care. It also has a Public Health program. In Cauquira, there is a smaller clinic that has had a resident doctor on and off, depending on the availability of doctors willing to serve there. These doctors are typically from the region.

The doctors started with their concerns around staffing issues in the Ahuas Clinic, beginning with the urgent need for a head nurse, a role Norvelle had to add to her other responsibilities as the doctor and administrator. While I was there, Norvelle was up twice in the middle of the night performing two emergency C-sections, having earlier that evening organized and fed 11 visitors in her home; her fortitude is remarkable, but she admits to being tired. Norvelle had a strong candidate for the Head Nurse's position lined up from Nicaragua, but the political unrest around President Zelaya in Honduras last year eventually meant the candidate changed her mind. The doctors decided to reserve the head nurse's salary in the budget; however, wanting to maintain an accurate picture of the real costs for a full staff.

Gerard identified dental services as another key need. In the past Paul Nifong, a long-term member of the BWM and a dentist, provided these services. I will be in conversation with the PCUSA and the RCA in early

March about developing joint mission projects, and I plan to suggest that with their larger constituencies, one possibility is to advertise for a dentist in both of their denominations.

### Financial Issues

Last year, the government increased the minimum wage, forcing the Clinic to raise salaries. Even with these increases, the Clinic's salaries are roughly a third of what the government's medical personnel serving La Mosquitia make, and the Clinic is finding it harder to hold personnel or find replacements for those that leave. Fortunately, between the fuel cost savings from the solar panels, Alas de Socorro (George Goff's aviation ministry based in Ahuas) paying off a significant debt, increasing what patients pay for services, and developing a job-sharing approach to some positions to avoid letting people go outright, the Clinic was able to offset this increase in 2009. However, the doctors are very worried, as they cannot afford to cut staff and maintain the Clinic's inpatient services.

An additional stressor is that last year's salary increases were disproportionate, with larger increases going to newer employees in order to get them up to minimum wage. The long-term employees felt they had been treated unfairly because their increases had been less, causing resentment. ***The doctors repeatedly emphasized to me that above all other needs, being able to increase salaries to stay competitive is critical.***

The Ahuas Clinic's census in 2009 was 5850 outpatients and 820 inpatients. The Cauquira Clinic, which only has outpatient care, had 2121 patients.

Including the public health programs with its traveling teaching clinics, the whole program made over 16,000 contacts over the year. Gerard noted that deliveries went up to 210. The doctors explained that while the ability to travel has increased because there has been an increase in mobility, leading to more outpatients, ironically the cost of travel also means less people leave the area for medical services found in the interior, also contributing to the upward trend in overall patient numbers. Another impact of increasing travel costs means there are far fewer commercial flights between La Mosquitia and the interior, making it more difficult to reach Ahuas.

We discussed what auditing process the Clinic uses to ensure the integrity of its finances. The doctors said that to date they have only had internal audits, because they don't include the cost of outside audits in their budget.

**Question for the BD – is it willing to pay for an independent audit on some schedule such as every other year? The costs would include transportation and hospitality for the auditor, meaning having an audit would be expensive.**

The clinic finances, according to the doctors and Hamilton Martinez, the clinic's business manager, are pretty stable year to year through careful management of funds. They are able to hold to their annual budget fairly well. There is roughly another \$2000 that comes in that falls outside the monies the clinic receives directly out of our budget. This past year the RCA sent \$5000 less than promised to cover the doctors' salaries, reflecting



the strains their mission program is feeling, and adding to the stress on our own budget as these costs have to be covered with our own resources.

### Financial Security Long Term

Gerard began a conversation with me during his time in the US in '08 about the financial realities of the BWM and the implications for sustaining the Clinic's support long-term. I recommended that he form a foundation with a Board consisting of doctors and other friends he had made during his years there. He has done so, with a doctor from the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Chris Moyer, as the chair. The purpose of the Foundation would be to give the clinic its own 501(3) c status that would then allow the clinic to pursue its own grants as well as create an endowment. Both of these steps are now in various stages of development. The paperwork for the foundation has been drafted and submitted, and I initiated a conversation with Chi Chi Messick of the Moravian Ministries Fund last fall about the steps necessary for an endowment.

Any capital campaign undertaken that specifically targets Moravian donors would first have to receive approval from the two provincial fi-

nancial committees – PEC in the NP and the Finance Committee in the SP. However, donors either from people that the doctors know in the US or Canada through the RCA and the Moravian Church or through relationships established over the years could contribute on their own initiative. Paul McLaughlin of Moravian Ministries Fund would have the Ahuas Clinic Endowment as one of a variety of opportunities for Moravians seeking his advice on how to structure their bequests.

While there is no telling how quickly alternative income streams would begin to develop to support the Clinic, at least we have started taking the steps to put them into place. One key step that the BWM staff could provide would be developing information materials like DVDs and brochures that tell the Ahuas Clinic's story.

### Doctors' Children Educational Needs

For the past half year Gerard has taught his adopted son, Peter, and his niece, Hazel, because they were unable to secure a new teacher after the last teacher's contract ended. He feels bad that this commitment has meant significantly less time for patient care.

Fortunately, a new teacher arrived the week after I left for an 18-month stay, which was a tremendous relief for Gerard in particular. Peter has some significant learning challenges with ADD that a trained teacher is better qualified to address. Gerard and I discussed in the past about Peter's long-term education, exploring what options there might be, including sending Peter to the US. This time, Gerard stated that they had decided they would not split up the family. On the other hand, Hazel, a very bright 13-year-old, could benefit from greater opportunities. I suggested to Gerard that he should have Hazel determine the extent of those opportunities.

### The Clinic's Maintenance

The three of us discussed developing a comprehensive maintenance plan for the clinic. I suggested that Hamilton, who manages maintenance, should develop a list of specific annual maintenance projects that the BWM could then advertise through MVR. We discussed the need for a major re-conditioning of the older portion of the clinic. The head nurse's house is also in need of repairs, as is Gerard's kitchen.

Mark has already begun investigating where funds could be found, first to build a smaller addition to the current building that, once completed, would allow the carpenters into the main building to gut those parts of the building that need to be rebuilt. I have some photos of the clinic's interior I will send out separately showing the water-damaged ceiling starting to fall in, the water damaged floors that are rotting through, and the over crowding of patients' records that are potential fire hazards.

### Visioning Opportunities for AP & MVR teams and placement

Sam asked me to check with Gerard on possibly having two young adults do internships in Ahuas. In reviewing the specific requests, we discussed the standards for young people wanting an Antioch placement in Ahuas, and decided that the first critical criteria is the ability to speak some Spanish, so they could function independently. Other key criteria would be their ability to adapt to new situations, willing and able to work within the context of Christian mission, and being a self-starter. With these criteria in mind, the Antioch Team is developing a placement for one of the two young persons Sam originally had in mind.

### Final Thoughts

The Ahuas Clinic has been a signature mission endeavor for more than 50 years. The clinic's presence in La Mosquitia has been a life-saving presence for countless people, including my own daughter. Having the board think through a long-term strategy for continuing that presence is important for both the critical role the clinic plays in providing access to affordable health care and the issues around long-term BWM's financial support. Some important steps like the solar energy project and the clinic establishing its own 501(3)c status have been taken. Other areas that need our attention are a comprehensive maintenance plan that ensures that the clinic's plant stays in good condition, and some thought to addressing the doctors' desire to increase salaries to stay competitive with the best personnel available in the region.

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# It's Time to Sign Up for Camp!

(By program director Kimberly Stewart)

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Please note there have been a few changes in prices and deadlines this summer. Mark your calendar now, if you haven't already, and make a note to get your forms in by the deadline.

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## Sunday School Island

We are beginning our study of the parables of Jesus. This month I will share ideas to teach the Parable of the Sower. This parable is found in three of the Gospels: Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, and Luke 8:4-15.

This month's Bible verse is Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

In Mark's version of this parable, Jesus said that if you didn't understand the Parable of the Sower, you wouldn't understand any of the parables. It is that important! For that reason, we are beginning our study of the parables there. For each of the parables, feel free to use any version. This website has many parables in kid-friendly language.

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Coming next month: *The Parable of the Lost Sheep.*



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## Sunday School



## Easy Button

### The Fertile Heart

To illustrate the type of heart you want, use a rock and a sponge. Pour water over each. Have the children notice how each item reacts to the water (it rolls off the rock, it soaks into the sponge). Use this illustration as an example of the type of heart we should have.

### Four Types of Soil

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- 1 foil pan filled with rocks
- 1 foil pan filled with soil and plants
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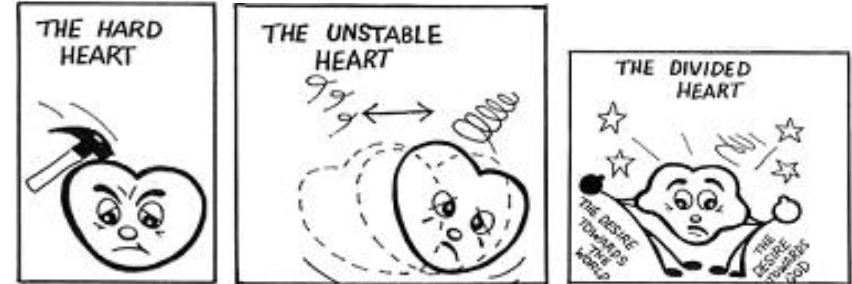
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2. Some hearts are always changing. At the beginning they are enthusiastic and happy, but as soon as the first problems pop up, "Jesus" is soon put away on the shelf.
3. In some hearts, faith is downright suffocated. Problems and worries, maybe their own personal comfort, or fear of being laughed at, can make a good start suffocate.
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Daily Morsels for May 2010

Dorothy E. Kocian

1. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Rom. 12:6
2. We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will. Col. 1:9
3. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. Jn. 16:13
4. The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. Cor. 1:25
5. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 3:18
6. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Prov. 22:6
7. All your children will be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of your children. Isa. 54:13
8. A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Prov. 31:1
9. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Prov. 31:30
10. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Col. 3:13
11. Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Col. 3:15
12. Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated on the right hand of God. Col. 3:1
13. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Col. 3:2
14. You have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. Col. 2:10
15. Continue to live in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Col. 2:17
16. May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us. Ps. 90:17
17. I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers. Philemon 4
18. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Col. 4:2
19. And pray, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ. Col. 4:3
20. The Lord is near to all who call on Him in truth. Ps. 145:18
21. Lord, make me walk along the path of Your commands, for that is where my happiness is found. Ps. 119:35
22. Blessed are those who deal justly with others, and always do what is right. Ps. 106:3
23. **Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Pet. 4:7**
24. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. Prov. 3:7
25. Now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Col. 3:8
26. The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. Nahum 1:7a
27. He cares for those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7b
28. For this God is our God forever; He will be our guide to the end. Ps. 48:14
29. We say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Heb. 13:6
30. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13
31. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Ps. 121:2

# A Special Gateway Contest



The entrance to the Hus School Encampment has been special to many people on their spiritual life journey. The reality is that this special gateway is in need of replacement due to weathering, ground shift, and the deterioration of the materials.

The Hus School Board of Trustees is holding a contest for the design of a new entrance. We are asking for ideas and sketches from which blueprints will be later created and the entrance built. Design and materials are up to the contestant, but the entrance would need to be accessible in some way to heavy and tall equipment.

The prize for the contest: 1 free camp registration for 1 child to a camp of their choice at the Hus School Encampment, plus a gift certificate to a Darden's brand restaurant (Olive Garden, Red Lobster, etc.).

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE  
"Bear ye one another's burdens  
And so fulfill the Law of Christ."  
(Gal. 6:2)

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**Deadline for Entries: Postmarked by July 15, 2010**

## Youth News...

### Summer Youth Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament Friday, July 23-Sunday, July 25

It's time to begin preparations for the annual BYF convention. All locals must turn in their annual reports by June 30 to be eligible for the tournament. Registration and report forms are available at

[www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com](http://www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.com)  
Please use these forms as they are current and correct.

Any youth (age 16 or older) or adult who wishes to be on the State Leadership Team will find applications online, as well. Leadership team members need to be able to plan and participate in the upcoming retreats: Fall Retreat, November 20-21, 2010, and Winter Retreat, February 19-20, 2011.

This summer's retreat will begin with a Worship Service at 10:00 p.m.

on Friday for those who arrive that evening. The convention proceedings will begin at 8:00 a.m., so delegates are encouraged to arrive on Friday. Look for the Saturday schedule to be posted soon.

Faith in Action  
Unity of the Brethren Youth  
Mission Project  
Monday, July 26-Saturday, July 31

Plans are being made for the youth of the Unity to participate in a week-long mission venture this summer. The location and full details will be available online as of May 1. All participants must be at least 12 years old and submit their forms by June 30.

If there are any questions concerning the youth activities, please contact Jennifer Chervenka, Unity Youth Coordinator, [jennchervenka@farm-market.net](mailto:jennchervenka@farm-market.net); 254-983-1002.

#### Upcoming Youth Activities

**Friday, April 30-Sunday, May 2:** State Youth Fishing Retreat at Port O'Connor

**Wednesday, June 30:** Annual youth reports due for all congregations

**Friday, July 10:** Summer Retreat Registration Deadline

**Saturday, July 24-Sunday, July 25:** BYF Retreat, Convention, and Volleyball Tournament

**Saturday, November 20-Sunday, November 21:** BYF Fall Retreat

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### MEMBERS RECEIVED

#### By Reaffirmation of Faith:

DANIEL and CECELIA SLADECEK, on March 7, 2010, at the Temple Brethren Church.

DONALD and CHERYL SIPTAK, on March 28, 2010, at the Nelsonville Brethren Church.

#### By Profession of Faith:

REX WAXLER, on February 7, 2010, at the Nelsonville Brethren Church.

#### By Letter of Transfer:

KAREN WAXLER, on February 7, 2010, at the Nelsonville Brethren Church.

JOHN and BEVERLY MCKENTY, on March 28, 2010, at the Nelsonville Brethren Church.

### RECENT DEATHS

MCCLAIN, IRENE R. (SCHILLER), age 90 and a member of the Temple Brethren Church, died on December 15, 2009. She was born on September 12, 1919, near Meeks, in east Bell County, and married Temple McClain on November 20, 1942. Mrs. McClain is survived by one daughter, a brother, and two grandchildren. Services were on December 19, 2009, at the Temple Brethren Church with burial at the Ocker Brethren Cemetery. Minister: Larry Zabcik.

ORSAG, CALVIN LESLEY, age 84 and a member of the Houston Brethren Church, died January 20, 2009. He was born on July 6, 1924, in Crosby, Texas, to John and Annie Orsag. Survived by wife, Florence (Theiler), two daughters, and three grandchildren. Services were on January 24, 2009, at the Houston Brethren Church with burial in Woodlawn Garden of Memories Cemetery in Houston. Minister: William J. Hodge.

SCHULTZ, LILLIE, age 88 and a member of the Houston Brethren Church, died January 2, 2010. She was born June 12, 1921, in

Bleiberville, Austin County, the youngest of 11 children, to Tom and Anna (Syptak) Mikeska. Survived by one daughter, Gloria Sanders. Services were on January 5, 2010, at the Heights Funeral Home in Houston, Texas, with burial in the National Cemetery in Nelsonville, Texas. Officiant: Marvin Chlappek.

MASCHECK, ELSIE (HOLY), age 88, and member of the Vsetin CMB Church died March 7, 2010, at Hallettsville. She was born February 21, 1922, in Lavaca County and married December 8, 1959, to John D. Mascheck. Mrs. Mascheck is survived by three sisters and many nieces and nephews. Services were on March 11, 2010, from the Vsetin CMB Church with burial in the Mascheck Family Cemetery. Minister: Mark L. Labaj.

FRANCES (MUHLSTEIN) MELNAR, age 92, and member of the Vsetin CMB Church, died March 2, 2010, at Hallettsville. She was born on November 17, 1917, in Lavaca County and married on November 10, 1941, to Emil E. Melnar. Mrs. Melnar is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Services were on March 6, 2010, from the Vsetin CMB Church, with burial in the Vsetin CMB cemetery.

SLACIK, LAURA MAE (HEIDEMANN), age 82 and for years a member of the Nelsonville Brethren Church, died on March 16, 1928, in Industry, Texas. She was married to Charles F. Slacik on November 11, 1947, and is survived by one child, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two brothers, and two sisters.

KRENEK, JERRY, age 93 and a member of the Nelsonville Brethren Church, died on March 16, 2010, at Industry, Texas. He was born on January 28, 1917, in Nelsonville. Mr. Krenek is survived by three children, five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Services were on March 20, 2010, from the Nelsonville Brethren Church, with burial in National Cemetery. Minister: Michael Groseclose.

Annual Christian Sisters Bazaar, 2nd Saturday in September  
**The Rosenberg Brethren Church**  
**Christian Sisters**  
5220 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471



## Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

*Keep these activities in your prayers.*

**May 2nd at noon:** Industry Brethren Church's Annual Fried Chicken Fundraiser . . . at the Industry Fireman's Hall.

(See the Youth Activities Schedule in the Youth Section.)

**Applications for Fall Choral Retreat Scholarships are due on May 30th. See your pastor for application forms.**

### Seaton Brethren Church

12561 State Highway 53, Temple, Texas 76501  
(254) 985-2694

#### Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m.  
Prayer  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for ALL Ages  
10:30 a.m.  
Worship

#### Wednesday Schedule

5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Meal  
6:30 p.m.  
Kid's ZoNe (ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> gr.)  
Priority ONE Youth (6<sup>th</sup> gr. - 12<sup>th</sup> gr.)  
& Adult Bible Study  
7:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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Austin - Bible Study at 10:00 AM  
Worship at 11:00 AM.  
- Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station - worship at  
9:00 AM every Sunday.  
- Visiting Ministers

Buckholts - worship at 9:00 AM every  
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.  
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.  
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.  
- Rev. John Kueker

Caldwell - Sunday School at 9:30 AM,  
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.  
Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:30 AM.  
- Rev. Jim Heckman

Crosby -  
Sunday - 9:00 AM: Worship  
10:00 AM: Faith Adventure  
11:00 AM: Celebration  
- Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Cy-Fair Community Church - worship at  
10:45 AM every Sunday.  
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays - Rev. Rick Chandler  
2nd & 4th Sundays - Rev. Henry Beseda  
- Rev. Henry Beseda

Dime Box - worship at 9:00 AM every  
Sunday.  
- Rev. Jim Heckman

Faith Brethren in Bryan - Sunday School  
- 9:30 AM; Worship - 10:45 AM.  
- Pastor Kay Polasek

Fayetteville - Sunday School at 9:30 AM,  
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.  
- Rev. Milton Maly

Good News Fellowship Church of West  
Palm Beaches - worship at 1:00 PM every  
Sunday at First Presbyterian Church,  
Boynton Springs, Florida.  
- Rev. James Henry

Good Shepherd Moravian - worship at  
11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.  
- Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger - worship services every Sunday at  
9:00 AM; Sunday School at 10:15 AM.  
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sunday - Rev. Charles Amos,  
Rev. Whitney Amos  
4th & 5th Sunday - Mark Sebek

Houston - Sunday School at 9:15 AM;  
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.  
- Visiting Ministers

Industry - worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday  
with Sunday School for all ages following.  
- Rev. Milton Maly

Nelsonville - Sunday School at 9:00 AM  
Worship at 10:15 AM  
- Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor - Sunday School at 9:30 AM &  
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday,  
"Tune Up" on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.  
- Rev. Dave Johnson

Ocker - worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.  
Sunday School at 9 AM every Sunday.  
- Rev. Ron Winsman

Pasadena - Sunday School at 9:30 AM  
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.  
Bible Study at 7:30 PM on Wednesday.  
- Scott Keaton

Rosenberg -  
Sundays: Adult Bible Study and Sunday  
School for children at 9:00 AM; worship  
at 10:30 AM.  
Wednesdays: 5:30 PM, Dinner; 6:30 PM,  
Bible Study; 6:50 PM, Prayer Meeting.  
- Bro. Larry Butcher

Seaton -  
Sunday, 9:15 AM - Sunday School, All Ages;  
10:30 AM - Worship Celebration Service.  
Wednesday, 6:30 PM - Kid's NITE Out and  
Priority ONE Youth (BYF), Adult Bible  
Study.  
- Rev. Joe Emerson

Snook - worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.  
Effective Sunday, June 6, 2010: Sunday  
School 9:00 AM; Worship 10:15 AM.  
- Rev. Joseph Polasek

Taylor - worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.  
- Rev. James Hejl

Temple - Sunday School at 9:30 AM.,  
Worship at 10:45 AM.  
- Pastor Larry Zabcik

Vsetin -  
Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday.  
- Dr. Mark Labaj  
5th Sunday - Visiting Ministers

Wall - Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:30  
AM; worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.  
- Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley - worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday.  
Sunday School follows.  
- Rev. Michael Groseclose

West - Sunday School at 9:00 AM and  
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.  
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