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FROM THE PRESIDENT . . . Dr. Larry Koslovsky

As you are reading this issue of the *Brethren Journal*, the Synodical Committee along with delegates will be meeting together for the 68th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren at the Wall Brethren Church, Wall, Texas, on July 11-12. The convention has the ability to set the tone of the denomination's ministry and mission for the next two years.

This article addresses the primary need of prayer for the convention, a couple of observations in anticipation of the convention, and some questions to consider.

Praying for the 68th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren

The following is a prayer I am inviting you to pray before, during, and after the convention as we transition into the next two years of ministry and mission, collectively and individually, as a denomination, congregations, and disciples. This prayer comes from a devotional that James Marek of the Taylor congregation passed on to me recently, based on Colossians 1:9-12.

For this reason, since the day we heard about The Unity of the Brethren, we have not stopped praying for The Unity of the Brethren and asking God to fill The Unity of the Brethren with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

And we pray this in order that *The Unity of the Brethren* may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that The Unity of the Brethren may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified The Unity of the Brethren to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

In addition, I am requesting that you pray for the following...

...a focus on what the Lord desires (of the Unity of the Brethren). (In other words, God's agenda for us.)

...a spirit of love and unity. (Living up to our motto and living it out.)



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...openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit and the willingness to follow the Spirit's lead. (We can pray, but if our hearts are not open to change and new direction to meet the challenges of our day guided by the Spirit, then it is more about seeking our own agenda(s) and less about the Lord's.)

...wisdom and discernment throughout the dialogue and decision-making process. (Listening to the voice of the Head of the Church, Jesus.)

This prayer and these prayer requests may also be tailored to congregations, especially as we enter the fall and consider ministry for 2020 through congregational meetings

Recent Observations

Currently the denomination is comprised of 24 congregations with 1,724 members and one mission (Cade Lake). The majority of our congregations, 16 in number are under 50 members; 10 of these congregations are under 30 members. Increasingly these congregations are challenged by finances, maintaining facilities, venturing into new ministries, and leadership.

1,052 members (61%) are in the 6 largest congregations with memberships of 100 or more; 4 congregations have membership over 150 and account for 845 members or 49% of the denomination. These congregations likewise have their unique challenges of staffing for growth and expanding ministries.

Conversation Starters

How can we best use our assets to honor the Lord and carry out ministry? Locations and facilities, pastoral and lay leadership, finances at our disposal, effective ministries.

What may be keeping us from fulfilling the dream God has for us? Limited thinking; habits and customs; attachments to facilities, traditions, bank accounts and organizations; misguided priorities

How might we work together extending the Body of Christ through the Unity of the Brethren as followers of Jesus and disciples of Christ?

Setting aside some habitual thinking

In order to be open to what the Lord is saying to us and the direction that the Holy Spirit is leading us means we may need to let go of some thought patterns that may limit what the Lord desires to do through us. It is not uncommon at meetings to hear in a variety of ways the following:

This is the way we have usually done it.

This is not something we have ever tried or done before.

What do the by-laws say?

Thoughts and words impact our actions and direction. The above can quickly squelch the Spirit and movement of God in both the denomination and congregations. We will try to use these phrases as little as possible at the 68th Convention.

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5220 Reading Road
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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Eve. 5:30 PM
Prayer Service and Bible Study

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Austin – Bible Study at 10 AM
Worship at 11 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station – worship at 9 AM
every Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

Buckholts – Worship at 9 AM every
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Cade Lake Community Chapel (PO Box
163, Caldwell, TX 77836) – A Home
Mission Project since 10/22/11 – Sunday
School at 11 AM; Fellowship Lunch at
Noon; Worship at 1 PM.
– Rev. Kay Polasek
Co-Pastor, Rev. Jim Heckman

Caldwell – Come as you are! **Sundays** –
explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages);
KIDS CHOIR practices @ 10:15 AM; &
worship @ 10:30 AM! **Every 1st & 3rd
Wednesday**, join the fun @ Family Game
Night, 6-7:30 PM! Check out lifeatcbc.org
for spiritual resources, events, videos, &
more! Friend us on Facebook!
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Crosby – 9 AM: Worship
10 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Dime Box – worship at 9 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

Fayetteville – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Visiting Ministers

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

Granger – Bible Study every Sunday at 9
AM with worship service following at
10:00 AM.
– Rev. Larry Zabcik

Houston – Sunday School at 9:15 AM;
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

Industry – worship at 9 AM every Sunday
with Sunday School for all ages
following.
– Visiting Ministers

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

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9 AM &
Worship at 10 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. Dr. Brad Herridge

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Community Christian Church of Rosenberg –
Sunday: Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School for children at 9 AM; worship at
10:30 AM.
Wednesday: 5:30 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM
Bible Study.
– Pastor Ben Kruse

Seaton –
Sunday, 9:15 AM – Prayer Gathering;
9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages;
10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid's and Adult
Bible Study.
– Rev. Denise Mikeska

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;
Worship – 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Joseph Polasek

Taylor – Worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School 9 AM every Sunday with
free breakfast every 5th Sunday at 8:30
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Tuesday (except Nov. & Dec.) at 2 PM.
– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Cross Church on Birdcreek –
Sunday School at 9:30 AM., Worship at
10:45 AM.
– Rev. Tim Chaplin

Vsetin – A non-official member congregation
of the Unity of the Brethren – Worship at
10 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 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

West – Sunday School at 9 AM and
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Westheimer Community – worship at
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Daily Morsels for August 2019

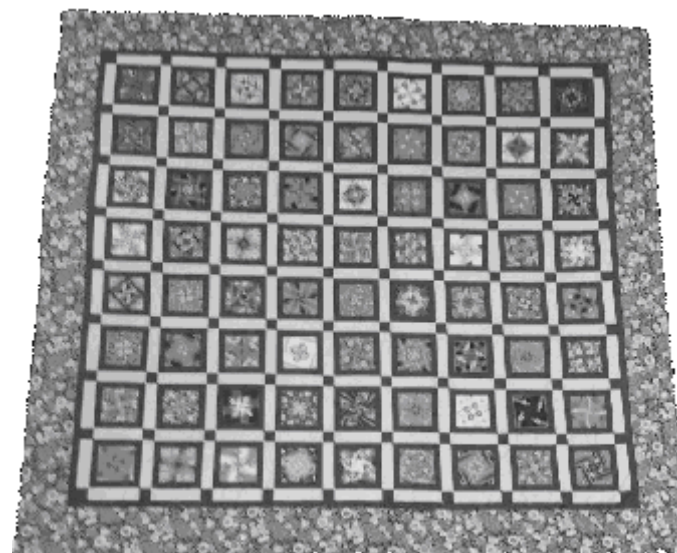
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Sundays in bold.

1. On that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. Neh. 12:43a
2. Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. 1 Pet. 4:12
3. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed. 1 Pet. 4:13
4. **For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Rom. 8:6 (ESV)**
5. The LORD bless you and keep you. Num. 6:24
6. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. Num. 6:25
7. The LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. Num. 6:26
8. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. Ps. 103:13 (NASB)
9. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. John 14:27a
10. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27b
11. **The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7**
12. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. Col. 3:15
13. Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1
14. For He Himself is our peace Who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility. Eph. 2:14
15. His purpose was to create in Himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace. Eph. 2:15b
16. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3
17. I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. John 16:33a
18. **May the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing His will. Heb. 13:20a,21a**
19. Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification. Rom. 14:19
20. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Ps. 27:14
21. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:8
22. Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. Isa. 40:31
23. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Pet. 5:6
24. Warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 1 Thess. 5:14b
25. **As an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. James 5:10**
26. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. James 5:11b
27. Being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience. Col. 1:11
28. Love is patient, love is kind. 1 Cor. 13:4
29. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him. Psalm 37:7a
30. Patience is better than pride. Eccl. 7:8a
31. After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. Heb. 6:15

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Ordination Service of Ryan Volkman, July 12, 2019
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To the Synodical Committee, Delegates, Pastors, Members and Friends of the Unity of the Brethren:

The Board of Elders, Pastor, and all of Wall Brethren Church invite you to join us for the **68th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren on July 10-12, 2019, at the Wall Brethren Church.**

There will be a “**Meet and Greet**” for all convention members and friends on **July 10, 2019**. It will be held at the Springhill Suites Marriott from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** Finger foods and drinks are provided for this informal gathering.

The Convention will begin on Thursday, July 11, with a complimentary light breakfast of kolaches, coffee, etc., at 8:00 a.m. Convention activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Convention theme is “United in Love” with Scripture from Colossians 3:14:

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together

in perfect unity.”

Housing Accommodations have been reserved at the following San Angelo hotels. **The deadline for reservations under this block is June 19, 2019.** Please reserve rooms by the deadline for Convention pricing under Wall Brethren Church. If you bring a Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption Certificate from your church, you can avoid the state tax.

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1. He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8
2. Those who belong to Christ have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Gal. 5:24
3. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5:25 (NKJV)
4. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD. Ps. 33:12a
5. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. Gal. 5:26
6. Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. I Cor. 11:26
7. **And now these three remain: Faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. I Cor. 13:13**
8. The Lord your God is with you; He is mighty to save. Zeph. 3:17a
9. He will take great delight in you; He will quiet you with His love. Zeph. 3:17b
10. He will rejoice over you with singing. Zeph. 3:17c
11. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. I Pet. 1:8a
12. Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one! Deut. 6:4
13. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deut. 6:5
14. **I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Eph. 3:17b**
15. (I pray you will) know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph. 3:19
16. “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jer. 29:11
17. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. Jer. 29:12
18. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. Jer. 29:13
19. What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Mic. 6:8b
20. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Col. 3:14
21. **This is love, not that we loved God, but that He first loved us and sent His son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. I John 4:10**
22. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. I John 4:11
23. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. I Thess. 3:12
24. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children. Eph. 5:11
25. And live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Eph. 5:2
26. Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and with truth. I John 3:18
27. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. John 16:20b
28. **I (Jesus) will see you again, and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. John 16:22b**
29. (You) through faith are being shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. I Pet. 1:5
30. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. I Pet. 1:6
31. In spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. I Thess. 1:6

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JOY: Available 24/7

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Joy is not an elusive emotion. Rather, joy is a presence of mind and spirit which is without question a gift from God Himself. Throughout the Holy Bible, we are witnesses to joy expressed, joy promised, joy growing, and joy completed in individuals within our spiritual heritage – especially, the JOY within Jesus Christ. Are you in need of joy at this moment? It is as clear cut as pausing and praying with all of your might, asking Jesus for His joy to flow within you. Will you stop amid your day's tasks and ask Jesus to transform you into a joy-filled person? Will you do this as often as you need to?

JOY is available 24/7!

Be encouraged! Be filled with the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ!

2 Samuel 6:14

“David danced before the Lord with all his might;...”

Nehemiah 8:10

“Then he said to them, ‘Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for

whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’ ”

Job 8:21

“He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouts of joy.”

Psalms 16:11

“You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Psalms 71:23

“My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued.”

Proverbs 12:20

“Deceit is in the mind of those who plan evil, but those who counsel peace have joy.”

Isaiah 55:12

“For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains



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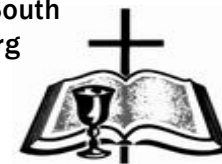
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and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

John 15:11

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

Philippians 2:2

"...make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."

Hebrews 12:2

"...looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

Will you dance with JOY today?

Will you make the conscious decision to set your grief aside and move through your days strengthened by Jesus' JOY?

Will you let God's JOY flow in you to the point where you are bursting with laughter?

Will you shout with JOY?

Will you choose peace over conflict and feel the Lord Jesus' JOY as a reward?

Will you gaze into nature and see Jesus' JOY in it?

Do you believe that Jesus makes your JOY complete as you follow Him at all cost?

Do you see that even in terrible pain there is JOY in Jesus to be grasped as He empowers you to press on?

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In Jesus' Hands, Right With You,
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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

July 11, 12, & 13, 2019 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) - 68th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren at Wall Brethren Church. Begins July 11 at 9 a.m. and goes through Friday evening. If there is any unfinished business, we will resume Saturday morning to conclude before lunch. Rooms have been blocked off at Springhill Suites Marriott, 2544 Southwest Blvd., San Angelo, TX, (325) 949-6900. Block is under Wall Brethren Church, room price \$89.00. See Invitation from Wall Brethren in this issue.

REMINDER: All of the convention information has been sent to ministers, synodical representatives, organizational members, committee chairpersons, and other Unity contacts. The deadline to send back delegate credential forms w/\$400 fee per delegate and for all reports is **May 31, 2019**. Please return the credential forms with fees and all reports to the Unity Secretary, Angie Hairrell. Forms invitation, and secretary's letter are on the Unity Webseit – see Convention 2019.

July 12, 2019 – Hus Building Fund Quilt Raffle Drawing at the Unity of the Brethren Church. Tickets available for purchase. See more information in this issue.

July 20-21, 2019 – Youth Convention and Volleyball Tournament at the Hus Encampment.

SAVE THE DATES...

September 28, 2019 – Fall Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment. 8 a.m. Kolaches & Coffee; 9 a.m. Meeting begins. Referendum results and installation of officers for 2019-2021. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Larry Koslovsky, lwkoslo@aol.com.

God is Good

- by Jim Pokorny

As I write this piece, Vacation Bible School is still in the future. It will once again be my privilege to lead our class for adults. Months ago I selected a movie from my personal library made for Dutch television for the class. It is about a man I greatly admire who was also a part of our collective history, John Amos Comenius. History remembers him as the Father of Modern Education, but in my opinion that description alone fails to do him justice.

Although I am familiar with the life of Comenius and have watched the movie many times, I have been preparing for this class for many weeks. Recently our Christian Education Committee with the help of volunteers decorated our Fellowship Hall for the children who will be attending VBS. Having looked over the posters there, I very easily put them in context with the adult class. I could not help but conclude that the choice of Comenius was simply meant to be.

One of the posters stated: "When life is scary... God is good!" Comenius would have readily agreed with that.

Already considered a heretic in 1620, he was next branded a traitor. This forced him to go into hiding and he had to leave his pregnant wife and young child behind. He later learned that his wife and both children had died of plague. Comenius was alone, in hiding, and life was scary. But God was good. These circumstances inspired him to write the Czech classic *The Labyrinth of the World and the Paradise of the Heart*.

Another poster declared: "When life changes... God is good!" Again, Comenius would have agreed. After the overwhelming defeat of Czech Protestants, members of the ancient Unity of the Brethren were forced to leave their native Czech lands. Comenius led a band of exiles to Leszno, Poland. Throughout his remaining days, he tried unsuccessfully to secure a way for his exiled church to return. He even travelled to Sweden to help reform their system of education where he was promised by the prime minister, Axel Oxenstierna, that the Czech people in exile would



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not be forgotten. Yet when peace returned, no provision was made for them in the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 at the end of the Thirty Years War.

Still another poster proclaimed: "When life is sad... God is good!" Comenius was no stranger to sadness. Constant travelling took its toll on his second wife, who died in 1648 shortly after they returned to Leszno, Poland. Later, the Swedes invaded Poland and for a time appeared to have victory within reach. The Poles rallied and drove out the Swedish invaders. Afterward, the Poles targeted anyone in their country with ties to Sweden. This included Comenius, the Brethren, and the town of Leszno. The Brethren had to leave Leszno in a hurry. This included Comenius and his family. Comenius had many manuscripts that were ready to be published. These were hastily buried beneath the floorboards just before they departed. When it was safe to do so, the son of Comenius returned to Leszno to retrieve them. He returned with a mere fraction of his father's work. Comenius learned that the house, the library and virtually all Leszno were consumed in fire. He was devastated to learn the fire burned

through the floorboards and years of his work went up in flames.

Still another poster said: "When life is unfair... God is good!" As stated earlier, I think Comenius is a man whom history often overlooks. This is more than a bit unfair when you think about it. How many of us easily complain our lives are unfair when we go through far less in comparison?

But as each poster pointed out: "God is good!" Despite every setback, Comenius understood that God is good! It was that understanding coupled with his personal relationship with Jesus that kept him going. Comenius was a man of God who spent 46 of his 78 years in exile. Neither he nor his fellow exiles ever returned to their native Czech land. Comenius lived out his final years in Holland where he is buried. Despite each adversity he remained productive, publishing a total of 154 books in his lifetime.

As I enter final preparation for the adult class, I can honestly say that I feel the selection of Comenius was meant to be. I can also state with confidence that Comenius would approve of an adult class, as he felt education should be a lifelong process.

To communicate with the Hus Encampment . . .

. . . regarding scheduling* of meetings or events there, contact:

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**This must be done well in advance.*

3. Salt is a basic human taste. What are some salty foods?
4. Salt has been used for thousands of years to preserve meat.
5. Early civilizations started around salt mines.
6. Rock salt was often used to make coins or to trade as money.
7. Roman soldiers were paid with salt.
8. Wars were fought over salt.
9. Salt is used to de-ice highways, make paper, plastic, and rubber. It is used to make soap and in farming.

Back to the experiment. Gently pull up on the string. It should feel like its holding the ice and the ice cube should lift up. If not, add more salt and wait a few more minutes. Explanation: When you place the ice cube in the water, two things happen – the ice starts to melt and the water cools down. God created water for both of these to happen at 32 degrees F. When you put salt on the ice, the balance of melting and freezing is changed; the speed of melting became faster than the speed of freezing. The ice above the water's surface melted and then refroze around the string.

Experiment 2:

Put a pinch of salt on the middle of the ice cube. Wait for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, the salty middle of the ice cube should be water. The outside should still be frozen. Use the eyedropper to remove the water and see how deeply the center as melted.

Discussion:

Jesus told his followers to be salt – to have an incredible impact on the world (Matthew 5:13). Paul said our conversations should be full of grace, as if seasoned with salt (Colossians 4:6). The words we say are to be filled with Gods love and have a strong impact for good. God wants to use each of us to impact the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.



SLIP & GRIP

Materials:

Experiment 1: Very cold water, ice cube (not half-moon shape), string, salt.

Experiment 2: Ice cube (not half-moon shape), small container, salt, magnifying glass, eyedropper.

Introduction:

Where is salt found? (*oceans, seas*). The ocean is a never-ending source of salt. Salt is also found in rocks and in the soil. We can also find large deposits of salt trapped between rocks underground. We mine that salt for all kinds of things. Salt is also found in soils where lakes have filled and evaporated many times over the years, leaving the salt behind. Animals will actually look for areas where salt is at the surface and lick it. This is called a salt lick.

Experiment 1: Ice Challenge

Place the ice cube in the glass of very cold water. Challenge students to remove the ice cube from the glass of water without getting their hands wet or letting it touch the side of the glass. Let them try for 1-2 minutes. Tell them you are now going to see the incredible power of salt. Dip one end of the string in the water. Lay that end over the ice cube. Hang the other end over the edge of the glass. Sprinkle salt on the ice cube. Let stand for 2 minutes. While you wait, talk about salt.

1. God created animals and humans to need salt to live. It helps nerves and muscles work correctly. Do 10 jumping jacks to remind yourself that salt is helping your muscles and nerves work.
2. Salt helps keep a balance of water in our bodies.
3. Salt can be used like medicine to treat sore throats and sinus infections.



Board of Foreign Missions Report

- by David Miller

A special thanks to the Unity of the Brethren and friends for their generous support over the years. Because of YOU we have supported many mission efforts and missionaries around the world, helping to fulfill the Biblical mandate to "go out into all the world."

Current Missionaries:

Robert and Anne Thiessen, Southern Mexico. Witnessing and Discipleship of individuals and teams in Mexico and around the world.

Phil and Eunice Raiford, Southern Mexico. Discipleship and Church planting among the Juquila Mixes People.

Pavel and Stania Kozak, Czech Republic. Evangelizing and Discipleship to the Czech Republic.

Joel and Teresa Jelski, Israel. Evangelizing and Discipleship to Jews and Arabs in Israel.

Carolyn Groseclose, Zambia, Africa

Prosthetic Promises, John Brinkley, Zambia, Africa.

Relationship with the Moravian Church

The Unity of the Brethren has had a longstanding relationship with the Moravian Church and active through the Board of World Missions. We have shared many projects together, most notably the hospital in Awas, Honduras. We also have also shared stateside missions efforts through Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) in Texas and North Carolina. Other projects pending. If you or any person you know is interested in missions work or short-term missions or want to help in disaster relief please let me or one of you Foreign Mission Board members know, there is always something going on somewhere!!!

Your Foreign Mission Board Chairman

David Miller (2015), Wall Brethren Church / Cell 325-245-5616

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Pavel and Stania Kozak –
Czech Republic \$15,000.00
Joel and Teresa Jelski –
Israel \$ 8,000.00
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Zambia, Africa \$ 4,000.00
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World Missions \$ 1,000.00
\$73,000.00

****Special projects to include –**
mission projects, short term missions,
missions awareness/education includ-
ing but not limited to –

1. \$1,400 freight to Africa, Carolyn
Groseclose.

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2. Travel for missionaries to con-
vention (approximately \$5,000).

3. \$1,500 to Board of World Mis-
sions/MDR (hurricane relief North
Carolina).

There was a lot of concern about
helping with the current tornadoes
and flooding. It may seem like we are
behind the times, but we are not.
Whenever there is a big disaster, first
responders are the only ones allowed
into the area. Then people deal with
insurance. Inevitably people fall
through the cracks, they may be un-
der-insured (low income), their houses
may have other problems outside in-
surance coverage like outdated plumb-
ing, electrical, no telling what, that's
life, and that is where the church
shines. When there is no one left to
help, we can help with support, labor,
and materials. So, it may seem late or
after the fact, but we usually start our
work six months to a year later. Saying
all that, I am in touch with MDR
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they are studying where the need is
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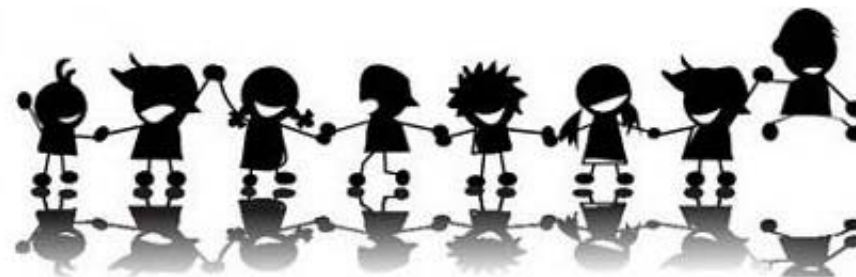
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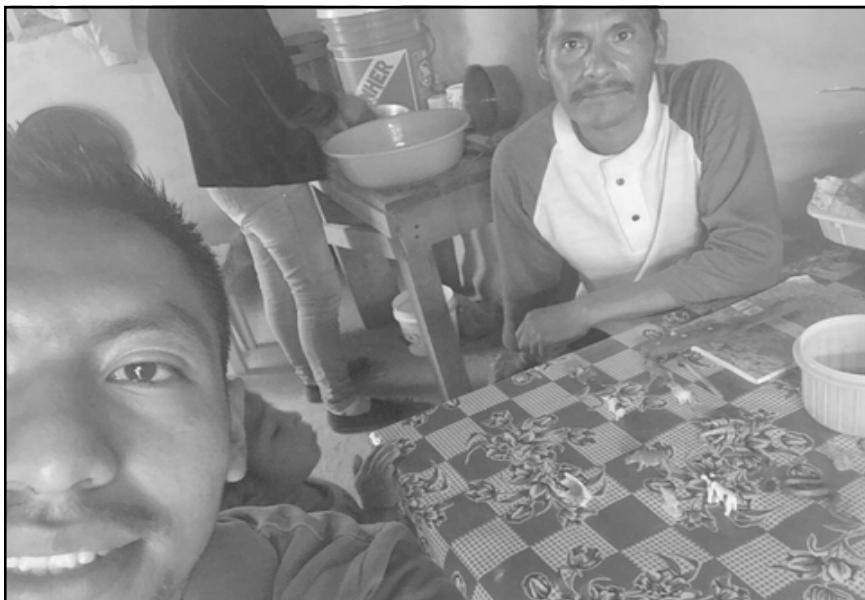


Sunday School Helper

*You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt
loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty
again? It is no longer good for anything, except to
be thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

Matthew 5:13

In the heat of summer, these activities will
give children the opportunity to play with
some cool ice! The Bible has had an
incredible impact on science, inventions, art,
music, and history. God also created other
things that have an incredible impact. One of
those is salt.



Carmen, Ruthi, Judith – Triqui (which possibly has 9 tones); Dany, Tina, Monica, Rut, Paty, Mariano, Carlos/ Mariana (8 months pregnant) – 6 different Mixtecs. May the Spirit of Pentecost loose their tongues to proclaim good news in these languages.

P.S.: For their *Phase 2*, I am collecting Wordless books. If anyone or group would like to help out with that, or with donating miniature “toys” for them to use for their Phase 1 games, let me know – I’ll send you a list.

Blessings, Anne

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Alpha Camp 2019

Approximately 52 campers and staff attended Alpha Camp at the Hus School Encampment June 9 through June 13. Looks like they had a fabulously good time!





for less.” “I can’t wait to get back and get started.” “God has renewed my hope.”

Our days consisted of two parts: Mixteco sessions in the morning and unpacking our experiences in the afternoon. Our mornings blew us away as we witnessed our brains’ capability for language. Our afternoons challenged us to apply all this to our calling as missionaries in Indian villages. We watched, amazed, as God changed our attitudes toward language learning.

Since phase 1 (moving from silent listening to actively speaking what you’ve heard over and over) is 40 sessions, we felt God calling us to set apart 40 days for language learning using the new GRPA tool we were discovering (the team has dubbed it *The Incarnational Method*). This was a big step of faith because the barriers to Latinos learning Indian languages are myriad and daunting. The enemy knows his job, and we acknowledged that we’d swallowed his “devil’s cocktail” of discouragement and excuses so that we were not truly entering the Indians’ world.

...which is bilingual. So, what do you do when the Mixtecs or Huicholes or Me’phaa you are befriending greet you and talk to you in Spanish? What if they open up in Spanish as Celsa has done with me? Do you settle there? Do you ignore the (invisible to you) part of her world that is Mixtec? What if you can’t find someone willing to spend time helping you? Do you settle then?

Judith has been married to a Triqui pastor for 7 years and never gotten through a “40 Days” of Triqui. When from day 1 of this week she was going



home every night to play the GRPA games with her children, with help from her mother-in-law, she started realizing what she had missed out on all those 7 years and wept every day as she shared. Her mother-in-law said, “I love you for learning to talk to me in my language.” She’d never said anything like this before. And that was Day 1!

The group used what Pam called divine and I called Pentecost imagination to create stories set in the future after they had completed their 40 Days. They dated and signed them, and we’ve created a “time capsule” to be opened when the entire team completes their “40 days on the mountain.” They now each have prayer partners on the Sin Fronteras team and have written their home churches to provide prayer partners for them for these 40 Days.

Will you watch and pray with us? With them? Here are the names and languages of those who have committed to the 40 Days: Rey/Lidia – Huichol; Luis – Tepehuan; Celi/Elias – Me’phaa;



region to participate even more in Mixtec life there. They are **Growing Participants**, and as they enter into community life, their prayer is that their testimonies of love and appreciation for Indian life, language and culture will shine with Jesus' Pentecost power and be **Redemptive**.

Meanwhile, I continue to grow in my relationship with Celsa. Today, for the first time, I asked her, *Naua ku cha'a?* "What is this?" I no longer had to point. Celsa is a new believer with a horror story of a past, but God has taught her forgiveness and peace. For Mother's Day, I arranged her baptism. "I think I will die of happiness," she said. Her shining faith and responsiveness to Jesus bless me to the core. Our relationship has, indeed, been mutually redemptive.

This... this kind of redemptive relationship, of growing participation in community life and tongue is what all the Sin Fronteras missionaries long for. But it always seems just out of

reach. We pray for a miracle. For Pentecost and the swift gift of learning tongues. Pray with us!

June 6, 2019

Follow up: Watershed II

You and I, we prayed for a miracle. It's not yet complete, but our week, as we had dreamed, *was* a Watershed, a beginning for our miracle! The Word, the God of languages, of tongues of fire, of Pentecost *showed up*. He astounded us. He challenged us. He brought us to tears in a process of confession, repentance and renewed faith. As every member of the Sin Fronteras team is saying now, "We are in a new place. God has changed us."

My heart is full. I'm bursting to tell you about these missionaries, my heroes.

Here are some of their outbursts: "I never imagined this was possible." "I had stalled out, given up, settled





Hus Camp Needs Your Help Can We Count On You?

– The Need –

Due to continued growth and demand for summer youth camps, and a desire to make the Hus Encampment more accessible for groups of all ages, our **current facilities are in need of renovation or replacement to accommodate the needs of our mission.**

– The Solution –

ALPHA - Phase A (Complete)

Kitchen Renovation/Expansion

Waste Water Treatment System

These projects were funded and completed in June 2018

DREAM BIG - Phase B (Current Phase)

Main Building/Dining Hall Renovation

Renovation of the Entire Main Building to Include the Addition of
Restrooms

Cost & Status: Final design and fundraising are in progress for this
\$380,000 renovation

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

From Robert and Anne Thiessen . . . Missionaries in Mexico

May 23, 2019

Watershed

Pray with us for a miracle...for 25 people.

Pray that 25 Mexican missionaries will be given the gift of speaking a Mexican minority language: Huichol; Tepehuan; Triqui; Me'phaa; or one of seven different Mixtecs.

They are all trying to learn, but for very good reasons, none of them are yet fluent in the Indian languages of their Indian communities. Some of the villages bar their people from teaching outsiders. Some of the villages are highly bilingual and don't speak to outsiders in their native tongue. Some of the villages have moved away from their mother tongues so that only the elderly still speak it. Some of the missionaries can't move into the communities or can't find language companions. Nor are Indians, in general, quick to share their language. They prefer to practice their Spanish, the language of power, education, and commerce. Attitudes toward minority languages are poor. So, our missionaries are attempting the near impossible, something I've never seen a Mexican church multiplier do before—become fluent in one of the 350 minority languages spoken by 10 million Mexican Indians with no access to the gospel.

Next week, the entire team of Sin Fronteras, all 25 Mexican missionar-

ies, are gathering here in Tlaxiaco to pray, to recommit to the task God has given them, to ask for a Pentecost miracle... and to learn a new language learning tool in what we are calling our *Watershed Event*. Pam Echerd from SIL (Wycliff), having vast experience with this tool, is coming to guide us. Phase 1 is made up entirely of short, fun games.

The *Growing Redemptive Participant Approach* (yes, a mouthful) pictures the missionary as an outsider, separated from the community by a wall of "noise" (language) and behavior they can't understand. Their task is to recruit a companion from the community (a person of peace as described in Luke 10) to help them participate in the community and its heart language. Often this person lives outside the community in a city or trade town.

As I began learning a new Mixtec along with five Sin Fronteras missionary candidates, this is the strategy we've used. I wrote earlier about our language companion, Celsa, who is as brilliant as she is beautiful both inside and out. Together we have finished the "silent" phase of the GPRA process and have now begun speaking Magdalena Peñasco Mixtec. We are participating more and more in Celsa's life. We have heard her story and shared our own. The five candidates have moved into the Peñasco





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FUTURE PHASES - Phases C, D, E (Conceptual Designs Complete)

New Dorm/Housing Construction

Addition of a new multi-purpose, ADA compliant housing facility for approximately 200 guests.

Outdoor Gym/Pavilion Common Space

Multi-purpose common space located between the proposed new housing structures.

Parking & Walkways

Designated parking and accessible walkways throughout the campus to maximize space and ensure safety.

Repurposing of Old Boys' Dorm

Utilization of the existing Boys' Dorm as a recreation/craft area.

How Can I Help?

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Show your support and receive current information about what's going on at the Hus Camp. Seimply email your contact information (Name, Mailing Address, Email Address & Phone Number) to:
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