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*The Hus Encampment Board of Trustees has set new dates for this summer's camping season. Please see inside this issue for the new dates. All youth are encouraged to register and make plans to attend.*

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The Hus Encampment Board met  
Saturday via Zoom to discuss the  
upcoming summer camp season. We  
decided to move forward with camps  
with the assumption (and faith) that  
the Governor will allow camps to  
open. We have rescheduled the dates  
for a start in late June through July.  
The dates are:

Encounter	June 28-30
Alpha	July 5-9
Challenger	July 12-17
Discovery	July 19-24
Pioneer	July 26-31

These dates could still be changed  
depending on restrictions from the  
State, but our camp staffs will start  
planning for this schedule. We have  
moved the deadline for registration to  
June 1st. We encourage all youth to  
register for their appropriate age group  
camp and make plans to attend.

We look forward to seeing you  
there.

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## Jesus, Remember Me

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

In the darkest and longest of nights,  
God is faithful.

When the sunshine eludes your  
eyes,

When you feel as if you cannot  
take another step,

When you do not know what to  
say to God, except, "Lord Jesus, please  
have mercy on me, a sinner."

There are moments when all you  
can do, when all you must do, is look  
up to the Heavenly Father, and say,

"Lord Jesus, have mercy."

"Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

"Lord Jesus, please, have mercy  
on my loved ones."

"Lord Jesus, have mercy."

In the Holy Bible, in the Gospel of  
Luke, chapter 23 (NRSV), at the end of  
Jesus's earthly life, as He is in agony  
on the Cross, Jesus has mercy on two  
strangers. Each has the opportunity  
to have faith in Jesus as Savior and  
enter Heaven. Jesus is faithful to the  
mission to which His Heavenly Father  
has called Him and has mercy on  
someone most would deem unworthy.  
The account reads:

*39 One of the criminals who were  
hanged there kept deriding Him and  
saying, "Are you not the Messiah?  
Save yourself and us!" 40 But the  
other rebuked him, saying, "Do you  
not fear God, since you are under the  
same sentence of condemnation? 41  
And we indeed have been condemned  
justly, for we are getting what we  
deserve for our deeds, but this man  
has done nothing wrong." 42 Then  
he said, "Jesus, remember me when  
you come into your kingdom." 43 He  
replied, "Truly I tell you, today you  
will be with Me in Paradise."*

In your darkest moments, what is  
your prayer to Jesus?

Do you turn your back to Jesus by  
allowing doubt to rule your mind, like  
water filling a balloon?

One of the criminals allowed doubt  
to permeate his being.

Do you face God regardless of  
how hopeless things may seem and  
ask Jesus to remember you?

The other criminal pressed on in  
hope that Jesus would remember him,



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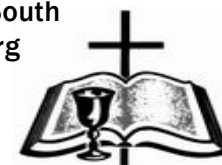
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like a child trusting a mother or father for good things.

“Jesus, remember me,” he persisted.

His faith did not mean escaping his circumstances, but rather, receiving the greatest gift possible – to be with Jesus forever in Paradise, in Heaven.

Tonight, when you are still and resting, simply pray: “Jesus, Remember me.”

God is faithful to His mission, to bring salvation to all who believe in the One True Savior of the World – Jesus Christ.

Tomorrow, when you wake and are gearing up for the day, simply pray: “Jesus, I know that You remember me.”

In Jesus’s Hands, Right with You,  
Sister Vanessa Mitchell

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Granger – Bible Study every Sunday at 9  
AM with worship service following at 10  
AM. 5th Sunday - Sing-along led by the  
Elders and Christian Sisters.  
– Visiting Ministers

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Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.  
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

Industry – worship at 9 AM 1st & 3rd  
Sundays. – Visiting Ministers; 2nd & 4th  
Saturdays at 5 PM – Rev. Mike Groseclose

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

New Beginnings (PO Box 163, Caldwell,  
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New Tabor – Sunday School at 9 AM &  
Worship at 10 AM every Sunday, “Tune  
Up” on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.  
– Rev. Dave Johnson

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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.  
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– Rev. James Hejl

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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  
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.  
– Interim Pastor – Rev. Gerald Davis

Westheimer Community – worship at  
10:30 AM every Sunday.  
– Pastor Lisa Johnson

## Bonhoeffer Revisited

– by Jim Pokorny

We are still practicing self-isolation and social distancing as I write these words. Exactly when things “return to normal” remains to be seen. More importantly, what exactly “the new normal” might be like is equally elusive. For the past several years it has been my privilege to lead the Adult VBS class, and I continue to prepare for it knowing it could very well be postponed or perhaps even cancelled. Hoping for the best, my preparations continue.

For this year’s class I have selected a recent addition to my DVD library: *Bonhoeffer – Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister*. This 2003 documentary was produced by Martin Doblmeier and features the voice of Klaus Maria Brandauer reading quotes by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The documentary relates Bonhoeffer’s personal journey and includes photographs and some extremely rare film footage. Also included are interviews with family members, associates, friends, and students of Bonhoeffer.

It provides yet another glimpse

into the life of a man of God who played a significant role in the plots to assassinate Adolf Hitler. For many people, that inevitably appears to be a contradiction. How, they ask themselves, can a man of God consciously involve himself in the taking of a life? Even when the life in question is that of a ruthless dictator who tried to commit systematic genocide of Jewish, Slav, and other peoples. This presents us with a moral dilemma with which to struggle. This is completely understandable as Bonhoeffer agonized over it himself.

Books have been devoted to the question of why the German Church embraced Hitler and the Nazi party, so I will not address that aspect here. It must be stated that Bonhoeffer was German, a pacifist and deeply religious. Although Bonhoeffer’s family was not particularly religious, it must have come as a surprise when Bonhoeffer’s mother told him that the church must do something about what came to be known as The Jewish



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Question. Bonhoeffer's personal convictions were revealed in stark clarity in a talk he gave to fellow pastors in 1933 entitled *The Church and the Jewish Question*. In it, he stated the following.

"The church has three possible ways it can act against the state. First, it can ask the state if its actions are legitimate. Second, it can aid the victims of state action. The church has an unconditional obligation to the victims of any ordering society, even if they do not belong to the Christian society. The third possibility is not just to bandage the victim under the wheel, but to jam a spoke in the wheel itself."

Bonhoeffer understood that the church had both a moral and ethical obligation to stand up to an evil regime including the man at its head. He also understood that he, as an individual Christian, had the same moral and ethical obligation. One he pursued even though it resulted in his own death. Bonhoeffer was hanged along with fellow conspirators for high treason just days before Germany's surrender at the end of World War II.

Among the many interviewed for this documentary, I found Archbishop Desmond Tutu's remarks perhaps the most insightful. Tutu is best known for his role in South Africa's struggle against apartheid. While Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, Archbishop Tutu continued to speak out against the evils of South Africa's regime and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

Doblmeier must have seen parallels between Tutu and Bonhoeffer. That said, Tutu's admiration for Bonhoeffer was quite evident as in

the statement: "He could have such a great deal of faith in God even in the midst of incredible darkness."

Tutu's own personal struggles allowed him to give insight into Bonhoeffer's personal struggles as well.

"It's so easy to be sucked in by the structures and to be sucked in by a false kind of loyalty, and maybe ending up with a false church. When God grabs you by the scruff of the neck, then although theologically you have a freedom to say 'No', in another sense, actually you can't say 'No'. Because... it's like Jeremiah. 'God, you called me to be a prophet against the people I love. And all I proclaim is words of doom and judgement. And yet, If I say I will shut up... I can't!'"

"There's no shaft of light that comes from heaven and says to you 'Okay, my son (or my daughter), you are right!' You have to hold on by the skin of your teeth and hope there is vindication on the other side!"

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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24. You shall go to all whom I send you and speak whatever I command you. Jer. 1:6b
25. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am there you may be also. John 14:3
26. Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6
27. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. John 16:13
28. **If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.** Gal. 5:25
29. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, Who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. James 1:5
30. The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of the water of life. Rev. 7:17

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# DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

## Daily Morsels for June 2020

By Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the *Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version*, slightly modified.

### Sundays in bold.

1. In Your steadfast love You led the people whom You redeemed; You guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode. **Exod. 15:13**
2. Truly it is the spirit in a mortal, the breath of the Almighty, that makes for understanding. **Job 32:8**
3. The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. **James 3:17**
4. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way. **Ps. 25:9**
5. You are indeed my Rock and my Fortress; for Your name's sake lead me and guide me. **Ps. 31:3**
6. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. **Ps. 33:11**
7. **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Ps. 67:4**
8. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me with honor. **Ps. 73:24**
9. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **Ps. 119:105**
10. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. **Prov. 2:6**
11. Therefore walk in the way of the good, and keep to the paths of the just. **Prov. 2:20**
12. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. **Prov. 3:6**
13. I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. **Prov. 4:11**
14. **Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evildoers. Prov. 4:14**
15. But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. **Prov. 4:18**
16. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what they stumble over. **Prov. 4:19**
17. Let your eyes look directly forward and your gaze be straight before you. **Prov. 4:25**
18. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. **Prov. 4:27**
19. For human ways are under the eyes of the LORD, and He examines all their paths. **Prov. 5:27**
20. When you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it." **Isa. 31:20**
21. **I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. Isa. 42:16**
22. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong. **Isa. 58:11**
23. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long. **Ps. 25:5**

## Invitation to the 50th Biennial Christian Sisters' Convention from the Caldwell Christian Sisters

The Members of the Christian Sisters' Executive Committee extends an invitation to all Delegates, Representatives of Women's Work in the Church, Members of the Local Christian Sisters' Societies, Ministers of the Unity and all Friends of the Christian Sisters' Union to the 50th Christian Sisters' Convention on August 29, 2020, beginning at 8:00 A.M. at the Hus Encampment.

Registration begins at 8:00 A.M., followed by a Morning Worship Service and Communion begin-

ning at 9:00 A.M. There will be a Memorial Service after the noon hour. The camp will be available the night before for those that will be traveling from out of town.

More information will be mailed to all the delegates along with their packets sometimes in late July. If you have any questions please email Anna Wotipka: awotipka58@gmail.com

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## *The Brethren Journal* (*Bratrské Listy*)

The first issue of the *Bratrské Listy*, now known as *The Brethren Journal*, was published in January 1902. It has been continuously published since that time, except for one year during WWI.

Mostly a private project of Rev. Adolph Chlumsky, it was declared the official publication of the Unity of the Brethren at the first convention in 1903. The purpose of the Journal was to publish information concerning the activities of the Unity of the Brethren and articles of interest and inspiration to all of its subscribers.

Rev. Chlumsky donated *The Brethren Journal* to the Unity in 1912. In 1944 the Journal became bilingual with both English and Czech language sections. Eventually, by the 1960s, the Journal was exclusively English with some exceptions such as Czech Sunday School lessons and Bible texts.

The format of the Journal has changed little since it was changed to its present book size with 28 to 36 pages. It is now published monthly, 10 times per year with January and February, and July and August combined into one month each.

The Journal is asking for articles to publish about activities that may be taking place in the churches of the Unity of the Brethren.

How is your church helping your members and community during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic? What are some of the virtual activities the church is conducting? How are you supporting one another during this time of quarantine? What is your church planning for the future?

These are just a sampling of ideas that can be used for articles to be submitted to *The Brethren Journal* for publication. Also, photographs are welcome in addition to an article.

Anyone willing to write is welcome to submit an article. Please, limit the size of your piece to no more than 1000 words due to space limitations. All photos sent may not be included for the same reason.

Please email your article(s) and photos to:  
editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of *The Brethren Journal*.

Cathleen Schlechte  
Editor

### **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.

## **Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities**

**July 11-12, 2020 – BYF Convention and Volleyball Tournament at the Hus Encampment.**

**July 18, 2020 – The 66th Biennial Mutual Aid Society Convention** will be held at the Hus Encampment. Registration begins at 8 A.M., followed by a Morning Worship Service and Communion beginning at 9 A.M. There will be a Memorial Service after the noon hour. The camp will be available the night before for those who will be traveling from out of town. More information will be mailed to all the delegates along with their packets sometime in late July. If you have any questions, please email Anna Wotipka: awotipka58@gmail.com.

### **2020 SUMMER CAMP DATES:**

#### **ENCOUNTER**

Ages 7-9 years old  
Camp Cost: \$250  
Camp Date: **June 28-30**

#### **PIONEER**

Ages 12-13 years old  
Camp Cost: \$350  
Camp Date: **July 26-31**

#### **CHALLENGER**

Ages 16-19 years old  
Camp Cost: \$350  
Camp Date: **July 12-17**

#### **ALPHA**

Ages 10-11 years old  
Camp Cost: \$350  
Camp Date: **July 5-9**

#### **DISCOVERY**

Ages 14-15 years old  
Camp Cost: \$350  
Camp Date: **July 19-24**

#### **HUS SCHOOL**

In-depth Leadership Program  
Ages 16-Adult  
Cost: \$550  
Date: **Not held in summer 2020**

**For more information about the Hus School Encampment go to:  
[www.huscamp.org](http://www.huscamp.org)**

*Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number, and/or email address to the Brethren Journal Editor at: editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com. Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.*



## Thoughts about giving...

**Remembering the Unity of the Brethren or any of its ministries is a fitting testimony of your belief. Your gift in a will can be a legacy that continues to affect the Christian values, mission, and ministry that is important to you.**

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*You can require that we hold the principle as an endowment and use only the earnings each year.*

*You can give in memory or in the honor of someone.*

*Your gift can be contingent. The funds go to someone if they survive you and if not, then to the Unity.*

*You can tell us now that you have named the Unity in your will and allow us to express our gratitude...or you can let it be known later.*

**There are many other ways to give. Contact any Board of Grants and Bequests member about what you can give and how you can give.**

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## Matching Technology Grant Program

The Synodical Committee approved an application for a Matching Technology Grant for all Unity churches. Churches may apply for a matching grant up to \$1,000. This is to assist churches who are seeking to enhance their worship experience through the use of technology and A/V equipment.

The deadline to apply for a grant is December 31, 2020. The application can be found on the Unity website at [UnityoftheBrethren.org](http://UnityoftheBrethren.org), Contact Us – click on Forms. If you need one mailed to you, please contact the Unity Secretary, Angie Hairrell. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Executive Committee.

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## In Christ's Love . . . from the Foreign Mission Fields

### Joel & Teresa Jelski . . . Missionaries from Israel



May 14, 2020

#### Fields of Wheat Ministry

We have some big news to share with you!

As you may know, I shared some very specific prayer points in our last update. Over the past few months we have been praying a lot about what are our next steps given some of the changes that were taking place in our ministry. The Lord showed up big time and answered our prayers.

#### Property for Fields of Wheat Training Center

Over the past year, we have been looking for different properties, and about 6 months ago came across a large property in the Golan Heights, which we initially dismissed since it was empty and would require extensive development. But the more we searched, the more we realized this might actually be our best course of action. As we began to investigate the potential of purchasing it, we began to realize that if we indeed purchased this property we would need to move to the Golan Heights to help spearhead its development (you may be aware that Trump recognized the Golan Heights recently as a legitimate part of Israel). One condition I put before the Lord and that I shared with the spiritual father of Fields of Wheat, Eitan Shishkoff, was that we could not move there by ourselves. We would need a few families to form a small community to be a part of. The Golan is not very populated, is mostly small villages far from central loca-

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**The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1 NIV**

Why shouldn't we be afraid of these things? (*Because the Lord Jesus is our light, our salvation, and stronghold.*) Let's plug in our fears at the end of each verse to help us not be afraid.

#### Examples:

The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? *Not the dark.*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? *Not spiders.*

The LORD is my light and my salvation – of whom shall I fear? *Not storms.*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? *Not sharks.*

#### DO: The Lord is my Rock Craft

Materials: 1 rock, permanent marker

Have the students find Psalm 18:2 in their Bibles. Read the verse together. Have students write "The Lord is my Rock" on their rock. Explain that some people try to depend on their own strength or the things that they have made to protect them, but these things never last very long. Explain that this stone will be a reminder to them, that the Lord is our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, the strength of our salvation, and the one in whom we can take refuge. It is wise to trust in the Lord because His help lasts forever and cannot be destroyed.



## RUNNING IN FEAR

### BIBLE STORY

Jonathan & David

Scripture: 1 Samuel 20

**WATCH** the story of how Jonathan warns David.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKSkIbLtwQE>

Questions to ask:

- Why was David afraid? Would you be afraid? (*Saul wanted to kill him.*)
- How did Jonathan demonstrate his commitment to David? (*Jonathan told David that he would do anything he could to help him, even if it meant going against his father's wishes.*)
- What did Jonathan ask David to do for him? (*Jonathan asked David to show unfailing kindness to him and his family.*)
- How did King Saul try to persuade Jonathan that it would be to his benefit to kill David? (*Saul told his son that as long as David was alive, Jonathan's kingdom could not be established.*)
- Did King Saul's argument convince Jonathan to kill David? (*No, Jonathan didn't break the covenant he made with David before the Lord. Jonathan helped David escape and they remained friends for life.*)

**DO:** *I Will Not Be Afraid:* Have children draw something that they are afraid of. Review Psalm 27:1. Use students' drawings to demonstrate why we "fear not."



tions in Israel. and there are few believers there.

### Discipleship Program

David, who is the founder of the discipleship program, with whom I served closely these past 2 years, decided earlier this year it was time to step away. We began praying about the continuation of this very effective program. My heart was to continue investing in young adult disciples, usually at a crossroads in their life. We prayed that God would send people who have a heart for discipleship to work with us. We knew we couldn't continue on our own. Little did we know that God was already speaking to someone...

After a few weeks of prayer, I suddenly got a call from a friend with whom I had worked closely for a few years in Jerusalem. They had been on a sabbatical, and sensed the Lord was calling them to move to the north, to be a part of a believing community, be a part of discipling young people, and to be involved in future Fields of Wheat development, and they asked if we were willing to move to the Golan Heights this summer with them. Their names are Cody and Liat, and

they have 3 children. We have a lot of wonderful history with them – Cody and I worked together at Succat Hallel house of prayer in 2012, and from 2014-2017 he helped me lead the youth group of our congregation in Jerusalem. Cody was my accountability partner for a few years, and we were neighbors in the same building in Jerusalem for 2+ years. They have a passion for discipleship, and both have extensive experience in ministry and media. In essence, God couldn't have answered our prayers with better people! So after some time to pray, and knowing that this family and another couple were planning to move there, we decided this summer was the right time to move again and plant our family in the Golan Heights! This was emotionally a really difficult decision, even though it's the right one, because we have established such a good relationship with the families in the community we are in now. It's very hard to say goodbye, but we are excited about doing the same in a new area with new families.

Moving to the Golan will cost about \$2000. If the Lord puts it on your heart, would you consider giv-



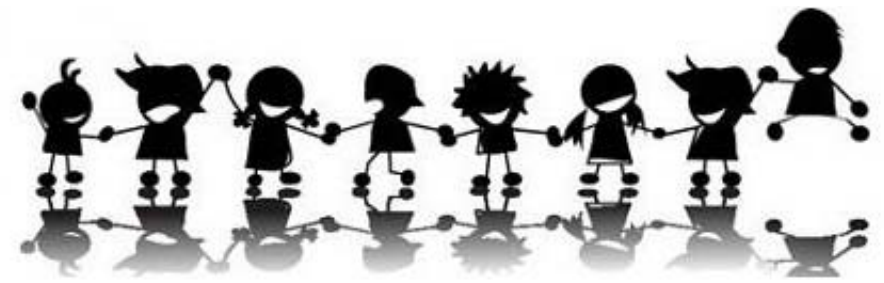
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ing a special gift to help us with this move? Also, please, pray as we are currently looking for houses for rent, but have not found something so far, and there aren't many options available. Please pray we find something over the next week or two as we must move July 1st.

**About the property we are looking at:** The land purchase hasn't happened yet, but we are taking some serious steps in that direction. Our move there is a step of faith that either this one will happen, or something else in this area will. The Golan is a popular destination for hikes, retreats, and vacation for Israelis because it is out of the way. All of this

makes it a great location for our vision of serving the local body as a gathering place for youth camps, congregational retreats, and equipping and discipleship initiatives. We really pray and believe that this property purchase will take place. We have not seen any property this size (110 acres) for this price, which is zoned and has building permits for what we want to do. Two main prayer points:

1. Please pray that there will be no opposition from the owner to our being Messianic Jews. We hope to meet with the owner of the property soon. Please pray for that very important meeting when it happens!
2. Secondly, please, pray for favor with the land authorities, who have to



# Sunday School Helper



**Bible Character**  
David & Jonathan

**Bible Reference**  
1 Samuel 20

**Theme Color**  
Yellow

Yellow is the color of fear. Despite his great friendship with Saul's son Jonathan, David ran away for fear that Saul would kill him. Kids will learn that we can trust God to see us through every situation that makes us afraid.

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approve the sale and allow us to develop it. This specific property was sold to be developed as a vineyard and tourism center. Please pray for the freedom to create a vibrant equipping center. We also believe that the agricultural facet holds exciting potential for discipling in action.

Thank you for all your prayers! We are very excited for this new season and the continuation of our journey. We are thankful that you are a part of it!

With much love  
and deep gratitude,

The Jelski Family

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## Hus School Capital Improvement Project Advances to Phase II Construction

The Hus School Board of Trustees would like to express our appreciation for the generous support we have received for the Hus School Encampment Capital Improvement Project currently underway. The financial and prayerful support that has been provided by those inside and outside the Unity has provided us with the honor and privilege of reporting that the financial needs of phases 1 and 2 have been met.

At our last Trustee board meeting, the board decided to begin construction of Phase II this Fall, after the camping season. Phase II will include the addition of rest rooms and air conditioning of the main building as well as new flooring, windows, and updates to the walls and ceiling in the main building. The current plans also

include the removal of the stage to provide more floorspace within the main building.

Once the renovations planned in Phase II have been completed, the board of trustees will consider how to proceed with the next phases of Capital Improvement Project.

We thank God for the gift of the Hus School Encampment that He has entrusted to our denomination. We are also grateful for the generosity He has inspired in the many faithful stewards who have participated in the Capital campaign thus far and those he will inspire in the future.

Please keep the camping program and the Hus School Board of Trustees in your prayers as we continue our efforts to expand the kingdom of God on this earth through this ministry.

## HUS CAMP Main Building Renovation

The Impact of Camp Is Eternal... You Can Help Make It Possible!

Due to your generous support of the Hus Camp and its Facility Improvement Capital Campaign, we have completed Phase A (Renovation of the Kitchen) and are now well on our way to starting **Phase B, Renovation of the Main Building!** This phase will not only renovate the interior and exterior of the building, but will also stabilize the structure, add restrooms and insulation, complete air conditioning, and make the building more accessible for a variety of people, functions, programs, and activities. While we hope to begin renovations soon, we can't do it without your help!

Please prayerfully consider your support of the Hus Camp and its growing ministry by making a donation to the Building Fund.

Estimated Main Building Renovation Cost:	\$380,000
Generous Donations Thus Far:	\$380,000
<b>Additional Funds Needed:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

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