Missions Update

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Fellow Saints,

Last month, we wrote about a plethora of ministry opportunities we were facing, and asked prayer for guidance and discernment. The two main open doors before us were: 1) Move outside of Dhaka to another city and fill the leadership role at a mission school; and 2) Remain in Dhaka and take the senior pastor role at the small, English-speaking church we've been attending. Thank you so much for your prayers; the Lord gave us guidance and made the way forward clear to us.

We wavered back and forth as we prayed, weighed the options, thought about our giftings, considered our family's needs, and spoke with our mentors. The reality is that either the school or the church will wither and die without our involvement. Knowing this made the decision especially difficult. As we continued praying and discussing each option, it became clear that moving to the other city to take on the school and start other ministries there (meaning both of us would have significant work/ministry outside the home) would not be right for us in our current season of family life - with a toddler in the home and a baby on the way.

In addition, Simon feels more passionate about shepherding and pastoral ministry than he does school leadership, and when we envisioned our first several years here, we pictured ourselves in Dhaka doing church work. Advice from spiritual friends and mentors confirmed that this would be the better fit. So Simon accepted the senior pastor position at our church here in Dhaka, and we had to tell the school "no."

Regarding the church, we feel that the Lord brought us in at just the perfect time, and has provided a great ministry fit for us. Simon was appointed pastor on September 8th, and began his full-time responsibilities the following week. Please pray for patience, wisdom, and unity within the congregation as we move forward.

Simon & Hannah Baidya

Fellowship Opportunities

Nursery/Children's Ministry available during Sunday School and AM Service

Sunday

Sunday School 9:00am

BODYBUILDERS • LOWER TOPPIN-WEST • FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

LAMPLIGHTERS • UPPER TOPPIN-WEST • DOCTRINAL POINTS

BEREANS • UPPER TOPPIN-EAST • DANIEL

YOUTH • LOWER TOPPIN-EAST • MIRACLES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Morning Worship 10:15am

AWANA 5:30pm

3 YRS-8TH GRADE • SEP-MAY • TOPPIN BUILDING

Evening Worship 6:00pm

Monday

Young Adult Ladies' Bible Study 6:00pm

VOLLENDORF'S HOUSE • ABIGAILBULLER28@GMAIL.COM

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study 7:00am

VILLAGE INN • TIM@MESAHILLS.ORG

Ladies' Bible Study 7:00pm

THE DOAK'S HOME • ROSEDOAK@GMAIL.COM

Young Adult Men's Bible Study 7:00pm

LOCATION VARIES • KMVOLLENDORF@GMAIL.COM

Wednesday

Youth Group

TOPPIN BUILDING • DBZIEGLER83@GMAIL.COM

Prayer Meeting

CHURCH SANCTUARY • ALBLADO@YAHOO.COM

Saturday

Men's Morning Study (2nd & 4th Saturday)

6:00pm

7:00pm

8:00am



TOPPIN BUILDING • TIM@MESAHILLS.ORG



October 8th, 2023

Morning Worship Service

Congregational Praise

The Church's One Foundation #354 O Church, Arise #353 Lead On, O King Eternal #124 Holy, Holy, Holy #48

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-9
Pat McCaffery

Special Music: Winston Bothell

Sermon

"The Destiny of the Tribulation Period"

Revelation 11:1-14

Pastor Tim Dane

*Nursery/Children's Ministry available during Sunday School and AM Service

Evening Worship Service

Congregational Praise

Oh, How He Loves You and Me #157 Rock of Ages #209

Special Music:

Sarah Magill

Redeemed Saved! Saved!

<u>Sermon</u>

"He Always Remains Faithful"
Psalm 78
Pastor Tim Dane

Announcements

*October 15th - After Service Fellowship

Mesa Hills will begin holding short times of fellowship after each morning service in the Toppin Building. Anyone interested in helping or attending please contact:

Josh Kelley (719) 419-4862

*October 15th - Congregational Vote

Subject to elder recommendation, we will hold a tentative congregational meeting for an affirmation vote for **Ben Winkleman** as Associate Pastor.

*Ministry Opportunity (Sunday Evenings)

The Lord has blessed our Awana ministry with more clubbers! We are now actively seeking committed nursery workers and Awana leaders for the Evening service/Awana time from 5:30pm-7:45pm on Sunday Evenings. If you are able to help, please contact:

Dominic Garlick (719) 635-3566

*October 29th - Potluck/Pie Auction

We will have our annual Pie Auction after the AM service on 10/29/23. Join in with us as we potluck and fellowship as we raise funds for missions.

*Today - Last Call for Ladies' Retreat Registration!

If you are planning on attending the ladies' retreat on October 20st-21st, today is the last day to sign up! Scholarships are available. Please Contact **Sherri Sharp**.

Sermon Notes

Prayer Requests & Praise

*Continue to pray for the Lord's wisdom and guidance as we vote on **October 15th** for an affirmation of Ben Winkelman as our **Associate Pastor**. May the Lord give wisdom and discernment to the church.

***Praise:** Ruth Curtis is out of surgery and recovering very well! She is overwhelmed by the love shown to her by our church family during this time. She wants to thank you all for the calls, cards, posts, prayers, gifts, and bulletin notes. "Mesa Hills is the best church family" - Ruth Curtis

Book Recommendation

Amazing Grace - Eric Mexatas

This book tells the story of the remarkable life of the British abolitionist William Wilberforce. This biography chronicles Wilberforce's extraordinary role as a human rights activist, cultural reformer, and member of Parliament. At the center of this heroic life was a passionate twenty-year fight to abolish the British slave trade, as well as efforts to abolish slavery itself in the British colonies. Metaxas discovers, in this unsung hero, a man of whom it can truly be said: "he changed the world". Before Wilberforce, few thought slavery was wrong. After Wilberforce, most societies in the world came to see it as a great moral wrong.

<u>Giving Report</u>	Monthly	Year-to-date
General Fund Budget	\$33,097	\$330,970
General Funds Received	\$5,116	\$296,356
Missions Fund Budget	\$7,169	\$71,690
Missions Fund Received	\$1,723	\$75,189

^{*}These numbers are a reflection of the preceding week.

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