

## Missionary Updates ... Cathy Campobello



You never know when God is going to open a door of opportunity at anytime and in any place. I was getting my nails done when I started a conversation with the woman next to me. She told me that she was part of the organizing committee of an event called the Expo Voluntariado.

I asked what that was, and she explained that it was an exposition of groups that do social work. Most of the groups have volunteers that work in them, therefore the word 'voluntariado', and that they would share what they do with the public at the Expo.

I knew that this was a tremendous opportunity for many of our social ministries, a divine encounter that God had set-up. So after some meetings and doing some contact work, seven of Covenant social ministries will be participating in the Expo Voluntariado. Thank God for this encounter!

God also gave me another open door to share in what I would say was another divine encounter with a women who was searching for a church that both her and her fiancé could attend together. She was pouring out her heart about several matters in her life and I asked God for guidance. I invited her to one of the Covenant churches. Now she and her fiancé are attending there and receiving pre-marital counseling. No one knows when God is going to give each of us opportunities to act in various situations.

### Prayer Requests:

1. To be open to new opportunities that God provides
2. Continue to pray for the Covenant Church in Columbia; to be strong in Christ and the Word of God.

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### The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

**A** — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

**B** — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin. "While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

**C** — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

**Prayer:** Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.

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## Encountering God's Presence

John 16:12-15

**Welcome to Worship!**—We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** (10:30am service) is for 3-year olds—2nd grade. The children gather in the Cubbies Room downstairs after the announcements are given.

**Faith Promises** — We have received \$71,288 in Faith Promises! Our goal is \$75,000. You can continue to turn in your faith promise cards through today.



**Easter Flowers** — We would love to decorate our worship center with spring flowers! If you would like to participate, either in honor or memory of an individual, you can purchase an Easter Lily, Tulip, or Begonia plant for \$15. How? Pick up an envelope in the lobby, fill out the information, insert the money and give to an usher, place in the offering plate, or bring to the office by April 15.

**Pastoral Search Committee** — After reviewing a number of candidate profiles and having conference calls with some of them, the Search Committee has asked our Conference Superintendent, Mark Stromberg, for more names for our Committee to consider. Thank you for your continued prayers for God's guidance.



**Expo**—Spring is coming and that means it is time for Expo! We are looking for venison burger and hamburger. Donations can be put in the large freezer in the kitchen. Thank you!

**Our Condolences** — go out to the family of Pastor George Wold, who passed away on Tuesday. His funeral will be on April 6. You may send cards to his daughter Joyce Elkjer at 2200 6th Ave SE, Willmar, MN 56201.

**Newsletter** — April newsletter is available in the lobby.

### Serving Opportunity ...



Please fill out, tear-off, and place in the offering plate or give to an usher in the back if you are interested in helping with funeral lunches.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

You can contact Connie Magnuson with questions at 283-3513.