

Missionary Highlight ... Colleen Estes serving in Pikangikum, Ontario

I find myself singing the Bethel song, "Goodness of God".... 'All my life you have been faithful. All my life you have been so so good!' And while we don't know what lies ahead in 2020, we know that God's faithfulness and goodness is continuous.



People have asked "How was your Christmas?" Crazy busy for two weeks. Thanks for the great help I had, we were able to celebrate Jesus birthday with lots of joy with kids and with the assistance of my neighbors, Herald and Donnelly, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we delivered around 400 presents from believers with big hearts. We prayed with many people who were missing loved ones on Christmas and I am also thankful for the peaceful Christmas in the community.

And this New Year's we anticipate that a church holding special meetings will be packed out as was another church this past weekend. There have been many commitments to the Lord and God's people are being refreshed by the Holy Spirit. Pray that there would be a manifestation of the move of God not only in the services, but in service to the hurting, the addicted, the orphans, the widows and that teachers of the Word would arise so people may be fed God's Word and grow.

On January 10, I left for a two month mini-sabbatical with 6 weeks of it being in Hawaii. I am thankful for Matt & Tamara Smith hearing the Lord to come and replace me while I am gone.

Prayer Requests:

1. For the Smiths as they minister in Pikangikum; for protection, health, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit.
2. For Colleen as she has a mini-sabbatical; to be restored physically, mentally and spiritually.

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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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** is for 3-7 year olds; 8 yrs old and older need to stay with their parents. Parents, drop off your children prior to joining the service. (10:30am service)

Adult Sunday School — Room 200 at 10:30am.

Young Adults — are invited to a Bunco & Polar Dip Party at Jim & Mary Hummel's home (2685 Cty. Rd. 94) on Friday, January 24 at 6pm. Questions? Contact Kathy Galusha at 324.2296 or Carol Anderson at 324.2470.

Ladies Bible Study — Beginning on Monday, January 27 at 1pm in Room 200. *'It's Not Supposed to be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered'* by Lysa Terkeurst. Interested? Contact Phyllis Holm at 283.4332.

Annual Meeting — Sunday, February 9, at 11:45am. We will be enjoying pizza for lunch; please bring a sweet to share with others. Ministry leaders, please have your report in to the office by February 3.

Our Condolences — are extended to:

- Betty Blankman and Shirley Anderson on the recent loss of their brother, Jesse A. Hall.
- Chadd & Kim Boyer and Family on the recent loss of Kim's dad.

Missionary Update — Dell Schultz from New Tribes Missions went to be with the Lord on December 27, 2019. He and his wife, Sue (deceased) served with New Tribes (Ethnos 360) for many years. In recent years, Dell has mentored young adults entering the mission field. Our church has been a supporter of Dell and his wife for many years. He will be sadly missed.

Community Opportunities...

Psalm FM Newsletter Mailing — Thursday, January 23 at 7am.

Northern Options for Women Gala — Saturday, January 25 at the AmericInn. Social hour at 5pm; dinner at 6pm. Elaine Johnson will be sharing her story. Contact NOFW at 285.7673 to reserve your seat.

Community Café — Tuesday, January 28 at 5pm.

Divorce Care — Thursdays, 6:30-8pm, beginning February 6.

Grief Share — Saturdays at 10am in Room 200.

Why Didn't God Answer my Prayer?

Mark 11.22-25; 1 John 5.13-15

1. Maybe you have a _____.

...whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. Mark 11:24-25

For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 1 John 4:20

He said that before you go to the altar to offer your gift, if someone's mad at you, stop! Leave your gift, and first go and make that relationship right, then come back and worship God with your gift at the altar.

Matthew 5:23-24 (paraphrase)

Husbands ... be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect ... so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7

2. Maybe you don't believe _____.

But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us. Mark 9:22

Everything is possible for him who believes. Mark 9:23

When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "according to your faith will it be done to you"; and their sight was restored. Matthew 9:28-30a

3. Maybe God has a _____.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

... the God we serve is able to save us from it, he will rescue us ... But even if he does not ... we will not serve your gods ... Daniel 3:17-18