

Missionary Highlight

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“For lo, the winter is past”
Song of Solomon 2.11

Even though a couple feet of ice remains on the lake and semi trucks are coming non-stop bringing supplies, spring is in the air.

Due to pandemic restrictions on gatherings, school, church and visiting in homes during much of January, February and March, it seemed like a particularly long winter.

COVID didn't show up here until late January. Pikangikum believers led by Pastor Simeon went out on the ice in -25 F to cry out to God. We are thankful that the cases have been mild.

David Roth, a student at Faith Builders in Pennsylvania chose to do his 5 week internship in Pikangikum. What a blessing he was! He did some awesome online lessons and was able to interact from a distance with great compassion and wisdom with some of our hurting young men. He is the type of person that would be wonderful to have here full-time.

And I am overwhelmed by your giving for the Pikangikum Trailer Project. The mobile trailer was brought in February. After the purchases of the trailer, fees and moving it, there still remain funds to install plumbing and sewage systems, electrical hook-up and whatever else is needed. Thank you so much!!

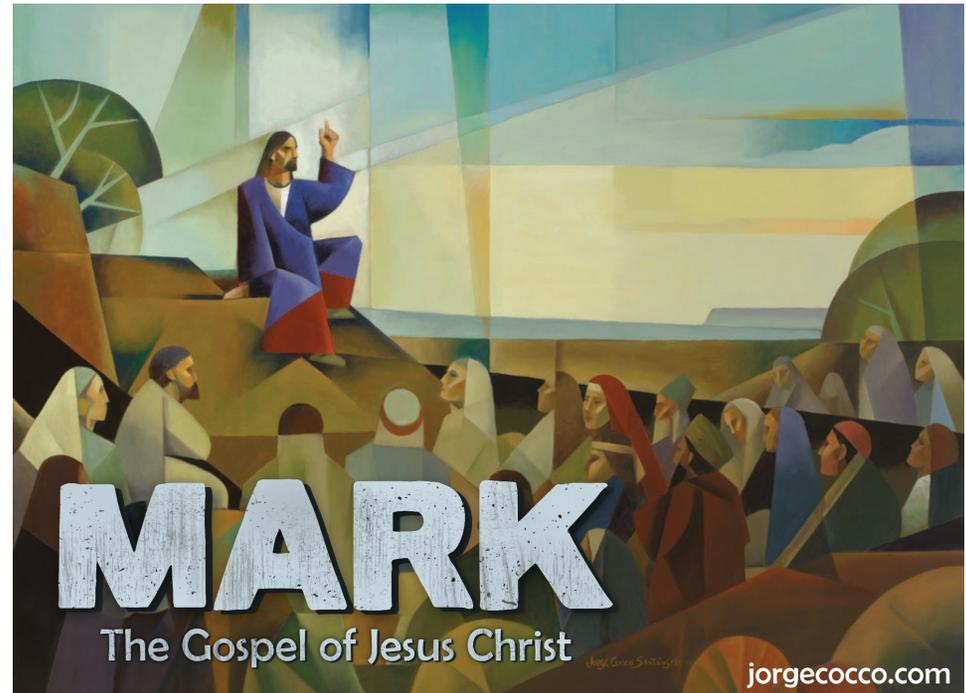
Prayer Requests:

1. For the need of a Christian worker to help with the young people.
2. For protection for the trailer from vandalism.
3. For continued health.



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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Mother's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.
 - **Sunday School Classes** — 9-10am
 - Adult Sunday School — 'So Long Normal' — Room 200
 - Youth Sunday School — Sparky Room #2
 - Confirmation Class — Teen Room
 - **Easter Breakfast** — We will be serving Fish & Eggs for breakfast on April 17 at 9am in the gym. Then enjoy the worship service at 10:30am where individuals will be baptized. Please note— there will be **no** Sunday School on Easter Sunday.
 - **Membership Class** — April 2, 4-8pm; supper will be provided.
 - **Faith Promise Cards** — Promises received to date: \$42,415
- Please continue to pray about your part of the Faith Promises. The goal is \$72,000, which is the current amount of support we give now. We would like to have the final amount by the end of March, so we can establish the missions budget for 2022-2023. Big or small gifts are all valued.
- **Bluewater Family Camp** — Mark your calendars for July 29-31! Our speaker will be Pastor Dave & Para Smith from New Kent, Virginia. We look forward to having them with us and to hear God's message for us. Be sure to sign up today!
 - **Prayer Gathering** — Mondays at 6:30pm; all are welcome.

- **Celebrate Recovery** — Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 200
- **Men's Bible Study** — Wednesdays at 7am at the Coffee Landing
- **Ladies Bible Study** — Wednesdays at 1pm in Sparky Room #1
- **Awana Clubs** — Wednesdays; Supper & Clubs from 5:15-7:30pm;
- **Teens** — Wednesdays at 6-8pm in the lower level
- **DivorceCare** — Thursdays at 6:30pm in Sparky Room #1
- **Young Adults** — Thursdays at 7pm in the lower level

Stories Jesus Told About the Kingdom of God

Mark 4.21-34

And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²² For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.