



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Hearthache and suffering beyond words. Haiti. This is an email update from Holly Eckhart. Holly and her husband Milton worked in medical missions in Haiti for a number of years:

Yesterday we loaded Daihatsu with powdered milk, rice, beans, water, oatmeal, baby food, tools, mosquito nets, tents, tarps, mats, doctors, nurses, medical supplies, and a smuggled cache of diesel and gasoline. We drove behind it to make sure it made it into Haiti. Border was completely open, and everything arrived at orphanages. Thanks for your support.

Got news of aftershock on way to border yesterday morning. The Haitian immigration official said that everyone in port was in a panic. I keep looking at the buildings I am in, wondering where the safest place would be. Bought a tent to sleep in when I go back in. I know that is being a baby but I did not like waking up to aftershocks in concrete house. Very irrational.

Keep thinking of funeral procession in Port au Prince. Many family members wearing black marching along road behind hearse. When we approached hearse we realized family was pushing the hearse because there was no fuel.

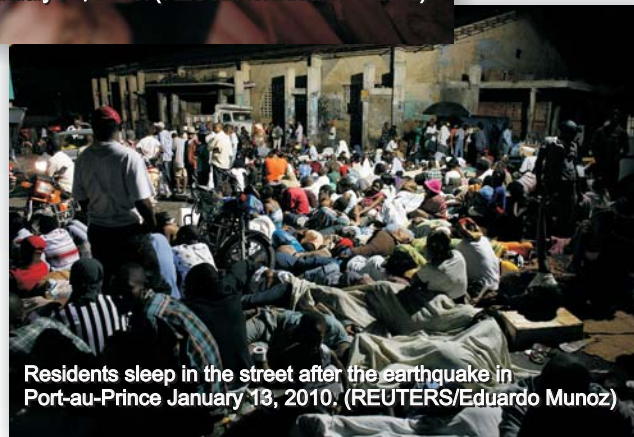
Thank you for your love and prayers. Have spent week frantically buying supplies, helping more relief teams travel, and setting up transport of people and supplies to and from Port au Prince from Santo Domingo. Going home to kids tonight for a few days. Please pray for me- been functioning well but I am full up to the brim with exhaustion and emotion.

“Full with exhaustion and emotion....”



A injured child receives medical treatment after an earthquake in Port-au-Prince January 13, 2010. (REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz)

Pictures are from the Boston Globe.



Residents sleep in the street after the earthquake in Port-au-Prince January 13, 2010. (REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz)

We are so grateful for the presence and the work of Holly, her family, and her co-workers who are poised to bless the suffering in Haiti. Years of ministry have put the Eckharts in a position to be very effective in taking our hearts' desire to help and to put that into very powerful assistance to the Haitian people.

Today's contribution will be totally committed to relief for Haiti. Some have called who can't be here to be sure they get to help, too.

We'll make every effort to get every dollar where it can do great good.

Chuck Miller

Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

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 Username: wcfamily
 Password: 6302312062
 Click "SINGLE" tab
 Allow any Active X controls

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership
 Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence
 Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education
 Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership
 Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome Chuck Miller
 Singing Dewayne Smith
 #101 Holy Ground
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Kenn Watson
 #108 The Lord Is in His Holy Temple
 #777 Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer
 Prayer Don Brewster
 #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
 #313 The Old Rugged Cross
 Lord's Supper Steve Link
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 #10 A Mighty Fortress
 Sermon Chuck Miller
 #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Kenn Watson
 #699 I'll Be a Friend to Jesus
 Closing Prayer Jeff Ieler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 29 Molly Plummer

Dates to Remember

TODAY Small Groups, Connection Point/Teens
 January 31 Honduras Trip Deposit Due
 February 4 Food Pantry Delivery
 February 4 Teen Parent Connection
 February 6 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 February 7 Small Group Fellowships
 February 8 Living Room Café
 February 11 Teen Parent Connection
 February 13 Valentine's Dinner
 February 18-21 Winterfest/Teens

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 63
 Sunday Morning Worship 120
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 25
 Contribution \$3,979.00

Nursery Workers

Jamie Miller, Becky Pedersen



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Mike Henkel



In Our Prayers...

Loss of loved ones:

Marie Hayes passed away last week.

Erik Darby, a friend of Tracy Wright, lost his mother this week, Lizbeth Ann Darby-Schulze.

Mitch McKay, the son of Rob Brewster's friend, lost his best friend in a car accident. The families are having a difficult time.

Those with illnesses:

Arlene Anderson, Linda Vantreese's cousin, suffered severe injuries from an accident and is doing better. She is going to need several more surgeries.

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, is starting tests to have a kidney transplant.

Holly Eckhart and her kids were in the Dominican Republic during the earthquake in Haiti. There was no damage in their area. Several of you know her and her husband, Milton. Milton grew up in Park Forest and was a missionary in Haiti for quite awhile.

Dee Phipps, Stacey Hearn's father, has been in the hospital the last couple of weeks. He is doing better and is out of ICU.

Helen Plummer, the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff, is scheduled for arthroscopic knee surgery this Friday, January 29.

Phyllis Sitler fell this week and broke her nose and chipped a tooth.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Gail Cole - Lori Plummer's mother

John Day

Al Dorsey & his son, Doug

Joyce Eakins, her brother, Hubert and

her two sisters, Eunice and Frances

Sarah Hayden - Maria Zeisler's relative

Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Mary Henkel - Mike's mother

Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister

Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece

Don Lemley

Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother

Steve Link

Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett - Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother (former member)

Bobbye Miller

Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin

Doug Peterson

Pat Ronzheimer

Stacey Schnaitman - the daughter Bev Scalone who is John & Joanne Johnson's neighbor

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Lizz Bartalone - Doris Biancalana's daughter

Tammy Urso - Dan & Linda Vantreese's daughter

Armed forces:

James Bartels - the son of Lynette Root's friend - in Iraq, he and his wife are expecting a new baby and they have a 4-year-old

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Jeremy Riley - great-great-nephew of Josephine Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad

Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Chris Yauch - the husband of Wendell & Margaret Mott's granddaughter, Mallory

Jonathon Young - a former member is a Warrant

Officer in the army and plans to fly helicopters.

He's in Alabama, at Fort Rucker.

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

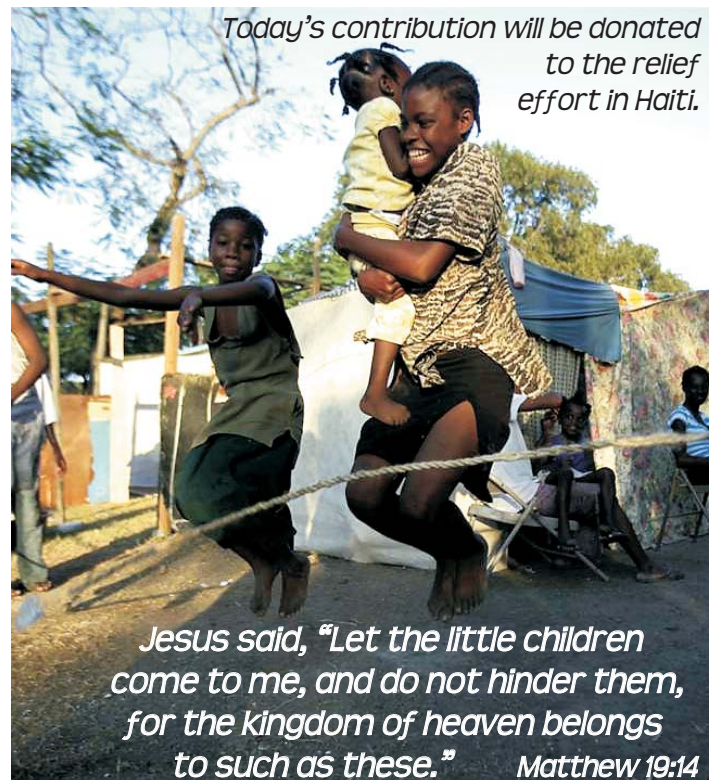
City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan





Small Group Fellowships

Small Group Fellowships meet **TODAY!** Upcoming dates are: February 7, 21, March 7, 21, and April 18. **There will be no evening worship at the building on Small Group Sundays.** However, the Small Group led by Dewayne Smith meets at the building at 5:30 p.m.

Honduras Mission Trip

Remember that the first payment of \$300 and your confirmation of going are **due by January 31** to either Chuck Miller or Molly Mullins. If you have any questions, contact Blake Mullins in the evenings at 630-885-3440.

Media Booth Assistance

There is an opportunity for those who would like to work in the media booth on Sunday mornings on an ongoing basis. **Anyone who is interested** in learning how to run the equipment and how to use the new software should speak with Chuck. Training sessions will probably take place on Sunday afternoons.

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection will be meeting here on Thursday evenings through the end of June. **If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare**, see Molly Mullins. Monetary donations are also welcome. Their website is: www.teenparentconnection.org.

Men's Bible Study & Coffee

The Men's Bible Study & Coffee hosted by Bob Voigts and Kenn Watson meets Friday mornings from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building.

Wednesday Ladies Class

Come to the Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Class the next few weeks, January 27, February 3 - 17, to gain practical tools to live a lifestyle of purity - falling head over heels in love with Jesus! Lynette Root will lead our discussion based upon the book "And the Bride Wore White" by Dannah Gresh. Are you thinking, "What can I learn from this book?" The world rages after all of us - married, single, young and old. Women struggling every day to be children of God. It never hurts you to be reminded of how precious you are to the Lord and how much He loves you!

Stocking Pick-Up

Stockings for each "family" are located on the table by the restrooms. Be sure to pick yours up and take it home. A big "thank you" to Frances Shearer for making our stockings and encouraging us to encourage one another!

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TEENS: There's a **Connection Point** at Cardinal Drive this afternoon. We'll leave the church building at 2:30 p.m. and should return around 6:30 this evening.

We're hosting a **Valentine's Dinner** for our parents and adults on Saturday night, February 13th. Be sure to mark your calendars!

We still have a couple spaces available for **WinterFest**. The dates are Thursday through Sunday, February 18-21, 2010. The total cost will be about \$100, plus meals. Please see Cliff if you want to go but didn't sign-up.

PARENTS: If you would like to host a Sunday Night, Light in your home, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Secret Keeper Girl Event

A **Secret Keeper Girl Event** will be held on **Thursday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m.** at Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. This event is for 8 - 12 year old girls and their moms. Tickets are \$12 per person or \$10 for a group of 10 or more. For more information check the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer or go to www.secretkeepergirl.com. See Lynette Root by Sunday, February 14, if you are interested in going.

Temporary Babysitting Need

A family on our prayer list is in need of babysitting help for about 8 weeks beginning January 25th while they await the process to place the kids in daycare while they are working. There are four children ages 5, 3, 2, and a 2 mo. old infant. The hours are about 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. The two older children go to pre-school and are picked up/dropped off by bus approx 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They live in St. Charles east of the river. They are offering \$200/wk. If you can help with any part of this need, please see Joanne Johnson or Cliff.



You are cordially invited to attend our

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 13, 2010
at

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room

"Limousine" service provided.

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 7.

(Adults only please. Childcare will not be provided.)