



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

After each trip to Honduras I return with my heart full of the stories of how God is working in the world and in the lives of His people. This year our group was so blessed, with good health, with unity and with success in the projects we had planned. But as I've reflected on this year's trip, one lesson keeps coming to mind.

Elvin Espinal is the preacher for the church in Renacer Marcovia, where our construction crew worked the first part of the week and where we worshiped on Wednesday night. His wife, Mari, is the director of the Mission Lazarus kindergarten in the village of Limón. One night while eating fish at the beach Mari was telling us about the kindergarten. She shared two stories that have touched me deeply in their similarity.

The first was about serving chicken to the children. While the kindergartens feed the children breakfast and lunch, the usual fare is rice and beans with eggs, cheese and tortillas. For many of the children, this food is all they will have during the day. One day, because of a special gift, the cooks made chicken for lunch. Mari told us that several of the children were afraid to eat it. They weren't afraid because of the way it was cooked or because they didn't like chicken; they were afraid because it was new to them.

They had never had chicken before because their families are too poor to buy any kind of meat. Mari and the teachers talked to the children and encouraged them to try it. They talked about how good it tastes and about how nutritious it is. The children did try the chicken, and discovered they liked it very much. Mari told us that now they are requesting chicken and

are very excited whenever it can be served.

The second story was the story of Arturo, a little 4 year old boy who came to the school. On the first day he was snarly, angry and would not participate in activities. He would scream if anyone tried to touch him. He continued like this for several days, but his teacher never gave up. She encouraged him every day, worked with him, praised his good behaviors and loved him. Today Arturo comes to school, hugs his teacher, hugs the other teachers, and participates in learning and playing, singing and praying with the other children.

What keeps coming to me is how similar these stories are, and how much they reflect what God's love does for these children, and for us. I think love can be like chicken. Children who don't know love can respond in fear, just like facing a new and strange food. They don't have any way of knowing they will like it, or how it will

change them. God's love was new to Arturo, just like chicken. He didn't know how to respond to either, but with time God's love, made present through his teacher, has conquered the fear.

I John 4:18-19 says "...the one fearing has not been perfected in love. We love HIM because HE first loved us." When we experience love we soften, become more ourselves and more loving to others. We can't help but respond.

These trips to Honduras change lives, especially those of the travelers. We see new things, try new foods and experience God's love in new and special ways. I think we are like Arturo because we, too, are changed by love. It's simple but profound. God's love...it's a bit like chicken.

Emily Gray



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.

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs.

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 and is in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

Elders:

- Don Brewster Bob Jett
- Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

Deacons:

- 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
- Paul Stirrup:** Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence



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This Morning...

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. 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
- Singing - Jay Hearn
- Announcements - Bob Jett
- Singing
- Prayer - John Johnson
- Singing
- Lord's Supper
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - J.J. Chavez
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Peter Drumheller

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- August 17 Kenn Watson
- August 17 Craig & Bev Livermore (anv.)
- August 20 Jim Chavez
- August 21 Joe & Terrie Kirts (anv.)

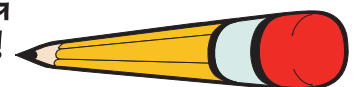
Dates to Remember

- August 17 Sunday Night Light, Teens
- August 18 Ladies Night Out
- August 20 Seniors Breakfast
- August 29-31 RCC Teen Retreat
- September 4 Food Pantry Delivery
- September 5 Scott Fordyce Open House
- September 7 Teen Connection Point
- September 12 Shults-Lewis Golf Outing
- September 20 Shults-Lewis Annual Day
- October 1 Magi Boxes Due
- October 25-26 Chicago Celebration

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$5,904.00

**PRAY FOR ALL THE KIDS
WHO ARE GOING
BACK TO SCHOOL!**



In Our Prayers...

Praise the Lord our mission team had a safe and very worthwhile trip to and from Honduras!

Leigh Ann Heenan, Julie Chavez's boss, has stage 1 liver cancer. She will have part of her liver removed on August 12.

Lauren Helton, Josephine Haggerton's nephew, has colon cancer.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Sylvia Atten - Dana Howard's friend
 Justin Avey
 Andrea Bailey - a former member from California
 Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS
 Bonnie Bingham
 Leona Boston - Lynette Root's aunt
 Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law
 Mary Brent - Joe Kirts's sister
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 John Day
 Lisa DeVaney - Marie Hayes's daughter
 Al Dorsey
 Doug Dorsey - Al's son
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson
 Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana
 Elizabeth Griffin
 Josephine Haggerton
 Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative
 Marie Hayes
 Mary Henkel - Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Sandy Jones - Marie Hayes's daughter
 Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend
 Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother
 Steve Link
 Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley, Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son
 Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece
 Tim Miller
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Pat Ronzheimer
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin
 Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts' cousin

Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend
 Linda Vantrees
 Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother
 Jim & Jamie Winner
 Jim & Jeremy Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Laura Callejo - Cliff Plummer & Joan Avey's niece
 Missy Day
 Amanda Grandlienard - former member
 Jenn Kirts - Joe & Terrie's daughter-in-law
 Shelley Prosser - Joan Lockett's daughter

Armed forces overseas:

Wes Clark - the son-in-law of Lynette Root's friend
 Chris & Jennifer Roberts - Cathleen Longfellow's sister & brother-in-law are going to Iraq for 16 months, they have a 1-year-old daughter
 Shane - the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of Lori Plummer
 Nathan & Angie Stilwell - Bridgette Fordyce's brother & sister-in-law went to live in Japan for 3 years with their two small children, they are in the Air Force

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)
 Students of Joe Voigts - China
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango - Brazil
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria
 Waleola - Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Nursery Workers

Bev Day, Jamie Miller



Collection Counters

Scott Drumheller, Paul Stirrup



The church building our mission team helped building in Honduras.



Graduation Open House

You are invited to an Open House in honor of the graduation of Scott Fordyce from pharmacy school. The celebration will be held on **Friday, September 5, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** in the fellowship room. Please, no gifts. Scott & Bridgette are moving to Evansville, Indiana where he has been employed at the hospital pharmacy. *Congratulations!*



Good-Bye!

Our college students are leaving for school very soon, maybe even this week - Emma Boyd, J.J. Chavez, Katherine Lemley, Cole Livermore, Blake Mullins, Kayla and Kileen Wheeler. Klinton Wheeler has joined the National Guard and will be leaving for basic training very soon, too.

Wedding Announcement

Dr. & Mrs. Darryl Jinkerson and Mr. & Mrs. James Olsen announce the marriage of their children, Whitney Leigh and Eric Wesley. They will be married this Saturday, August 23, at University Church of Christ in Abilene, TX.

Kids Under Construction

The Wednesday evening kids Bible class has a few more weeks to go with "God's Big Backyard!" This Wednesday we will be putting together the gift bags for the nursing home, West Chicago Terrace. **Kids, invite your friends!**

Greeting Cards Available

The Wednesday evening kids Bible class consisting of Alex & Kelsey Drumheller, Sylvia Pyrez, Ethan Stirrup, and Emily Watson, made greeting cards under the direction of Jamie Miller. There are a few more cards left in the basket in the foyer and are available for you to take and write a note to send to your friends. *Enjoy!*

Shults-Lewis

The Shults-Lewis Golf Outing is **Friday, September 12**, in Valparaiso. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer. You can register on-line at www.shultslewis.org.

The Shults-Lewis Annual Day, is **Saturday, September 20**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Valparaiso. The schedule consists of: breakfast from 8:00 - 10:00; crafts and food booths from 9:30 - 2:30; auction from 11:00 - 2:30; and tours of the campus will be given at 10:30 and 12:30. Check out their website, www.shultslewis.org, for information and photos from last year.



The youngest members of our Honduras mission team.

Youth & Family News

TEENS: Tonight there is a **Sunday Night Light** at J.J.'s house. Guys bring pop and girls bring dessert.

The RCC Labor Day Retreat is August 29 - September 1. Mail your registration form asap!

SENIORS: The **Seniors Breakfast** is this **Wednesday, August 20, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Colonial on Route 38 by Randall Road.

Scholarship Appeal

J.J. Chavez has a scholarship opportunity through Harding University. They will match funds contributed to support J.J.'s education. If you would like to make a donation, please give a check or cash donation to one of the elders.

Ladies Night Out

There is a Ladies Night Out scheduled for **tomorrow evening, August 18**, at 6:00 at Friday's across from Charlestown Mall. Any questions, see Joan Avey.

Magi Boxes

What is a Magi Box? A Magi Box is a simple shoebox, wrapped in Christmas wrapping and packed with toys, candy, hygiene supplies, and clothing. Through Healing Hands International, members of the Churches of Christ distribute these boxes to children in poverty stricken countries who may have never received a gift. The boxes we prepare are shipped to Mission Lazarus in Honduras.

The deadline to have your Magi Boxes to the church building will be scheduled for the beginning of October. We encourage each one of you to get involved in the Magi Project and give new hope and joy to the children in Honduras. More information will be available soon, but if you have any questions see Jay or Sally Hearn. If you would like more information go to www.hhi.org.