



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Prayers, for those in authority-in Honduras, it's no trivial matter. The outcome of the political struggles which the people of Honduras are experiencing may have great impact on the ongoing work at Mission Lazarus.

The picture on this page is of a demonstration in 2006 around the hotel where we were staying before our return home. From our windows, we could see the presidential palace from where, recently, the old president was ousted. He has not gone quietly, and is now holed up in the Brazilian embassy.

Hopefully the new year will bring a new stability for the country. Jarrod Brown, who is visiting with us today, asks that we be faithful in our prayers for the nation and for special blessings on the work there.

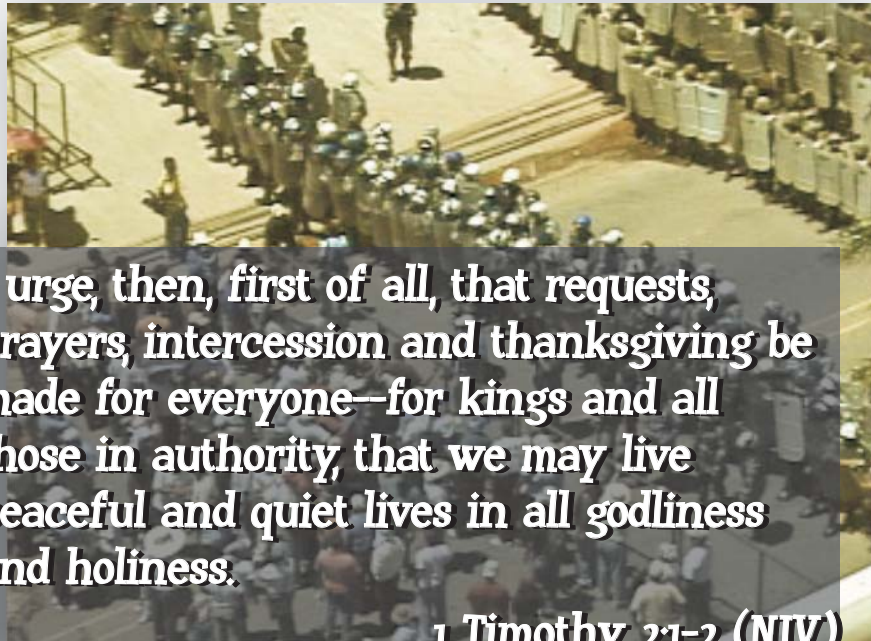
As we have learned over the years, God has opened doors and has provided safety and success in marvelous ways. All of our trips and travel have been without any serious incidents, thanks to God's grace and also thanks to Emily Gray's excellent direction.

Our travels and our work together remind us that God is sovereign over the earth. From the poor rural mountain top of Las Pitias, looking over the beautiful plain to the ocean flanked by Nicaragua and El

Salvador, it is easy to be reminded of God's mighty hand. The roads leading to this remote community were created with the help of U.S. army engineers during the time of the Sandanistas. How much more important, however, is the use to which they have been put by the men and women of Mission Lazarus.

As the poor of these mountains, and as the children of the post-hurricane slums, have come to hear Jesus proclaimed, in the hearts of some, His Spirit has found good soil, and the harvest of the kingdom has already begun its irresistible production of new life for eternal glory.

It's exciting to make plans, once again, to go where our hearts are being called.



I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

Chuck Miller



Jarrod, Levi, Soledad & Allison Brown

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:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>
 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 Jon Miller
 #1018 Joy to the World
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Cliff Plummer
 #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
 Prayer Jeff Ieler
 #794 Unto Thee, O Lord
 #364 Come Share the Lord
 Lord's Supper Don Brewster
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Jarrod Brown
 #903 Power in the Blood

 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Cliff Plummer
 # These are the Days of Elijah
 Closing Prayer Chester Sittler

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 29 Justin & Joan Avey (anv.)
 December 2 Taylor Mathews
 December 4 Kay Schrader
 December 5 Winter Ann Massie, Cyndi Perez

Dates to Remember

Today Family Force Five Concert/Teens
 December 3 Food Pantry Delivery
 December 4 Men's Bible Study
 December 5 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 December 5 Ladies Christmas Brunch
 December 5 Parents of Teens Dessert Fellowship
 December 6 Small Groups
 December 10 Preachers Breakfast
 December 13 Holiday Dinner
 December 16 Seniors Breakfast

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$4,470.35

Nursery Workers Theresa & Tristan Link

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Rick Root

Lost and Found

Please check the table near the restrooms and the coat rack for items that belong to you (and only you).

In Our Prayers...

Helen Devereaux, Rick Root's aunt, is having health issues and has been in the hospital this week.

Al Dorsey has been fighting an infection this week.

Bridgette Fordyce, a former member, is due to have her baby soon. She is on bed-rest and struggling with gestational diabetes.

Brandon Thorton is an employee of Justin's from Tennessee. When Brandon was in this area several weeks ago, his family was murdered over a girlfriend issue and those responsible, who are in custody, burned down his home with the family inside. Everything and everyone was lost. If you would like to give a monetary donation to help Brandon, see Justin or Cliff.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's brother

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 and her brother, Hubert and her two sisters, Eunice and Frances

Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson

Sarah Hayden - Maria Zeisler's relative

Marie Hayes and her daughter, Sandy Jones

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, the mother of

a former member, Alyssa

Bobbie 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 - daughter

of Bev Scalone

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder and Cindy

Stewart - Bob Voigts cousin

Barb Tincher - Jake's mother

Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Lizz Bartalone - Doris Biancalana's daughter

Armed forces:

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Mike Hagan - Doris Biancalana's nephew in Baghdad

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

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

Missionaries:

Jarrod, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras

Students of Joe Voigts - China

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

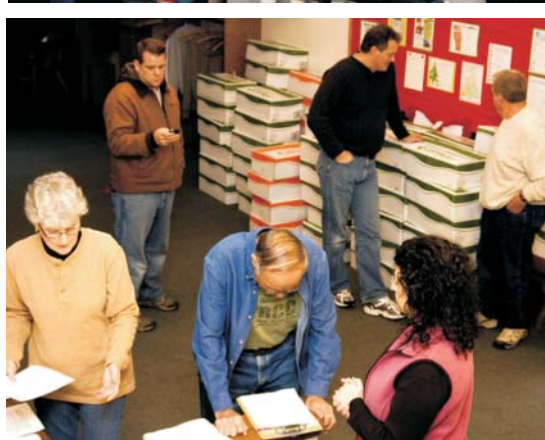
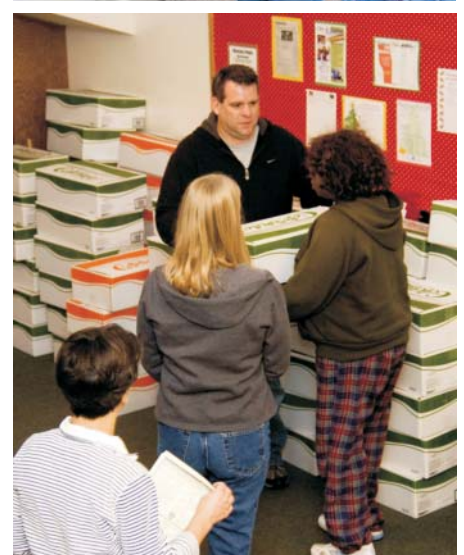
Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

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

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Jewel/Osco Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner drive - a large donation was made by Insure One. 60 Meals were distributed to Winfield Township residents at our building.



Christmas Brunch & Cookie Exchange

Ladies, you are invited to Frances Shearer's home next **Saturday, December 5, at 9:30 a.m.** for a Christmas Brunch. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend. Bring with you three dozen Christmas cookies from the same recipe for an exchange. Also, don't forget your recipe! We'll also plan to make plates of cookies for some of our senior citizens. Several of us can meet at the building and drive together. Indicate on the sign-up sheet if you would like to carpool.



Shults-Lewis Wishes

The staff and residents at Shults-Lewis "truly appreciate the generosity and love of everyone at West Chicago Church of Christ." This year their Christmas wish list, which is located in the foyer, consists of items that all the residents can use for two of the units. You may sign up to purchase items or you may give Joan Avey a monetary donation to purchase items. A gift basket will be available in the foyer, so the items **do not** need to be wrapped.

Also, don't forget about the commodity item - canned soups, and they are totally out of honey, pancake syrup and vanilla. Change cans and printer cartridges are welcome, too! Please have all items to the building by next **Sunday, December 6.**



Holiday Dinner

Our annual Holiday Dinner will be immediately following morning worship on **Sunday, December 13**, in the fellowship room. A sign-up sheet for side dishes is in the foyer. Every family should bring a dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided. Everyone's help to clean up is greatly appreciated!

Small Group Fellowships

Upcoming Small Group Fellowship dates are: December 6, January 10, 24, 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 church building at 5:30 p.m.



Baptism!

Congratulations to **Donnie Lemley** and his family. Donnie was baptized by his father on Friday morning.

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TEENS: Those of you going to the **Family Force 5 concert tonight** will meet at the building at 5:00. Please pay \$20 for your ticket if you haven't already.

Sign-up on the sheet in the downstairs class area for **WinterFest**, which is February 18-21, 2010. A \$50 deposit is due **December 6th.**

What's your personality style? What's your Spiritual Gift? Find out your unique God-given design beginning in today's Sunday's Teen class!

PARENTS: Plan to attend a dessert fellowship next **Saturday night, December 5**, from 7:30 - 9:00. Please let Cliff know if you plan to attend.

Men's Bible Study & Coffee

Each **Friday morning at 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.** at the church building there will be a **Men's Bible Study & Coffee** hosted by Bob Voigts and Kenn Watson. This will **begin Friday, December 4.** See Bob or Kenn if you have any questions.

The Bridge

We are the host church at "The Bridge" on **Tuesday, December 15.** We'll greet guests, attend worship service with them and serve a meal that Justin Avey is grilling! **Sign up on the sheet in the foyer** for items you can donate or to volunteer. **Hand-made scarves due Sunday, December 13!**

The Living Room Cafe

We're helping with a Christmas Dinner at the Living Room Café on **Wednesday, December 23rd!** Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you'd like to help prepare or serve the meal, or help distribute gifts and clean-up. Note: cooks will need to leave from the building at 1:30.

They've asked us for donations of **new hats and warm gloves.** We'll have a bin in the foyer for your donations starting next week.

Come Join Us For The 11th Annual

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 12, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
at the Methodist Church
643 E. Washington
West Chicago

Proceeds benefit:



\$3 for Children (12 and under)
\$6 for Adults
\$15 for a Family
(2 adults, children from one generation, 12 & under)
Pictures with Santa will be \$5
Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 231-0231

Proceeds benefit: MOMS IN SCHOOL
A state licensed 501c(3) childcare center for teen parents offering an enriched childcare environment for children (ages 6 weeks-3 years) of students at any area high school.
www.lmstmccwc.org/mominschool.htm

