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WLCC To Host Detroit Lions Kicker's Visit To Boyne City

Rumors have already been flying around many of the schools and communities, and it is true that on January 18th and 19th Jason Hanson, the recently retired Detroit Lion kicker, will be partnering with WLCC and EJCC in an effort to reach the community for Christ.

Loyalty. Jason Hanson spent 21 years with the Detroit Lions with the majority of those seasons ending before the playoffs, and one 0-16 season. Did he ever complain? No. Did he ever ask to be traded? No. Jason Hanson, day in and day out, laced his cleats, snapped in his chin strap, and went to work.

Jason Hanson will be speaking to Northern Michigan student athletes at the Boyne City High School. Jason will be giving valuable life lessons to these students on what it takes to be a successful college athlete and most importantly, a student athlete with integrity. This will take place Saturday January 18th from 8-10am.

We are working with Coach Hills and others to spread the word to the local schools and their athletic departments. Our desire is to get as many students there as possible.

In the evening from 7-9pm at BCHS, Jason will be speaking on his religious beliefs as an outspoken Christian. He will be sharing about how his faith in Jesus has sustained him throughout his athletic career. It is exciting to dream about the

type of impact this could have in the community. Our desire is to not only create an outstanding program, but to have an equally well thought through follow up plan for those who make significant faith decisions.

On Sunday Jason Hanson will be the guest speaker for our morning service. **Services for both WL and EJ will be held at the Boyne City High School from 10:00-11:30AM.** This will certainly be an excellent opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to hear someone famous, but most importantly to hear about the love of Jesus.

Please be in prayer for the details of this event to come together in a God honoring, effective manner. So that Christ will receive the maximum glory, and His Kingdom will be advanced.

NFL Records:

- Most field goals of 40 or more yards - 189
- Most consecutive field goals of 40 or more yards - 24
- Most field goals of 50 or more yards - 51
- Most career games with one NFL team - 327
- Most career seasons with one NFL team - 21

Get In On The ACTION!

Who: Detroit Lions Kicker Jason Hanson

What: Life Lessons From A Pro Athlete

When: Saturday, January 18th from 7-9pm and
Sunday, January 19th from 10-11:30am

Where: Boyne City High School

Bring your friends, family and fellow team mates!

ATTEND
Invite
Volunteer
PRAY



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Board Corner

Be Thankful

•Kevin Klevorn, Church Board Chairman

I have to get this month's column out a little early, as the deadline occurs when I am at deer camp. Smart phone technology may make it possible to do from a blind, but one of the primary purposes of getting away, is to get away. The logistics of cold fingers and small keyboards was likewise an unappealing thought.

The morning I write this, the Bloomberg business report predicted that by the end of this decade, essentially all large retail stores will be open on Thanksgiving, and it will be primarily another day of shopping. I think I am an original thinker here, but I would immediately label this "Blacker Thursday," as this is unfortunately one more indication of where our nation is headed. Rather than set aside a full day of a time to give "thanks," it continues to morph into just another day at the malls. Family times are reduced or even eliminated. The 4th Thursday in November is all too often just "turkey day" any more when reported in the media. The obvious reason is if you "give thanks," it must be to Someone, right?

As a lover of historical things (Valley Forge by Newt Gingrich I just finished and can recommend:) it is helpful to be reminded of a couple of things. On October 3, 1789, our first President observed: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor". 8 years later, when our Constitutional Convention hit major roadblocks, and failed to reach an agreement on our Constitution, Ben Franklin called everyone to renewed prayer, since God had delivered the fledgling country in their plea for victory/independence: "I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business" The prayers worked, the logjam was broken, and we have a Constitution that is often stretched and tested, but still works longer than any other governmental building block ever has. When the draft was finally approved relatively shortly after prayers were imple-

mented, Alexander Hamilton stated: "For my own part, I sincerely esteem it a system which without the finger of God never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests."

In case you think it was just a Revolutionary War thing, remember that during the War of 1812, when the British wanted to take back what they lost, President Madison called for a national "Humiliation and Prayer Fast Proclamation": "I do therefore recommend the...day to be set apart for the devout purposes of rendering the Sovereign of the Universe and the Benefactor of Mankind the public homage due to His holy attributes" (Can you imagine that coming from a President today?) A half century later, President Lincoln regularly called on God for wisdom and solutions to the bitter Civil War that split our country. His quotes you are likely much more familiar with, so I will move on to my own lifetime. When I was in law school in 1982, President Reagan called for a national Day of Prayer that is still observed today (for now). His message to Congress: *"It's said that prayer can move mountains. Well, it's certainly moved the hearts and minds of Americans in their times of trial and helped them to achieve a society that, for all its imperfections, is still the envy of the world and the last, best hope of mankind. And just as prayer has helped us as a nation, it helps us as individuals. In nearly all our lives, there are moments when our prayers and the prayers of our friends and loved ones help to see us through and keep on the right path. In fact, prayer is one of the few things in this world that hurts no one and sustains the spirit of millions."*

All of the history (with the help of ADF) I share to remind you to be thankful, and pray often. Don't take it for granted. Prayer is work, many times. I am fresher in the morning and my wife is fresher at night. She does much better at bedtime in taking the lead as I tend to rub my eyes and nod off quicker. Prayer meetings continue to wane on most church meeting schedules. Bluntly, we need it now more than ever. Pray without ceasing. I Thess. 5:17. I Tim 2:1-4. It pleases God.

Rejoice!

Even More Birthdays & Anniversaries To Celebrate!

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|------|----------------------|------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 1-1 | Amanda Loper | | Jason Richey | 1-22 | Lucinda Beaudry |
| 1-2 | George Graham | 1-13 | Amy Cross | 1-23 | Elizabeth O'Donnell |
| | Billy Holland | | Solomon Fortier | | Joel Stanley |
| 1-3 | Maggie Petersen | | Paxton Giem | 1-24 | Alexis Carrow |
| | Steve Rinock | | Alice Loper | | Jacob Dunneback |
| | Laurie Severn | 1-14 | Samuel Lyon | | Grace Golembiewski |
| 1-4 | Michael Severn | | Kelsey Moore | | Gavin Hernandez |
| 1-5 | Joseph Cooper | | Marleen Schraw | 1-25 | Alison Alger |
| | Susan Miller | 1-16 | Michael Hempstead | 1-27 | Jessica Bochniak-Beaudry |
| 1-6 | Brandon McGeorge | | Avery Stadt | | Will Minnaar |
| | Sue Woodward | | Katie Tock | | Chase Shawn |
| 1-7 | Dan Murray | 1-17 | Orion Doak | | Kevin Kruger |
| | Elizabeth Swanson | | Jerry Sterly | 1-28 | Bruce McGeorge |
| 1-8 | Jim Smith | 1-18 | Alyssa VanWerden | | Jackson Skop |
| | Joel Struck | 1-19 | Isabella Beilby | | Christopher Moore |
| | Dale Thomason | | Kristin Coats | 1-29 | Cecilia Nadeau |
| | Jaden Vanderwall | | Gina Dunneback | | Michael Reid |
| | Ted Rosencrants, Jr. | | Madelaine Moeke | | Zachary Carlisle |
| 1-10 | Kathy Braddock | | Bill Murray | 1-30 | Noah Flynn |
| | Trever VanNorman | | Jacob Prins | | Mechelle Gardner |
| | Chase Vining | 1-20 | Brianna Ager | | Megan Hope |
| 1-11 | Logan Felton | | Taylor Hempstead | | Jay Kadlec |
| | Sam Ingalls | | Sam Mitas | 1-31 | Darlene Matelski |
| | Morgan Kelts | | Rayna Robel | | Matthew Wyman |
| | Kim Skrocki | | Eva Siegrist | | |
| 1-12 | Molly Burch | 1-21 | Robert Drost | | |
| | Maggie Charlton | | Madelyn Fagundo | | |
| | Sami Rajewski | | Curt Reynolds | | |

January Anniversaries

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|------|--------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 1-1 | Bruce & Kammi McGeorge | 1-18 | Rob & Gina Dunneback |
| 1-3 | Paul & Debbie Theriault | 1-22 | Andy & Rachelle Stefanic |
| 1-4 | Jim & Sharon Walter | 1-26 | Norm & Gretchen Compton |
| 1-8 | Ron & Lisa Schrock | | Preston & Jessica Beaudry |
| 1-9 | Dennis & Hilary Klepadlo | 1-27 | Hud & Patricia Robinson |
| 1-16 | Conrad & Chris Evans | 1-30 | Al & Jan Stephensen |

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**Rejoice!
Birthdays & Anniversaries To Celebrate!**

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| 12-1 | Holley Carson Kelcey Coveyou Don Richards Wendy Whalen Diana Womack | 12-11 | Roger Reynolds Calvin Gilliespie Heidi Groff Tracey Jepsen Abraham Knott | 12-20 | Gary Gardner Debra Kelts Richard McEnaney Lucas Theodore |
| 12-3 | Suzi Hogard Jeremy Loper Ruth Shadoan Noel Vanderwall Bruce Wathen | 12-12 | Noah Lounsbury Jill Crissman Stefani Morris Amy Flynn Joey Kaye | 12-21 | Jayne Larson Laura Loewen Robert Golembiewski Heather Loe Lisa Skrocki |
| 12-4 | Patricia Lounsbury Melody March Caroline Golembiewski | 12-13 | Naomi Carlisle Abby Gardner Anders Duran Thomas Stevens Dana Vance | 12-22 | Justin McGeorge Rich Micham Katie Spence Rex Stark-Behling Lucy Yaich |
| 12-5 | Brendan Baic Geoff Greenway Tina Hope John Penfold | 12-14 | Trevor Kadlec Elliott Matelski Lisa Leist Matt Robinson Chuck Center Tyler Jepsen | 12-23 | Mary Mitchell Garritt Reynolds Zachary Johnson Tammy Wyman Mary Ekstrom Julia Dunneback Rosie Stanley |
| 12-6 | Zachary Bearss David Hissong Collin Sudderth | 12-15 | Lauren Keiser Bill Ulvund | 12-24 | Marissa McNet |
| 12-7 | Brooklynn Bannister Seth Grutsch Monica Loyselle Sandi Nelson | 12-16 | | 12-25 | |
| 12-8 | Hunter Habasco Hannah Robinson | 12-17 | | 12-26 | |
| 12-9 | Elke Harrington Alexus Nalbock | 12-18 | | 12-27 | |
| 12-10 | | 12-19 | | 12-28 | |
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December Anniversaries

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| 12-2 | Charlie & Mary Mitchell Cortney & Marge Schmidt Russ & Jan Gilmore | 12-21 | Larry & Sherrie Shubel |
| 12-13 | Brent & Laura Sturtevant | 12-23 | Craig & Jennifer Harwood |
| 12-15 | Edward & Rosemary Zobeck | 12-24 | Doug & Kim Skrocki |
| 12-17 | Bruce & Margaret Murray | 12-26 | Ken & Nancy Koski |
| 12-20 | Chad & Heather Loe | 12-27 | Sam & Linda Kosc |
| 12-21 | Gary & Kathy Francis | 12-31 | Ron & Sue Austin Christopher & Raquel Fair Brian & Blanca Sommerfield |

**East Jordan Campus
The Pastor's Reflections**

•Pastor Jason Richey

We're creatures of habit. We're comforted by consistency in the face of an unpredictable world. Even the most restless spirits among us develop routines in life. Over time, these routines become so familiar that we barely notice they're taking place. This natural tendency in humans, like the law of inertia in physics, says that we're more likely to keep doing... whatever we're doing... rather than change course. And that's a good thing. As long as we're on the right path!

At EJCC, we've developed some trends or habits, that are serving the Kingdom well! It's easy to stop noticing, or take for granted the consistently good things in our midst: The steadfast focus on the mission of making disciples. The regular presentation of the gospel to those who need Jesus. The steady trickle of people who choose Christ for the first time. The often barely-perceptible growth taking place in individual lives day by day. The reliably excellent and God-honoring worship that takes place each week. The steady diet of teaching from God's Word in services and studies. The drum-beat of guests who visit, who return, who gradually become a part of the family. The quality children's ministry and steadily developing youth ministry available to our families and community. And perhaps most of all, the growing army of faithful volunteers who make the ministry work. God continues to do great things, even as we grow used to the pattern!

But the downside of our habit-forming nature is that roads can easily become ruts. Once-purposeful actions turn into meaningless motions we go through. Steady streams of progress slow to stagnant cesspools of decay. And without our notice, consistent movement toward Jesus can gradually give way to a tire-spinning indulgence in self.

Unless something interrupts the pattern, lives and churches slowly slip away from God's plan, becoming busy but ineffective. And God is in the business of interrupting business as usual! His Word offers wise counsel for developing good habits that keep us headed in the right direction. But a consistent theme of Scripture is His desire to snap us out of our comfort zone to help us GROW. To realign our priorities with His. To remove the controlling influence of ourselves and our habits, and replace them with the control of the Holy Spirit and the counsel of His Word. We're reminded to intentionally assess where we are and where we're headed, celebrate where God has brought us, and allow Him to realign our course as needed.

My recent trip to Haiti did this for me - even the most basic routines in my life were removed for a time, and it provided an opportunity to do some personal reflecting as well. The process demonstrated some good directions in my life, and other areas where realignment was necessary. The coming New Year can provide a similar opportunity for all of us. As individuals, and as a church, this is a good time to step back and evaluate our habits, and the familiar path we've worn into our lives.

They say that habits - good or bad - are formed in a month. With that in mind, we'll use the Sundays in January to assess and realign. This 4-part Discipleship Challenge will help us, individually and collectively, to compare our habits with the Word of God. I invite you to step back, invite the Spirit to speak, and be prepared to develop some new habits if necessary!

Worship Arts

Do You Know It Backwards And Front?

•Pastor Tim Miller

Wow - the last newsletter issue for 2013! So much has happened this year in the Worship Arts world. In addition to investing approximately 3,593.75 man-hours in group preparation and countless more hours in personal preparation, our volunteers have facilitated over 180 worship services at the Walloon, East Jordan, and Youth Center campuses, attended a training in-service, hosted a worship arts festival for northern Michigan churches, taken classes through worshiptraining.com, developed parts, taught (and learned) new songs, maintained equipment, started a new service at both WL and EJ, and served in countless other ways. It amazes me that besides all this, many of our volunteers also serve in other ministries and participate in a community small group. And that's on top of the regular work, school, and family responsibilities, and other involvements. Know that the Lord honors the sacrificial gifts lavishly poured out in His service!

I especially appreciate the flexibility our worship volunteers show in stepping up to the plate and covering for one another. Few people in the congregation realize the logistical gymnastics occurring weekly behind the scenes to facilitate our services, especially during vacation season and holidays. Never a dull day!

On a personal note, this has also been a transitional year as Anita and I become empty nesters. My oldest, Jonathan, moved to Mississippi to work as a gymnastics coach and to represent a company that builds custom gymnastics floors and related products. By the time this newsletter goes out, my baby girl,

Kristin, should be on her honeymoon - starting a nest of her own. Anita's counseling practice has developed, which gives her added focus (and helps take a bite out of the wedding expenses!). With the kids being gone now, I'm thankful more than ever that Anita's still my best friend!

Looking ahead excites me. Only the Lord knows what's in store. I anticipate more worship leaders stepping up. New people will heed the Lord's call to help facilitate worship through music and tech. I strongly desire to develop our ability to provide you with the environment, invitation, and opportunity to connect with the Lord. I'm trusting that 2014 will be a year when many people will come to know Jesus and give themselves to Him - I look forward to having lots to celebrate. The Lord will continue stretching each of us more into the likeness of Jesus, which means surprises and change. Lord, keep us flexible on this wild ride!

PS - The first person who can identify to me the quote in this article's title will win a free WLCC *Daylight* worship CD!

*Focus on Christ
this Season*



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- ✚ I always have a **kid friendly nativity** scene so that little children who visit can touch it and imagine the birth of Christ as they pose Mary and Joseph, march the Wise Men into the stable, or place baby Jesus in His manger.
- ✚ I've made a **Jesse Tree**: The idea is similar to celebrating Advent but, instead of the focus being on the birth of Christ, the Jesse Tree is based on the character of Jesus as foretold in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him... In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious." Each day in December you place an ornament on your Jesse Tree. Each ornament represents a story from the Bible and traces God's redemptive plan for us from Genesis to the birth of Christ. Search "Jesse Tree" online for instructions, patterns and a list of readings.
- ✚ **Traveling Nativity**: We have a nativity scene that we set up each year. When my children were little we would have the figures of Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem in the weeks leading to Christmas. Mary and Joseph would begin in Nazareth- a point in the house far from the stable. Each day after that, while my children were sleeping, I would move the figures a bit closer to the manger as they traveled toward Bethlehem (where the empty manger waited for their arrival). Throughout the journey various animals would visit the manger and too await the arrival of Mary and Joseph, who always reached the destination in time for baby Jesus to be born. My children loved running around looking for Mary and Joseph each morning. I loved watching their excitement grow as the day of Baby Jesus' appearance drew nearer!
- ✚ For several years, my children got just three gifts from me to represent the three gifts the wise men brought Jesus. They were usually a toy, something they could use, and a gift to draw them nearer to Christ. I still try to attempt this today.
- ✚ A friend told me this idea and I love it. To focus on Jesus during the Christmas season, the only items placed under their tree until Christmas Eve are a simply wrapped **gift box for Jesus** and a nativity scene. There is an opening in the top of the box in which anyone who wants can insert their gifts to Jesus. She keeps strips of paper and a pen nearby so any time God nudges their hearts with something that would make Jesus happy, it's written down and placed it in the box. Gifts to Jesus might be to forgive a grudge, serve a neighbor, spend more time with Him, work harder on obedience, stop watching programs that don't provide good Christian examples, stop fighting with your little brother, more intentional prayer, etc.
- ✚ Each year since my children were little we've read *The Advent Book* by Jack and Kathy Stockman. This is a large full-color book with beautiful illustrations featuring 25 unique doors that lift, each opening to reveal a picture and a segment of the Christmas story. The story is told in simple words so that even young children can be included in this tradition. My children are able to recall word for word the story of Christ birth because of this family tradition. A new door is opened each day from Dec. 1st through Christmas. We always start at the beginning and read through to the new door each day.
- ✚ This year I'm going to try something new. We will one evening where we do everything by candlelight. Prepare dinner by candlelight. Eat by candlelight. Wash the dishes by candlelight. Get ready for bed by candlelight. Then, gather my family on the couch and read 1 John 1:5, "God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all." He is the Light of the world. Talk about these truths. What would our lives be like if we had no lights to use? Discuss where we'd be if we didn't have the light of Christ, sent to us as the baby in the manger.

Children’s Ministry Moments

Where Are You Headed This Christmas: Toward Christ & Calm Or Commotion & Calamity?

•Dorothy Prins, WL Children Ministry Director

If your family is like many, Christmas and the days leading up to it can be hectic and crazy. Many activities compete for our time. While parties, concerts, church and school activities, and other events could take over your calendar, I want to encourage you that they don’t have to. I encourage you to ask yourselves, “Are we trying to make memories and celebrate Jesus or are we trying to keep pace with the craziness?” Take time to reflect on the Christmas message. Don’t let this miraculous wonder get missed, tangled by tinsel, pushed aside by presents and washed out by the worldly trappings of the season. Take the hustle and the hassle out of the holidays and purpose to have a truly meaningful and memorable Christmas this year.

May I suggest a few activities that are purposefully Christ centered, some are mine and other’s my friend Karen suggested in her book, Untangling Christmas. By keeping Him at the core of your celebrations and traditions, you will provide a spiritually meaningful Christmas for you, your family and everyone God brings into your home. And you will create a lifetime of wonderful memories for those you hold dear. I hope and pray that you take time to do a few of these faith focused activities with your family! Merry Christmas!

It’s All About Jesus!

First and foremost, take time to pause, have your Bible and heart opened wide, and ponder the wonder of Christmas—the Word-made-flesh who came to earth in a lowly manger so we might have eternal life.

Do You Enjoy Rocking Babies?
 If so, we have a need for an adult to fill a spot in the infant nursery on the third Sunday of the month during the 10:45 service. If interested please contact **Dorothy Prins** (231) 535-2288.

Focus On Faith: Here Are Some Ideas:

- ✦ Plan a project of good will to do as a family, with friends or your Community Small Group. Focus on someone who is hurting, lonely or ill in an attempt to make his or her sad season bright.
- ✦ Attend WLCC’s Christmas Eve candlelight service.
- ✦ Take in a live nativity. If you can find one, this is a fun thing to do as a family or with a group of friends or small group.
- ✦ Read from Luke 2 on Christmas morning and share as a family what gift we’d each like to give Jesus with our actions this coming year.
- ✦ When trimming the tree, talk about how the ever-green branches symbolize life and that Christ came into the world to give us never-ending life.
- ✦ As you strategically place lights on the branches, remember that Jesus is the Light of the world.
- ✦ As you shop for and wrap gifts, remember the wise men and the gifts they brought to Jesus.
 If you send Christmas cards, send cards that point people to Jesus.
- ✦ Go Christmas caroling and focus on songs that celebrate the birth of Christ.
- ✦ Place a crown of thorns on atop your Christmas tree as a reminder that He is the King of kings and of His suffering.
- ✦ Make sure you prominently display decorations that center on the birth, life & character of Christ.
- ✦ Display your nativity scene in the prime location in your family room so visitors will be sure to see it.
- ✦ Place a basket filled with **Christ-centered Christmas books**, along with coloring books and crayons for the little ones, in a visible location for easy access.



Youth Group

Haiti: A Youth Pastor’s Perspective

•Jason Loewen, Youth Pastor

One of the reasons that I was asked to go to Haiti was to evaluate the opportunity for our youth and young adults. A short term mission trip of this caliber is certainly not for the faint of heart, nor for the spiritually immature. And yet what I saw and experienced has had, and will continue to have profound influence on my view of the world. As our team was processing the trip I asked everyone to think about what type of an impact a trip like this would have had on them, had they gone when they were 15 or 16. The Haitian believers have an incredible and an inspiring love for Jesus. I am looking forward to helping some of our teens and young adults prepare for a trip to Haiti. Certainly they would have an opportunity to impact the lives of the Haitian teens, but I believe that we will be inspired in a more significant way. Our effectiveness for Kingdom advancement will definitely be increased here in Northern Michigan. So please be in prayer for this opportunity, pray that God would give the leadership of our church wisdom and discernment to sense the will of God for this opportunity.

On the youth ministry front at WLCC, the Wednesday night transportation ministry has really stepped up. We now have signage for the vehicles as well as informative letters for parents. Our desire is to create a safe and valuable resource for those who need rides to and from our WL Campus Wednesday youth program. Weekly pick up and drop off information is posted on WLCC Youth Group, which is our Facebook page. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry please be sure to direct your attention to the Facebook page.

Bible Translation Acceleration Kits

 Each kit includes a small, portable netbook computer, along with a satellite communication terminal, solar panel, battery, and power supply.

One Of Our Own

Thinking Outside The Orange Box

•Heather Eastwood, Wycliffe Associates & Rick Carlson

For nine winters WLCC members **Rick and Barb Carlson** have been volunteering with Wycliffe Associates, an organization involving people in the advancement of Bible translation. The Carlsons have served in the Philippines, Canada, Africa and Orlando, FL.

Barb has served, teaching English as a learned language, cafeteria hostess, telephone operator and receptionist.

Rick has served as an electrician on various projects and most recently was asked to upgrade a solar control system known as the orange box.

Earlier this year the volunteer technology dream team of **Rick Carlson**, Carlyle Kilmore, Peter Polloni, Linn Peterson, Bob Smith, and Joseph Coffin brought more power to Bible translation.

In this high-tech day and age, solar power has become a necessary part of Bible translation. That’s why each of the Bible Translation Acceleration Kits (for contents of the kits see box bottom left column) Wycliffe distribute contains a solar charging unit called the “orange box.” The job of this box is to convert the stored solar power into AC power for translators’ laptops. But these orange boxes had some design flaws and weren’t always reliable. It became obvious that it was time for an upgrade and time to bring in some “big guns.”

Volunteer Rick Carlson was happy to assemble a veritable dream team of six volunteer techies—electricians, electrical engineers, and a physicist—all chomping at the bit to help find a solution. After a few months of collaboration, testing, and several prototypes, the team presented the new, upgraded unit, which will serve Wycliffe for years to come. The first 25 units were assembled at our U.S. headquarters in Orlando and are now being deployed to Bible translators around the world.

Rick feels he has had a first hand in Bible translation as the new solar system will assist the translators significantly in cutting years off the Bible translation work. Again this winter Rick has assembled a team to build 48 more systems. The systems are now in Brazil, Kenya, Nigeria, India, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Cameroon.

Rick gives God the glory for using his electrical skills to assist in translating the Word for people around the world.

December 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1</p> <p>EJ 9AM & 10:45AM Services</p> <p>WL Classic Hymn Service 9AM</p> <p>WL Haiti Sunday</p> | 2 | 3 | <p>4</p> <p>EJ Men's Breakfast 7AM</p> <p>WL Family Meal 5:30PM</p> <p>WL Adult & KidConnection 6:30-8PM</p> | <p>5</p> <p>WL Missions Cmte Mtg 7PM</p> <p>WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9PM</p> | 6 | <p>7</p> <p>WL Prayer Partner Breakfast 8AM</p> <p>WL Youth Group Mall Trip</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>EJ 9AM & 10:45AM Services</p> <p>WL Classic Hymn Service 9AM</p> <p>Youth Ministry Leadership Luncheon 12:15PM</p> <p>Women's Ministry Team Meeting 12:15PM</p> | <p>9</p> <p>EJCC Celebrate Recovery 7PM</p> | <p>10</p> <p>WL Food Pantry 5-6:30PM</p> | <p>11</p> <p>EJ Men's Breakfast 7AM</p> <p>WL Family Meal 5:30PM</p> <p>WL Adult & KidConnection 6:30-8PM</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Cozy Quilters 9AM</p> <p>Church Board meeting 6:30PM</p> <p>WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9PM</p> | 13 | <p>14</p> <p>WL Men's Ministry Breakfast 8-10 AM</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>EJ 9AM & 10:45AM Services</p> <p>WL Classic Hymn Service 9AM</p> | 16 | 17 | <p>18</p> <p>Benevolent Cmte Mtg 4PM</p> <p>WL Family Meal 5:30PM</p> <p>WL Adult & KidConnection 6:30-8PM</p> | <p>19</p> <p>WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9PM</p> | 20 | 21 |
| <p>22</p> <p>EJ 9AM & 10:45AM Services</p> <p>WL Communion & Offering Services</p> | 23 | <p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Service 6PM</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> | <p>26</p> <p>WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9 PM</p> | 27 | 28 |
| <p>29</p> <p>EJ 9AM & 10:45AM Services</p> <p>WL Classic Hymn Service 9AM</p> | 30 | 31 | | | | |



WL Youth Ministry Meeting

All youth leaders are encouraged and invited to share a meal, hear testimony of what God is doing and plan for the next month. We will meet on December 8 at 12:15-2PM. Child care is provided.

Be Aware!

The last Wednesday night church family meal and classes at WL will be December 18. Meals and Classes will resume on January 8.

WL Communion & Benevolent Fund Offering

This will be on December 22, 2013. There will be no Classic Hymn Service available on this date. Please join together in the Worship Center for a combined worship service.

WL & EJ Combined Christmas Eve Service

Join our church family as we celebrate Jesus' birth during our Candlelight Service at 6PM.

Ladies Bible Study in 2014

Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible study begins again on January 7 at 9:15AM. We'll be studying Shelter of God's Promises, a 10 week study by Sheila Walsh.

Financial Peace Offered in 2014

Once again this study will be available beginning Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 at WL. The kit needed to take this class is \$95. Scholarships are available by seeing Pastors Jeff or Bob. Sign up in the hallway if you are interested so we can order the kits timely.

Attention! KidConnection Teachers

We will be holding our second teacher meeting Sunday, January 12, 2014. Lunch will be provided for teachers after the second service and then we will meet in room 105.

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, January 26 after second service please join us in the WL multi-purpose room for this yearly review. All members are encouraged to attend.

Missions

How To Build A Body: God's Way

•Susan Miller

"Just as each of us has one body with many members and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:4-5)

As one part of the body of Christ visiting another part to explore a possibility of partnership, I'd like to briefly report a little on the Haiti team's trip in terms of what it takes to physically build up a body. How DOES one build (or grow) a body?

1. Good building blocks: Just as one physically needs nutrition, hydration, and sleep (among other things) as a basis for growing strong, so the Haiti team spent time in "building blocks" of preparation such as working through the extensive manual provided by RMI, planning what programs and games to have ready to present, deciding what to pack, getting immunizations, and writing out greetings and testimonies, as well as staying in the Scripture both before and during the trip.

2. Strong support structure: Just as one physically needs a strong skeletal system for attachment of muscles and to protect internal organs, so the Haiti team relied on the expertise of the RMI to provide safe food, water, and transportation as well as translators to facilitate communication. Even more importantly, the team relied on the support of the WLCC/EJCC family and friends to hold them up in prayer. (thank you - it made a huge difference and was very much appreciated!). Also a thanks to those who supported by giving of time and of funds to provide the books for the kids, the sock puppets, and items for crafts and gift bags.

3. Exercise: Just as physically one must move (one step at a time?) in order to exercise various muscles, so the Haiti team engaged in steps involving faith and action (some small, some big) including (but not limited to) learning a chorus in Creole (thanks to our guide who corrected our translation), singing together with our Haitian brothers and sisters (Creole and English at the same time swelling in praise to Jesus--- a taste of heaven?) choosing to pray in the wee hours

of the morning after the rooster crowed and before the lights were up, building benches for the school, visiting and delivering food boxes to homes of widows and families in need, sharing through pictures from home and in testimonies, engaging in informal language lessons (often through trial and error) receiving hugs and kisses in greeting from church members, playing many rounds of the kids' game "London Bridges," simply walking down the road with a child at each hand, and humbly accepting the hospitality and service of our hosts.

4. Stretching: Just as physically stretching one's muscles enhances flexibility, so the Haiti team was stretched...and stretched... such as by adjusting to seemingly chaotic driving (no road signs or markers and a "honk and pass" philosophy), constantly feeling as though in a "fishbowl", inability to go anywhere without an "audience", and learning to wait...and wait...and wait...when there wasn't anything we could DO (as in the situation with the road construction sink-hole repair).

5. Splints: Just as one physically might require a splint, an antibiotic, or other treatment to help for a specific time of need, so the Haiti team experienced what it meant to have people come alongside and "be the church". During the time we were delayed by the road construction block, a small church in a village a few miles away from the site welcomed us into their sanctuary for a night and provided meals, several church members came on motorcycles to bring water and food (Club crackers never tasted so good!), and 2 men who were partners of RMI interrupted their schedule to pick us up after we walked through the sink-hole area.

Building up the body of Christ isn't limited to some big event like a foreign missions trip, but can occur in the everyday stuff of life as well. May we each look at how we can add to our supply of "building blocks", enhance our "support structure", take steps of faith no matter how small, be willing to be stretched, and look for ways to "be the church" in whatever way God shows us.

**Children Dedication
November 10, 2013**

Kelsi Lyn Caporosso
Mother is **Kristi Caporosso**

Aiden Benjamin Loewen
Parents are **Jason & Laura Loewen**

Natalie Nikole Richards
Parents are **Aaron & Niki Richards**

**Thank you From
Samaritan's
Purse!!**

Because of the generosity if many of our members, friends and children, we were able to ship out **239 shoe boxes** for Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you for sharing your love of Jesus in this way!



January 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Happy New Year! Office Closed | 2 WL Missions Cmte Mtg 7PM WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9PM | 3 | 4 |
| 5 EJ 9AM & 10:45AM Services WL Classic Hymn Service 9AM WL Special Speaker - Tiger's Chaplain Jeff Totten at the 9AM & 10:45AM | 6 | 7 WL Ladies Bible Study 9:15AM | 8 WL Family Meal 5:30PM WL Adult & KidConnection 6:30-8PM | 9 Cozy Quilters 9AM Church Board Mtg 6:30PM WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9PM | 10 | 11 WL Men's Ministry Breakfast 8-10 AM |
| 12 EJ 9AM & 10:45AM Services WL Classic Hymn Service 9AM Youth Ministry Leader Luncheon 12:15PM | 13 | 14 WL Ladies Bible Study 9:15AM WL Food Pantry 5-6:30PM | 15 Benevolent Cmte Mtg 4PM WL Family Meal 5:30PM WL Adult & KidConnection 6:30-8PM | 16 WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9PM | 17 | 18 Lion's Kicker Jason Hanson Outreach Program 7-9PM BCHS Events |
| 19 Jason Hanson Outreach Program BCHS for BOTH EJ & WL Services 10-11:30AM | 20 Newsletter Deadline | 21 WL Ladies Bible Study 9:15AM WL Facilities Mtg 7PM | 22 WL Family Meal 5:30PM WL Adult & KidConnection 6:30-8PM | 23 Cozy Quilters 9AM WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9 PM | 24 | 25 |
| 26 EJ 9AM & 10:45AM Services WL Classic Hymn Service 9AM Annual Meeting for ALL WL & EJ Members @ WL Multi-purpose rm 12:30PM | 27 | 28 WL Ladies Bible Study 9:15AM WL Food Pantry 5-6:30PM | 29 WL Family Meal 5:30PM WL Adult & KidConnection 6:30-8PM | 30 WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9 PM | 31 | |