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For The

Master

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Door Knocking & Bible Studies

If you have ever heard our presentation you know that as missionaries we believe that our work is best summed up as the three E's: Evangelism, Edification and Equipping. Sometimes these three things are done separately from one another, and sometimes they all three come together. This past week Charley, Asher and I have been going door knocking and setting up studies. We decided to try an area not far from Charley's house where we have not had many Bible studies in the past. We set out on a Tuesday morning and were blessed with open doors. Sometimes the only thing you accomplish in door knocking is getting some exercise, but on this day we were invited into several homes and were able to set up seven Bible studies. We were able to conduct three studies right then and there. One of

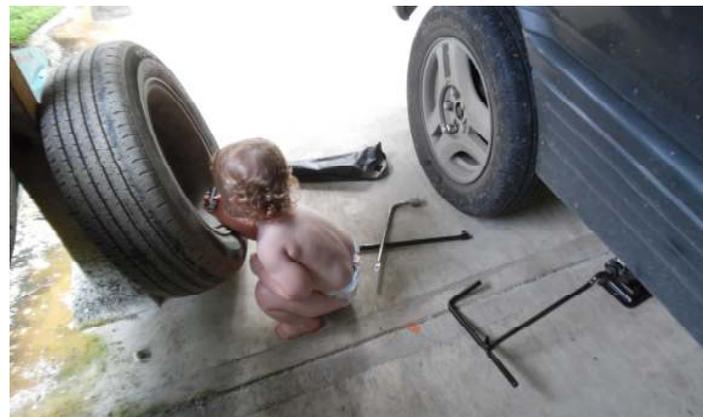
those three was with two women that were making handicrafts in their home to prepare for Easter. These ladies are married to leaders in the Protestant church, which is called the United Church of Christ. The UCC (as it is typically called here) takes Easter very seriously with events the whole week leading up to Easter Sunday. The ladies had many questions and were happy that we spoke only from the Bible. They both said that they want to learn more and they want their husbands to as well. We arranged to meet with them after Easter.

The other studies we set up have all started off well. One is with a married couple named Jack and Narleen. When we arrived at their house the day we arranged our study they were still sleeping, but they got up and let us have our study. I was impressed by this because usually when this is the case they will ask you to come back later, but then never be available. Another study is

with a woman named Annalore who is very kind. Lord willing, next time we study with her we will have one or two of the ladies with us so she does not feel uncomfortable with only men studying with her. There is another study with a man about my age named Don. Don is very quiet, but also very kind. He also has told us that he will be busy until Easter, but wants us to come back and study with him after that. The other studies we have are with a couple named Fletcher and Rekina, and a lady named Riti. We ask if you would please keep these folks in your prayers.

The reason why I say that the three E's overlap here is because while we are door knocking and going on studies Charley and Asher are learning how to do it on their own and being edified by spending time together. Lord willing, we will get other members involved in these soon too.

One thing that is awkward for me when we do these things is to take pictures. When we have visitors and they take pictures of the people they study with it is not that weird because they will leave soon. But, for us it is sort of uncomfortable when we randomly take pictures of people. So the only shots I have are of Charley and Asher talking together while we door knocked, a dog that followed us and annoyed me by yipping constantly, making it difficult to hear what people were saying and a picture of Violet "helping" me change a tire on the day we went out to have some of the studies. We ended up being a little bit late, but it all worked out in the end. I was very thankful for Violet's help in changing the tire!



World Bible Institute



Our World Bible Institute classes continue to go well. We are getting close to getting six or seven students completely through the program. This month we finished studying the books of 1st Peter through Jude. All of the students that participated did very well in the class. After Easter we will start meeting again to study Denominational Doctrines. After that class we will study some more of the Old Testament history books, a couple of more topical classes, the book of John and the book of Revelation and we will graduate some of the students. The classes can be time consuming to prepare (I have to prepare all of my own material), but it is worth the time to see our students grow in their knowledge and really get some difficult concepts.

As many of you know we have also been using the Pacific Islands Bible college program. I am not 100% certain, but I think Charley and Ledihser are one or two classes away from completing that program. Lord willing, the students will take what they have learned and put it to good use in leading others to Christ. Please continue to pray for these efforts.

A Long Way To Go

The last two newsletters we've mentioned our efforts to purchase the land and building that the church in Pohnpei is currently leasing. So far we have recorded \$2,000.00 of the \$40,000.00 that we need to make the purchase. Two generous families donated \$1,000.00 each. Friends, I cannot stress enough just how unique and necessary this purchase is. The church of Christ has existed in Pohnpei since the 1980's, though for several years was not meeting, but, the church has never owned its own building. Our brethren here are determined to stay faithful to the Lord's church whether there is a missionary living in Pohnpei or not, but it will be impossible for them to pay for even a short term lease on a building. Purchasing this building, for a fraction of the cost that it is worth, will guarantee that the church will have a place to meet for generations to come. The land that is part of the deal is good land that can be cultivated to grow crops for the members to eat, or can be built up for a Bible college or a larger building if needed.

We ask that you please consider helping in this important work. We have \$38,000 left to raise and need every bit of help we can get. If you can donate any amount of money to the building we would great appreciate it. If you can help please mail your contribution to:

Micronesia for the Master
Building Fund
400 Lake Dow RD
McDonough GA 30252



It occurs to me that some may have sent funds in already, but they were not recorded. If that is the case please send me an e-mail at scottshanahan@hotmail.com and let me know so we can make sure the funds are put toward the right effort. If you plan to give please make sure your contribution is clearly marked for the building fund. We greatly appreciate your help and your prayers.

Kalangan,
Scott

Top picture: WBI students working on the Pastoral Epistles class.
Bottom Picture: The auditorium in our building, which we hope to purchase with your help!

Rebecca's Page

Hello to all! We are happy to report a new sister in Christ this month, Shy Soulik! Shy is 16 years old and the daughter of our faithful brethren Charley and Regina. We had a Bible study at our house a couple of weeks ago, with some of the younger ladies. It was to remind some who had already been baptized, of what they had committed to, and for the others, to urge them on to obey Christ when they are ready. I know Shy very well. I have watched her grow up, so I decided to go ahead and ask her if she was ready. She responded without hesitation yes, and I asked her over and over if she was really ready right then and there, and she was very determined. Thankfully, the ocean is right next to our house, so it was very exciting to have a baptism right there.



The lives of the women here are very hard much of the time. Have you ever been without any money, a husband that wouldn't do what he could to provide, who wouldn't let you plant food for some reason, who tried to force you to work for a man who kept making advances towards you, plus 3 children to clothe and feed? That is what is happening to a sister in Christ that I know here in this country. I cannot mention her by name to respect her privacy, but I would ask you to pray for her situation. I know that the Good Lord will take care of her, but I don't know how and it breaks my heart for her. Despite the circumstances, she remains faithful to Him.



Well, as they say, Violet is definitely growing like a weed, but let's say it's more like a flower. She is less and less like a baby everyday. She's extremely verbally advanced for her age and uses 3 word sentences now. Her favorite thing to say is, "up the stairs?" Also, whenever we get in the car to go somewhere she will say, "Class?" She wants to go to Bible class, and then she will start mentioning several of the church members by name. Her favorite is a little girl named Tisa, the daughter of our faithful sister Ledisher. But more recently, she has started saying, "Charley," much of the time. On this past Sunday, Charley was leading the Lord's supper, and Violet started saying his name. I love this. I want these brethren to always be in her heart, as they will be in mine.

Violet also has a new baby friend named Dexter. They met at her play group, Giggle and Wiggle. Giggle and Wiggle is a 2 day a week program that an Australian lady who lives on island with a little boy the same age as Violet put together. We got to know Dexter and his mom and Dad who are also Australian. Dexter can only hear out of one ear and his mother is completely deaf. She uses, Ausan, which is Australian sign language, so what very few signs I do know, don't help. She also reads lips extremely well.

We are all becoming to be very good friends.

As Scott mentioned in the last newsletter, we have set our date to leave Pohnpei permanently in July of 2017. As you can imagine, we have many concerns about where to go next and what is going to happen with everything. Please pray to our Father on behalf of this issue. He knows what is ahead and I am working very hard to learn to trust, but some days it is not easy. These next two years, I have to soak in this life here and work harder than I ever have before, with a toddler. God Bless!



Pictures: Young ladies' Bible study; Charley baptizes his youngest daughter; Violet and Dexter at a local restaurant.

Contributions

Account Summary US

Anonymous	300.00
Avondale church of Christ	300.00
Bill Benton	40.00
Bona church of Christ	350.00
Carver, Inez	25.00
Clinton church of Christ	100.00
Dickinson Family	500.00
Dunlap church of Christ	300.00
Fayetteville church of Christ	100.00
Forest Park church of Christ	200.00
Hanes Family	100.00
Henning Family	50.00
Hudson, Betty	30.00
Lafayette church of Christ	100.00
Marburger, Ed	50.00
Maple Hill church of Christ	250.00
McDonough church of Christ	650.00
Mulligan Family	500.00
Parrish Family	150.00
Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ	200.00
Rockwood church of Christ	350.00
Schwartz, Alan & Jean	150.00
Shannon church of Christ	100.00
South Seminole church of Christ	300.00
Thomas Family	25.00
Underwood Family	30.00
Wheless Family	50.00
Wilson, Don & Janet	100.00
Williams Family	150.00
McDaniel Family	200.00
Total	5800.00

Opening Balance (2/21)	467.52
Contributions	5800.00
Less Expenses	
Salary	3177.80
Work Fund	3,500.00
Bank Fees	25.27
Closing Balance (3/20)	-435.55

Account Summary PNI

Opening Balance (2/21)	344.27
Wire Transfer	3500.00
Less Expenses:	
Utilities	545.61
Rent	1350.00
Auto	563.00
Local Support	100.00
Benevolence	40.00
Building utilities	20.00
Misc	72.54
Closing Balance (3/20)	2991.15