

Tidings

A Monthly News Publication For Members And Friends

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by Rod Everhart

Changing Lives



Some people have the joy of adopting children. Traders Point Christian Church is stepping out to adopt an African slum.

Lead Minister Aaron Brockett, along with Sheri El, Director of Benevolence, and Neil Troyer, Associate Minister of Worship, journeyed to Nairobi, Kenya, as part of a vision trip sponsored by Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF) in September 2008. They went to witness the work of Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in the slums of the Mathare Valley in Nairobi.

"I saw a lot of people with a lot of faith, despite the poverty and challenges they were dealing with," Sheri recounts. "They had faith that God was going to take care of them." Sheri explained how she'd never seen so many people packed into such a small area – almost one million people in less than two square miles. The living conditions in Mathare are deplorable. Children walk barefoot, people live in tin houses with no windows, and the smell is "something you never get used to," referring to the lack of sanitation.

Yet Sheri saw signs of hope and faith. One example of this is the story of a drug-addicted prostitute who accepted Christ during one of the church meetings. With the help of CHE, she was able to get back on her feet and start her own small business.

During their stay, Aaron, Sheri, and Neil participated in a student assembly with children from a boarding school. During their prayer time, the Americans were praying in English while the children were praying in Swahili. "It was beautiful!" Sheri recalls.

The team was impressed by the work of CHE and Wallace and Mary Kamau. They, together with church partners, have started a community center where young people can go to get food, education, and spiritual nourishment. The hope is that they, in turn, will reach out to their own families.

CHE's main mission is to train people how to identify needs within their own community and then help these people to develop a strategy to solve their own problems. This includes not only physical needs such as food and medical care, but also spiritual needs.

"As people receive and get to know Christ, we then start growth groups," explained Mary Kamau during a recent TPCC Sunday worship service. "We then use them to plant churches."

CHE cannot accomplish its mission alone. CHE has begun linking churches to a particular village within the larger slum which the church can adopt and then perform its own missions outreach. So far, 20 churches have adopted ten villages.

TPCC has adopted the village of Bondeni, the poorest village in the slum – and the dirtiest. Here, all the refuse and runoff from the hills run into this area. Drug use and alcoholism are rampant because people have no hope or self esteem, says Mary Kamau. Despite these problems, TPCC believes it can make a difference. "In the past, we have been a part of *relief efforts* when it comes to meeting the needs of the poor," explains Brian Smith, who oversees TPCC Missions. "We now want to focus on *development* and more towards the growth of people and changing lives. This mission provides that opportunity. We're excited about teaching these people how to break the cycle of poverty through a holistic approach that meets not only the physical needs but also the spiritual needs of these people."

In September, another delegation from TPCC will travel to Nairobi to visit the Bondeni village. Meanwhile, the church can help by praying for the team that's going to Africa, the leaders of CHE, and for the people living in Bondeni. Pray that God will continue to open doors to meet people's needs, physically and spiritually, and that TPCC will have a big impact on the residents of Bondeni.

"There's a lot to be done," adds Sheri. "It's wonderful that we have the opportunity to help."



CHE Overview

TPCC missionaries have been talking about the effectiveness of Community Health Evangelism or CHE. On Tuesday, June 16, and Friday, June 19, from 6 to 9 p.m., TPCC will offer a CHE overview. Whether you are contemplating taking a mission trip this year or are just curious, everyone is welcome. To register or for additional information, contact Brian Smith at btsmith@tpcc.org.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE MINISTER'S MOUTH

May We Recommend...

Our TPCC family has been challenged by several of the recent sermon series: *Grace for Here and There, One Month to Live*, and *Jesus Walks*. Many have talked to staff members about life change, about going deeper in their faith, or about making a greater commitment to Christ in their lives. As a result, I asked the staff ministers to each suggest book titles they would recommend for those who want to dig a little deeper in one of the areas we have recently discussed on Sundays. The following list is a compilation of those suggestions. Our staff's desire is for you to grow in your walk with Christ and live a life that is ever maturing in Him.



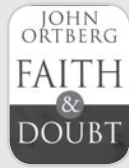
The Cost of Discipleship
 Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Getting Through the Tough Stuff
 Charles Swindoll



Aaron Brockett
 fills the role of Lead Minister at TPCC and serves as the primary communicator and vision caster for the church.



Faith and Doubt
 John Ortberg



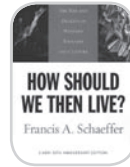
Crazy Love
 Francis Chan



The Magnificent Defeat
 Frederick Buechner



The Life You've Always Wanted
 John Ortberg



How Should We Then Live?
 Francis A. Schaeffer



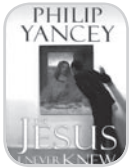
The Signature of Jesus
 Brennan Manning



God Meant it for Good
 R.T. Kendall



Confessions
 St. Augustine



The Jesus I Never Knew
 Philip Yancey



Gracism: The Art of Inclusion
 David A. Anderson



In Two Minds
 Os Guinness

Activity Report

Stewardship

Monthly financial statements are available upon request.

Received SUNDAY, APRIL 26:

Unified Budget\$69,448.34
 (Total Weekly Need: \$83,980.77)
 Designated \$1,771.98
 "Building on Purpose" Fund\$2,942.00
 Total Offering \$74,162.32

Received SUNDAY, MAY 3:

Unified Budget \$97,653.63
 (Total Weekly Need: \$83,980.77)
 Designated \$5,673.54
 "Building on Purpose" Fund\$13,133.27
 Total Offering \$116,460.44

"Building on Purpose" (BOP) Fund:

Total Given\$7,521,808.27
 (Total Committed: \$8,051,856.82)

Received YEAR-TO-DATE:

Unified Budget \$1,570,553.16
 (Total YTD Need: \$1,511,653.86)
 Designated\$56,249.81
 "Building on Purpose" (BOP)..... \$121,345.12
 Total YTD Offering\$1,748,148.09

Attendance

SUNDAY, APRIL 26:

Sunday Worship2,207

SUNDAY, MAY 3:

Sunday Worship2,544



Preschoolers, bring your family to play, pray, and praise God at Summer Splash on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families will play games, eat snow cones and popcorn, and participate in an awesome Bible story! Adults, middle and high school students – stop by the Tiki Hut on Sunday to volunteer or sign up online at www.tpcc.org. Contact Taranza Brown at 769.5557 or tbrown@tpcc.org with questions.

Pathways Catalog

Check out the **new** Pathways catalog inserted in your Sunday bulletin! Stop by one of the kiosks on Sunday for additional information on summer Bible classes and fellowship opportunities.



CIY MOVE Conference

High school students (graduating 2009-2013) will not want to miss this year's Christ in Youth Conference called **MOVE** – Monday, June 15, to Saturday, June 20, in Anderson, IN. **MOVE** is a five-day event where students are called to be the church in their corner of the world and get involved in God's plan for the entire globe. Register online at www.tpcc.org by Monday, June 1. Limited number of spaces and scholarships available. Contact Taranza Brown at tbrown@tpcc.org or 769.5557 with questions.

MORE
HIGH
SCHOOL
NEWS

Family Devotionals

Families can now order the June-August devotional booklets online at www.tpcc.org (prices vary by age). Order by Sunday, May 17, for pick-up Sundays, May 24 or 31. For more information, contact Children's Minister Darren Messick at 769.5557 or dmessick@tpcc.org. You can also visit www.d6family.com for more details. Click on the D6 Family link and then Devotional Magazines.

Summer Golf Fellowship League

The Men's Ministry is sponsoring a TPCC golf league at the Golf Club of Indiana. The golf league will play every Thursday evening beginning May 14 through September, with tee times from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The weekly cost is \$15, which includes green fees and a cart. Beginners, ladies, and students are welcome! Participants can play every week or periodically. Sign up in the Ministry Resource Center (next to the Library) each Sunday to play the following Thursday. Contact Paul Hagan at 733.8130 with questions.

Senior Banquet

If you are the parent of a graduating senior, we would like to invite you to the Senior Banquet to honor your student in The Block on Tuesday, June 9. We are very proud of them and want to honor both them and you that night (parents are invited, but no additional relatives, please). RSVP by Monday, June 1, to Taranza Brown at tbrown@tpcc.org or 769.5557.

UCanSurvive Ministry

The UCanSurvive Ministry of TPCC is here to support those who are personally battling illnesses or those who have a loved one facing illness. The UCanSurvive Ministry will host an evening for anyone experiencing cancer or chronic illness, their families, and/or caregivers on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in Room 115. Dr. Jim Craig will be our guest speaker. The UCanSurvive Ministry Team would love to meet you, provide comfort, and see if you have any needs that have not been met. Stop by the books on display in the Ministry Resource Center which are recommended by the UCanSurvive Ministry. Questions? Contact Kris Braun at dmkabraun@comcast.net or 727.7839.

Prayer Corner

by Dawn Johnston

PRAYING PAUL'S WORDS

Sometimes we want to pray for a friend but are at a loss as to what to pray. Paul, one of the Bible's original "prayer warriors," prayed this prayer for his friends in Ephesus. Next time you feel led to pray for a friend, you can use the same words Paul wrote while praying for his friends.

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the

saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.

—Ephesians 1:16-23

Welcome Our New Members...

APRIL

Katie Bedsole <i>daughter of Randy & Pam Ruppel</i>	Baptism	Cynthia McCall	Baptism
Hank Berger	Baptism	Patrick Pauloski <i>son of Cynthia Pauloski</i>	Baptism
Stephen George	Baptism	Kari Stewart	Baptism

JOIN US FOR OUR CURRENT SERIES:



For more information on our current sermon series, please visit
www.tpcc.org

Please Pray for...

Listed below are new prayer requests or requests for those in the church family who have experienced significant change in existing condition. (*Status as of May 6, 2009*)

Norma Mahoney Surgery on May 13
Kathy Strange Home

Christian Sympathy to...

Dale Anderson, upon the death of his stepfather.
Norman and Sherrie Dick and Jeff and Barb Richardson,
upon the death of Sherrie's and Barb's brother.
Beckie Zachary, upon the death of her mother.

Congratulations to...

Jake and Trudy Barker, upon the birth of their daughter, Emmy Noel.
Eric and Carla Marion, upon the birth of their son, Jonathan Edward.
Jim and Annette Thalmann, upon their 25th wedding anniversary.

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