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It was the end of summer, 1999. At that time Marci had a teaching job in Bakersfield, CA. So part of our family vacation that year was driving Marci down to Bakersfield. We took the scenic route, going through Yosemite National Park. In spite of the fact that I had grown up in southern California I had never been to Yosemite. I was looking forward to seeing the famous sights that I had heard about, like Bridal Veil Falls. Sure enough, when I got my first view of Bridal Veil Falls I was stunned; stunned with disappointment. By this time of the summer, the falls were a relatively wimpy trickle. Another set of falls we visited were all but dry. My guess is that in early spring those falls impressively roar with fullness. Not in late summer. There are variations according to the season.

That concept came to mind as we processed the information we received on a recent evening that a close relative had a very serious health issue. Bummer. Not much sleep that night. Yet there were still some very uplifting events that same week. Circumstances in our lives vary like the seasons. Every one reading this can relate to the ups and downs of life. In fact, circumstances can vary not only from season to season but even throughout a given day.

During the week that we received that information I was reading through I John in my devotion time. The Lord impressed upon me again that God is love (e.g. I John 4:7-12). Far beyond empty sentimentality God's love is actively given us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, bringing us forgiveness and new life. He continues to pour His love into our daily lives by the Holy Spirit (I John 3:24). Thus, God's love is not like Bridal Veil Falls, fluctuating through the seasons, even to the point of drying up. God's love continues to flow by His grace to His children, including in those "dry" difficult seasons. His love gives us strength to endure those challenges inevitable in a broken world. That is why John reminds us in I John 5:4-5 to keep on trusting the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our victory. Seasons vary. The flow of God's mercy, grace, and love is constant.

FTPC's summer season brings change: worship service time, VBS focus, members taking vacations, etc. That said, let's continue, individually and collectively, to be washed in God's love.

In Christ's service,

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Income

For May 2016

\$39,243.04

Thru May 2016

\$102,233.78

Expenses

For May 2016

\$14,468.82

Thru May 2016

\$80,762.41

Invest In Eternity



*"Provide purses
for yourselves
that will not wear out."
Luke 12:33*

the Kingdom of God

July Missions: Ken & Sue Richardson, CEF - Australia

Children are Coming to Know the Lord

It is exciting to see children eagerly listening to the teaching in the Clubs and responding to the Gospel.

At a lunch time Good News Club® we hold at a primary school, a nine year old girl listened intently to the lesson 'Child of the King'. The children were also invited to come to the local church where we run another longer after school Club. This girl asked her mum if she could take her to that Club and she came that evening. That night she made a decision to follow Jesus and said that she had loved the Club so much. The next day, her mother called one of our leaders and told of how much her daughter had enjoyed the Club. Her daughter loved the Club so much that she wanted to bring a friend the following week.

One of our team members had the wonderful privilege of leading a young boy to the Lord at our newest Good News Club®. The boy's response was, 'I just love Jesus! I want Jesus to forgive my sin and be my Saviour!'

One of the Good News Clubs® we held last year was dwindling as the school had really dwindled down also. At the beginning of this year we found out that the principle, school and chaplain were very supportive of us continuing this Club. We prayed for this Club and have been amazed as it's tripled in numbers and now contains a quarter of the whole school in attendance. Praise the Lord that we are able to continue in this school.

The Lord is at Work Here!

The Lord had an incredible encouragement planned for me. As I was at an appointment in preparation for a wedding, the lady began to ask me about what I did. She then asked,

'Are you a Christian?' We ended up talking at length about spiritual matters and she began to share about some very powerful and negative spiritual experiences she was having and so I had the privilege to share the hope of the gospel with her. She said to me, 'you thought you were coming in to have ... done but you were sent to me to answer these questions and experiences I am having right now.' It was obvious to us both that I was meant to be there.



While talking about beliefs people have and the gospel, she told me that she wanted to be like her mother, by giving her future children the freedom to believe what they wanted. She said that her mother had let her go to an after school kids Club at ... primary school. I was

stunned! as she was talking of the Good News Club that Ken and I had run in that school. When I cried out that it was our Good News Club and that I was her 'Miss Sue', she said, yes that is what it was called. I was stunned that she was talking to me about me. In a city of over 2.4 million, the Lord had not just sent her a Christian but the one she was telling me about. She was able to attend that Club for only a short time before they continued moving. After all these years, the Lord had brought me back into her life for He never ceases to seek after the lost. WOW!!

The Lord has done Wondrous Things

The Lord has done wondrous things for our new worker Daniella since her arrival from Queensland. She came over to Western Australia without any support pledged to her. She knew the Lord had called her and was focused on being obedient to His call no matter how it looked from her perspective.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:30 am: Worship COMMUNION	4 7:00 pm: AA	5 6:30 pm: Sr Hi	6 7:00 am: Prayer	7	8	9
10 9:30 am: Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16 2:00-3:30 pm: Paint Your Way Into the Father's Presence
Submerged Vacation Bible School: 6:00-8:00 pm (Registration 5:30 pm) Lee Phillips Field @ Joseph Foster Memorial Park						
17 9:30 am: Worship KATHY GISKE	18 7:00 pm: AA	19 6:30 pm: Sr Hi	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 am: Worship MIKE NEELEY	25 7:00 pm: AA	26 6:30 pm: Sr Hi	27 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila @ Sizzler	28	29	30
31 9:30 am: Worship DAVE PIERSON						

August 2016 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		THE LORD'S WATCH 6-8 pm: National Night Out Against Crime 6:30 pm: Sr Hi				Mattawa Team leaves 
9:30 am: Worship COMMUNION	7:00 pm: AA	7:00 am: Prayer MISSION MATTAWA	7:00 am: Prayer MISSION MATTAWA			Mattawa Team returns 
	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 am: Worship EUBANKS/ MATTAWA TEAM	7:00 pm: AA	6:30 pm: Sr Hi	7:00 am: Prayer 6:30 pm: Session			COMMUNITY SERVE DAY 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @Tukwila Elementary
	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 am: Worship 11:00 pm: PICNIC	7:00 pm: AA		7:00 am: Prayer			WILDERNESS NORTHWEST 
	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30 am: Worship WILDERNESS NORTHWEST 	7:00 pm: AA	7:00 pm: Deacons	7:00 am: Prayer 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila			
	28	29	30	31		

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**Paint Your Way into
the Father's Presence**

Sat, July 16, 2-3:30 pm



PrayTukwila

**Wednesdays,
July 27 & August 31**

12:00 pm in Banquet Room

July's Special Guest:

TPD Chief Mike Villa

All Church Campout

**August
26-28, 2016**

Wilderness NW, Brinnon, WA



**THE LORD'S
WATCH**

**1st Tuesday
of the Month**



**Church
Picnic**

**Sunday,
August 21, 2016**

*Following Worship
Bring a dish to share*



**BBQ Meat,
Drinks,
and
Table
Settings
Provided
By**

FTPC Deacons

Mattawa VBS Team Shares

**Sunday
August 14, 2016
9:30 am
Worship Service**



**July 17: Kathy Giske
July 24: Mike Neeley**

GUEST SPEAKERS

**July 31: Dave Pierson
Sept 4: Aaron McGruder**

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Daniella's calling to CEF was very clear. In the middle of a church service in Queensland, the Lord clearly spoke to her saying, 'God is calling a devoted people.' She wanted to commit to serving the Lord. She came to Perth to be trained and stayed with one of our instructors – Cheryl. She heard Cheryl say the same phrase and then again at the church they went to, the pastor's wife also made the same statement. Daniella was stunned as it was the third time she had heard the phrase that week. During the training course with us, she heard Sue say the same thing during the devotional segment. Daniella then opened up to tell us how the Lord was clearly calling her and this amazed us all.

How the Lord was going to provide testifies to His power and faithfulness. One of her needs was a car. How the Lord provided the car was miraculous and has been an inspiration to many. On her flight from Perth to South Africa she opened her Bible up to read. She then discovered that the Lord had placed a Christian lady named Betty, next to her on the plane. Betty and Daniella had so much in common and they knew the Lord had purposed this appointment between them. They agreed to catch up as soon as Daniella moved to Perth. Daniella and Betty kept in contact.

Once Daniella arrived in Perth, Sue encouraged her not to worry for, 'they who trust in the Lord will not be put to shame'. We have always believed what Hudson Taylor said, 'that God's will, done God's way, never lacks God's supply'. Her obedience was reflective of God's calling to Abraham where he was obedient to follow the Lord even though he did not know what lay ahead. We commended her for her faith knowing the Lord would be glorified. The Lord laid it

on the heart of one of our dear supporters to give via our support to assist Daniella. What a great answer to prayer as that was the first support she received.

Betty (lady from the flight) came over to visit Daniella and shared that the Lord had specifically told her twice to go out and buy Daniella a car. So she handed Daniella the set of keys to a lovely car! In that same week Daniella was given a laptop! The Lord is so faithful! We can all Praise the Lord together!

We want to thank you for your prayers and support for we know we are not alone and you enable us to serve as you hold us up before the Lord. Love Ken and Sue Richards

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the team, that the Lord will protect, lead, guide and enable us to continue to serve with whole-hearted dedication to Him.
- Pray for the planning of all the Holiday Clubs that we will be running in July.
- Pray for the Scripture classes and Good News Clubs that are being held on every day of the week.
- Pray that those, whom we have trained, will start Clubs and effectively reach children.

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Highlights from Session

Each session meeting this year begins with discussion and prayer around one of ten "Health of Mission and Ministry" Questions that the ECO denomination encourages each session to review annually.

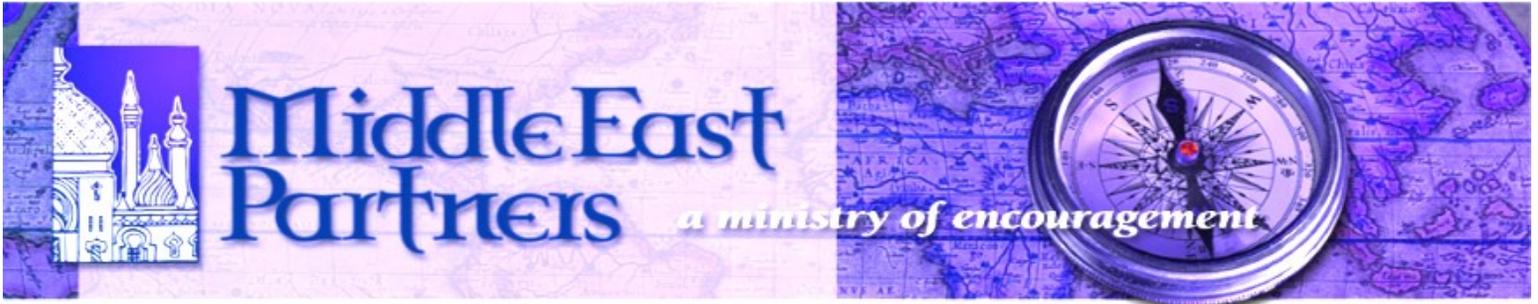
May 11

- Voted to change church insurance coverage to Brotherhood Mutual (connected to transferring to ECO and less expensive).
- Authorized Jesse Crowther to get new AV sound-

board (this has now been done).

June 11

- Spent several hours working on potential update of FTFC vision, mission, and goals (in preparation for transfer to ECO).
- Voted to seek a part-time Youth Director to work with our youth group volunteers.
- Discussed forming Service Teams to assist in worship services this fall.



August Missions: Kathy Giske, Middle East Partners

As Steven was being stoned for his faith Scripture records that he gazed at the sky and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56). Last year 21 innocent Egyptian Christian men were beheaded in Libya because they too refused to deny their faith in Jesus. Again, I believe Jesus stood to welcome these courageous men as they entered eternity.

And yet you may ask, "Why does evil seem to triumph in the Middle East?" Look more closely and you'll discover that, below the surface of all this chaos, there is a spiritual earthquake underway that is changing the landscape of the Muslim world. I'm happy to report that in my 25 years of ministry among Muslim peoples I've never seen God work more powerfully among these people than He is today. This is an unprecedented supernatural phenomenon that reflects God's loving heart. Consider the following:

- In spite of the brutal pain of seeing their loved ones beheaded, Christian families of the 21 men martyred in Libya shocked the Muslim world by publically announcing that "Jesus the Messiah calls us to forgive and love our enemy." Would we have had the courage to say that?
- Before the Arab Spring, the Church in Egypt reported that there were 1 million believers from a Muslim background in Egypt. Today that number is over 4 million; many coming to faith because of the loving witness of the Egyptian Church.
- Egyptian pastors believe that there are now over 6 million Syrian refugees and that all of them have turned from Islam and many are becoming Jesus followers.

Behind these developments is a praying church! For 40 years our brothers and sisters in Egypt have met weekly, by the thousands, to pray for the revival of the church in the Middle East so that the predominantly Muslim population

would witness the power of God's love. Today we have reached that tipping point. A new day of destiny is dawning as millions of Muslims are opening their hearts to Jesus. As you stand with me in partnership in this ministry you are helping to equip God's people in the Middle East as they seek to serve the growing community of new believers.



One question I'm frequently asked these days is, "how are you doing Kathy?" My answer is always the same. I begin and end each day with my Lord Jesus. He gives me the courage to experience joy in the midst of grief. Through your loving support I've now entered my second year, after losing Steve, with renewed hope and confidence in a bright future. God has made it clear that part of my mission in this season is to bring a message of hope to the 20 and 30 year olds sometimes called the Millennial generation. They represent our future leaders and many are crying out for answers in a world of conflicting voices.

In addition to my work in the Middle East, I'm now developing a training curriculum that I'll be teaching next month with younger leaders from various backgrounds and cultures. Please pray that God will move powerfully as I embark on this new project.

Your friend and partner,

Kathy Giske

"Those who know nothing about Him will clearly see Him and those who have not heard will respond." Romans 15:21

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2016 Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, 2016

Lee Phillips Field @

6:00-8:00 pm

(Registration 5:30 pm)

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