

# Foster-Tukwila Focus

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It happened on a Friday night almost 49 years ago. I had been married all of three hours, and we were on our way to the Los Angeles airport to board the last flight of the day to San Francisco. We were headed for a honeymoon. My brother, who was driving, had lost the folks who tried to follow by taking a creative route through the urban ghetto of South Central LA. That's where we heard a bang, felt the distinctive thump, thump, thump of a flat tire, and coasted in to a Shell gas station only to be told that they didn't have the time to change it for us.

As my brother, still attired in his tux, opened the trunk, a Los Angeles police car pulled in behind us. Two gracious officers got out, looked at us, looked at the sadly flat tire, and with smiles on their faces, quickly changed the tire for us, sending us on our way with the hope that we could still make that last flight. I don't know who those officers were, but they instantly became my heroes.

Meanwhile the rest of the family, planning to give us an embarrassing farewell, arrived at the airport before us, wondering where we were and pestering the airline personnel with attempts to find out whether or not we were actually booked on that flight. Their efforts were such that by the time we arrived, everyone in the terminal knew who the honeymooners were. We were the last two people to board that 727, and when we did, we were greeted by a "welcome honeymooners" announcement from the cockpit and a planeload of applause. Mortified, we slid into our seats, and I wondered if my bride would ever forgive me for talking her into her first airline flight instead of simply driving north.

The unexpected is a part of life, and when it comes, it sometimes produces in me the same sinking feeling that accompanied the thumps of that flat tire years ago. The good news is that God is a God of the unexpected. Isaiah writes, "When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence." (Isa 64:3)

I'm learning that when the unexpected happens, I should look for those awesome things as God shows up. He is still sovereign, and there is nothing that comes as a surprise to Him. God who loves me delights to bring unexpected grace even more than those officers did 49 years ago. And I'm learning that when I encounter the unexpected in the lives of others, it just might be God's invitation to me to be an agent of grace.

And that's why I'm praying that God will grant you an unexpectedly joyful summer and surprising encounters with His grace.

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Malcolm Brewer*

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# Foster-Tukwila Focus

## Income

For May 2018

\$12,300.23

Thru May 2018

\$70,183.49

## Expenses

For May 2018

\$14,836.05

Thru May 2018

\$84,135.88

Invest In Eternity



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

the Kingdom of God

## July Missions: Ken & Sue Richards, CEF

### The Lord is at Work

We have recently been so greatly encouraged as we have heard testimony from many children and adults of how the Lord has been working in their lives. It was so exciting to have seen one of the recently trained students teach the Bible lesson and have her own son as well as a few other children respond and come to know the Lord as their Saviour.

In one of our Scripture classes, there was a boy who wasn't allowed to do Scripture because of a different religious background. He, however, continued to ask his parents if he could sit in as he eagerly wanted to learn about the Lord. Due to his eager persistence his parents allowed him to attend. He loves Scripture and listens attentively.

After sharing the gospel during Easter in one of the Scripture classes a young boy called me over and said, 'please let me tell you something, he then whispered in my ear. 'I have a really mean heart, I mean really, really mean, I hurt my friends and do mean things'. How big was the smile on his face when I told him that he could receive Jesus as his Saviour from sin who would also be his helper and power when he struggled to do what is right.

One of our CEF instructors invited a friend to come to the Keswick convention who had recently come to know the Lord. The lady brought her child to the children's teaching sessions where he came to know the Lord as his Saviour. His mother was overjoyed and shared her gratitude with our team for the faithful teaching of the children.

Recently a young woman shared with one of our workers that the only time she has ever felt real peace in her life was when she was a child in a Bible study with Sue. She is

now a young adult who is seeking the Lord. It is great to see the Lord continue to work in the lives of those that He has enabled us to reach through the ministry.

It has been very encouraging to see all the children returning for a new year of Good News Clubs. One of our Clubs is full of Hindu children who have many questions. They eagerly ask deep questions in their group time and It is a pleasure to be able to teach them about the Lord.



A mum at one of the Clubs told me that her son was offered a rare sporting opportunity that he would normally have jumped at, but it was at the same time as the Good News Club. Her son said, 'Isn't it better to learn about God? I want to go to GNC instead!' She was really amazed. It is no wonder the Lord delights in the children for they love Him with all their heart, soul and mind as we should.

A parent then said to me, "keep teaching these wonderful missionary stories because the children love them and talk about them all the time".

### Training and Equipping

Running training is one of our greatest joys. We have had many share that they have been really challenged as the training made them assess their previous views of ministry to children.

The TCE 1 course has just been run again in Mt Hawthorn where the students will partner with us to run their first Holiday Club in July. We were encouraged to hear that one of the students retired on Friday so as to attend the training on the Monday.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 3:30: MACC Worship	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 Growing Young Discussion Group	<b>3</b> THE LORD'S WATCH 6:00 pm: Sr Hi	<b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY	<b>5</b> 10:00 am: Prayer 6:00 pm: Grief Group	<b>6</b> 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	<b>7</b> 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<b>8</b> 9:30 am: Worship 2-4 pm: Bday Open House 3:30: MACC Worship	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila	<b>12</b> 10:00 am: Prayer	<b>13</b> 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	<b>14</b> 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<b>Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity VBS - July 9-13, 6-8 pm @ FTPC</b>						
<b>15</b> 9:30 am: Worship 3:30: MACC Worship	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 Growing Young Discussion Group	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm: Sr Hi	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 am: Prayer 6:00 pm: Grief Group	<b>20</b> 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	<b>21</b> 8:00 am: Men's Fellowship 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<b>22</b> 9:30 am: Worship 3:30: MACC Worship	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 am: Prayer	<b>27</b> 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	<b>28</b> 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<b>Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity VBS - July 23-27 in Mattawa</b>						
<b>29</b> 9:30 am: Worship/ Mattawa Team 3:30: MACC Worship	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 Growing Young Discussion Group	<b>31</b> 6:00 pm: Sr Hi 7:00 pm: Deacons				



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## PrayTukwila

1st Wednesday

July 11 & August 1

12:00 pm in Conference Room



Tuesday, July 31, 2018

7:00 pm in the FTPC Library







## Middle East Partners

*a ministry of encouragement*



## August Missions: Kathy Giske, Middle East Partners

### The Problem of Pain

I am borrowing the above C.S. Lewis book title for this reflection because it aptly describes what I want to share with you today. Pain is a problem because it frequently shows up wrapped in mystery. “How can a loving God allow innocent people to suffer?” “Why do bad things happen to good people?” In our struggle to understand our own pain, we frequently try to conceal it behind a fake smile, especially when it comes to mental pain. It’s easier to say, “My back is hurting” than to say, “My heart is broken.”

For the most part, those of us living in the western world view pain and suffering as a nuisance to be either denied, or eliminated as quickly as possible. In reality, pain and suffering are part of life that cannot be avoided. How we handle it however, makes all the difference in the world, and this leads me to a hope-filled revelation.

I’ve just returned from a ten-day trip to Lebanon and Greece where we visited refugee communities, and met with those serving them. My team of eight leaders from the U.S. heard stories and witnessed how victims of the largest humanitarian crisis of our day are coping. Words fail to describe the depth of trauma that these innocent refugees have endured, and the overwhelming burden carried by sacrificial leaders committed to serving them. Practically everyone we talked to had witnessed a member of their family beheaded or shot during the crisis. Yet, in the face of tragic loss, we noticed that Middle Easterners have a different perspective on suffering. They see it as a part of life that often opens the door to a better reality. Time and time



again, we heard Muslim refugees confess, “I am happy for the war, because I found Jesus through my suffering. If you suffer, it’s a good thing because it brings you closer to Jesus.”

We learned that during the terrifying devastation of the war, refugees fled - often without shoes, and just the clothes on their back. In their desperation, they cried out to God for his intervention only to discover that their Muslim god was distant and silent. Instead, through dreams, visions, or the witness of a loving Christian, they discovered that Jesus was the One who heard and responded to their cry.

Middle Easterners share the same culture as Jesus, and when they become His followers, they understand aspects of His life more clearly than we do in the west. Suffering is one of them. The longing of most of the refugees we talked to is to one day return to their country and share with their own people the hope they’ve found in Jesus. When we inquired about the risk involved to do this, they casually replied, “If we get caught, we will die. But we are not worried about that at all. We are either in this body or in God’s kingdom. We having nothing to lose.” No fear, no self-pity, just a confident faith in the resurrection life and power of our Lord. In John 16:33 Jesus comforts us with the promise, “...in the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Currently, my team and I are compiling a report showing the opportunities available to partner with organizations serving the refugee communities in Lebanon and Greece.

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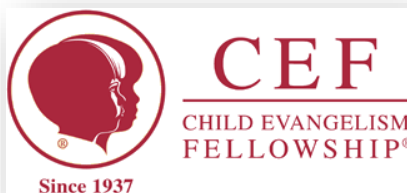
What a thrill to just hear that one of the students who had just done the evangelism training visited a friend who was dying of cancer in the hospital and presented the gospel to her thoroughly and clearly in front of her Atheistic husband and had her friend respond and receive the Lord!

## Personal Update - Sue's Surgery

Sue has gotten used to talking with her new teeth in but the first few weeks after the surgery she found it hard to speak as she ran training with the teeth being new and not fitting well at the time. The teeth now fit much better. Ken We are so very grateful to the Bible study at Westside for providing for her teeth. What a blessing you are. Sue has had a lot on her plate and is struggling with her blood pressure. She is on stronger medication and hoping that it will normalise soon.

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for Scripture in our local school that we will continue to have a very positive impact.
- Pray for the preparations for the Holiday Clubs that will run July 2nd till 13th. Pray that many new children will be able to attend and come to know the Lord.
- Pray especially for the new Club in Mount Hawthorn, that many children will be able to come and hear the good news. Pray that the Lord will open a door for us to begin a follow up Good News Club to continue to teach the children that come to Mt Hawthorn.



- Pray for our health as the winter flu is bad and spreading. We are both susceptible as exposed to hundreds of children. Sue's Blood pressure also is often high.
- Pray for Kylie as she has lost a much needed teacher for her school in Kurrawang.
- Pray that the Lord will protect us as the enemy is trying to put a stop to us being able to serve.

We thank you for your faithful prayers and support for the ministry because we cannot do anything of any spiritual significance without the Lord enabling us.

*Sue Richards*

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Our goal is to build a network of churches and individuals who will commit to work together to bring encouragement and support to this movement. I would love to explore how that might look for you or your church. Together we can ensure that these precious people are given the tools to rebuild their lives, and to take the gospel back to their own people. Please don't hesitate to contact me – kathygiske@yahoo.com or call 425-770-3793.

Your friend and partner,

*Kathy Giske*

If you would like to support the ministry of Kathy Giske with Middle Easter Partners, visit <http://www.kathygiske.com>.

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## GROWING YOUNG

### Join Our Discussion Group!!



If it's not about ...

**SIZE  
MONEY  
COOL**

Then what is it about?

**Every other Monday, July 2 - September 24, 2018**





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2018**

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# 2018 Vacation Bible School

**6:00-8:00 pm**  
Registration  
5:30 pm

# Babylon

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