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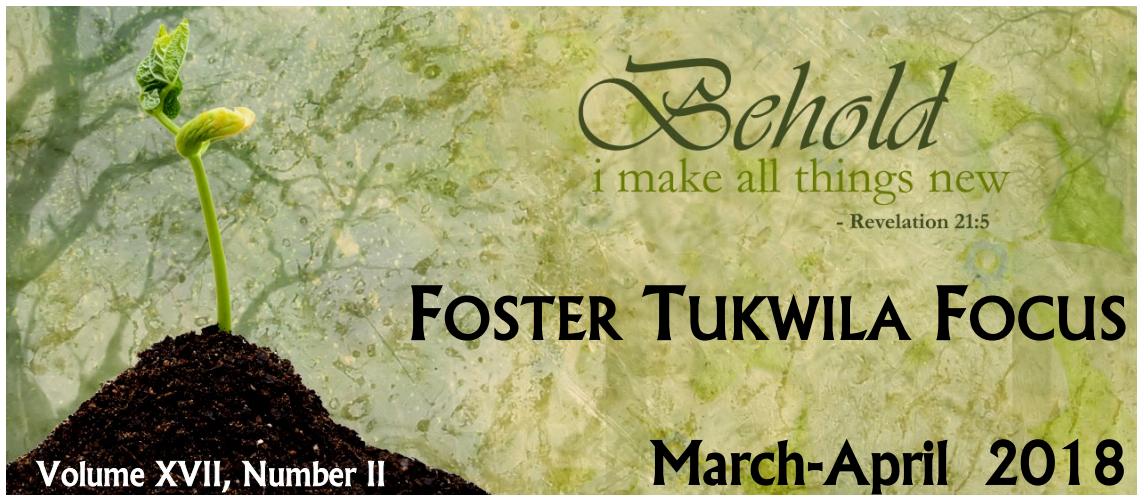
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Over forty years ago InterVarsity Press published a book about the Christian life by John White called ***The Fight***. It's a good book, but a bit dangerous as well. While the analogy implicit in the title is a thoroughly biblical one, we Christians have not always done a great job of properly identifying who or what the enemy is. As a result the church of Jesus Christ sometimes ends up inflicting damage on itself.

Consider for example the unfortunate experience of the Russian military during World War II. The Soviets had decided that there was value in using dogs to assist their military efforts, and sometime in the 1930s, someone came up with the brilliant idea of turning man's best friend into an anti-tank weapon.

The plan was simple. The dogs were trained to seek food under the belly of a tank. Once trained, the dog, in search of food, would carry a bomb strapped on its back under an advancing German tank. The bomb would be detonated, hopefully doing serious damage to the tank, not to mention the dog for whom things did not end well.

The tactic was actually implemented early in the war, but it was quickly abandoned. It turned out that there were a couple of serious problems with the plan. First, the dogs had not been trained with moving tanks and live fire. More often than not, the dogs wisely chose to flee rather than to fight. (There's a lesson here somewhere....)

The second problem was more serious. The dogs, having been trained with Russian tanks and recognizing the particular odor of the Russian fuel, went looking for food under the Russian tanks instead of the German ones, triggering a hard lesson in the law of unintended consequences.

When the fight becomes an end in itself, the battle has already been lost. I am told that in spite of the poor experience with these dogs during World War II, anti-tank dogs were still being trained fifty years after the war ended.

If I were re-writing John White's book today, I'd call it ***The Relationship***. That, it seems to me, is a more useful and less dangerous metaphor for the Christian life. As those who have been brought into a relationship with the Lord, we are indeed involved in a battle, but never against each other. On the contrary, we are called to support and encourage one another as we live out a relationship with Christ in the midst of a fallen and often hostile world.

I'm grateful that we at Foster get it. We don't need anti-tank dogs. We know we need each other, and we need the continual communication of prayer with our Lord and Leader. Faithfulness on that front will be more likely to avoid those unintended consequences.

Your brother & comrade in arms,

Pastor Melcher



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INCOME	EXPENSES
For January 2018	For January 2018
\$13,273.79	\$25,158.43
Through January 2018	Through January 2018
\$13,273.79	\$25,158.43

March Missions: Dave & Karen Eubank - FBR

In Burma, which is our main area of mission, there are good changes with the National League for Democracy and Aung San Suu Kyi winning the election and leading the new government. However, many people in the con-

flict areas could not vote and the military still controls an automatic 25% of the seats in Parliament due to the constitution put in place by the dictatorship in 2008. Attacks continue against the Kachin, Shan and Ta'ang in

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Missionary makes headlines with rescue

Finally, some of the world's most incredible missionaries — the Free Burma Rangers — are garnering top headlines around the globe.

In recent weeks the Rangers and their leader, David Eubank, have been profiled on CBS, CNN, Fox, CBN, Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, the Austin American-Statesman, Stars & Stripes, Public Radio International and on and on.

The coverage stemmed from a video that showed Eubank, a 56-year-old former Green Beret, darting through ISIS gunfire to rescue a little girl in Mosul.

The Enterprise-Journal ran Eubank's account of the incident on the Sunday, June 9, religion page, along with the adjacent photo.

Other media outlets caught on as well. Before long Eubank was appearing all over the place. Fox News just profiled him Thursday.

The Enterprise-Journal started covering the Free Burma Rangers back in 2010 when I discovered Eubank's grandparents were from Amite County — in fact, my father knew his grandfather.

Later I went to Thailand along with Dogwood Cross bluegrass-gospel group and spent nearly two weeks trav-



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eling the Thai-Burma border with Eubank, his wife Karen, their children Sahale, Sue and Peter, and members of the Free Burma Rangers.

The Enterprise-Journal periodically runs Eubank's reports on the religion pages because they're just so inspiring and incredible.

I was curious about all the recent big-time publicity, however. How would the mainstream secular media handle the fact that Eubank is a Christian who prays openly and refers often to God and Jesus?

Here's what I found:

- CNN and The Associated Press described Eubank as a "medic," with no mention of Christianity.

- CBS called him an "aid worker" but did include footage of him quoting a Scripture verse.

- PRI called him a "Christian relief worker" and included an extensive interview in which he talked about his work.

- ABC of Australia called



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This photo that ran in the June 9 Enterprise-Journal shows Eubank rescuing girl in Iraq.

him an "American volunteer medic" but did quote him as calling on Jesus during the rescue.

- Fox News referred to him as a "former U.S. Special Forces soldier" and "aid worker" but in an interview Thursday included full discussion of his religious faith.

- The Los Angeles Times and Austin American-Statesman did extensive profiles on Eubank with his background as the son of

missionaries, as a Green Beret, then on to seminary and a career on missions.

I don't fault media outlets that downplayed Eubank's religion or role as a missionary. It's hard to know what to call him.

He's a missionary in the sense that he's an ordained minister eager to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, but he's a man of action more than a preacher. So all the descriptions listed

above are accurate.

The coverage revealed another interesting aspect as well. The PRI interviewer took Eubank to task for taking his wife and children into war zones. And comments under Internet news reports showed that, while most people praised him for his self-sacrifice and heroism, some criticized him as well. No amount of good deeds can justify exposing one's own children to the hazards of war, they said.

That may be. But the Eubanks decided early on to raise their kids on the mission field, which for them meant the war-ridden jungles of Burma and later Africa and Iraq.

Karen Eubank wrote an eloquent explanation of that decision, which will run on this Sunday's Religion Page. She does a better job expressing her decision than I ever could.

There's a major positive result from all the media coverage: more awareness of the Free Burma Rangers, and hence more potential funding for their work helping war victims.

Meanwhile, if you want to see what the hubbub is about or watch the video of Eubank rescuing the little girl, just Google "David Eubank."



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:00 am: Prayer 6:30 pm: Grief Group/ Young Adults	2 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	3 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 4 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 2:00-4:00 pm: Bday Open House 3:30 pm: MACC	5 10 am-12 pm: CEF 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	6 THE LORD'S WATCH 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth	7 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila 7:00 pm: Impact Teams	8 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study	9 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth 6:00-9:00: SnackPack Auction @ TCC	10 Session Retreat: 11:00 am-5:00 pm @ The Eatons 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 11 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship GDOP FOR BURMA 1:00 pm: Shower for Baby McGruder 3:30 pm: MACC <i>Daylight Saving Time</i>	12 7:00 pm: AA	13 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth	14	15 10:00 am: Prayer 6:30 pm: Grief Group/ Young Adults	16 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	17 8:00 am: Men's Fellowship 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 18 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship POTLUCK 3:30 pm: MACC	19 7:00 pm: AA	20 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth	21 11:00 am: KOBA	22 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study	23 12:00 pm: Retirees & Seniors 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	24 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 25 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:30 pm: MACC	26 7:00 pm: AA	27 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth 7:00 pm: Deacons	28	29 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:30 pm: Grief Group Potluck	30 <i>Good Friday</i> 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth 7:30 pm: Good Friday Communion	31

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:30 pm: MACC THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD	2 10 am-12 pm: CEF 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	3 THE LORD'S WATCH 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth	4 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila 7:00 pm: Impact Teams	5 10:00 am: Prayer 6:30 pm: Grief Group/ Young Adults	6 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	7 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
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MONTHLY MEN'S

FELLOWSHIP
3rd Saturday - 8:00 am

The Brewers'
**OPEN
HOUSE**
2:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, March 4, 2018
Sunday, April 22, 2018

KOBA Circle
II:00 am
March 21 &
April 18, 2018

women's bible study

growing deeper, together

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm
in basement lounge.



Sunday, March 18, 2018

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Immediately following morning worship



THE LORD'S WATCH

1st Tuesday
of the Month



MARCH 30, 7:30 PM

GOOD
FRIDAY
service

RETIREES & SENIORS LUNCHEON

Noon, Fridays
March 23 &
April 27, 2018

March: What was your favorite
subject in High School?

April: Share your recollections
from Grade School.



SPRING FORWARD

March 11, 2018

Global Day of Prayer for Burma

Sunday, March 11, 2018



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Mission mom explains taking kids to war zones

On Jan. 29, in Al Rashidia, northeast Mosul, Iraq, our team gave a Good Life Club children's program to about 300 local children living in a community liberated by ISIS only the week before.

We were there with the Iraqi Army and together we celebrated with the families in the neighborhood the new freedom of mind, body and spirit that they could begin to experience after two years of heavy oppression under ISIS.

Yet, this area was still in ISIS mortar and drone range, and the day after sharing about our love for them and the love of God that was deep and wide, a mortar struck a group of children less than a kilometer from where we had held our program, injuring five and killing six, as well as one adult.

We had left our program cheered by a joyous, fun-filled morning with these resilient children; loading wounded and lifeless bodies into our ambulance the next day was a heavy contrast indeed.



KAREN EUBANK

FREE BURMA RANGERS

But not unusual.

In Karen State, Burma, sometimes it has seemed that we are just a step ahead with the Burma Army right behind us, as we heard of children we had just seen now hiding in the jungle.

In Sudan, Africa, we shared precious hours with children who were repeatedly bombed by the SAF dictatorship while we were there, and after we left.

In November last year, in southeast Mosul, we hadn't quite finished our program before mortars were landing near the school where we were meeting and we left together with the children.

Experiences of conflict following a GLC program remind me of the moment I felt God direct me to the core of our mission — through a news program I watched in a



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Children wear their new Good Life Club shirts at a missions program in Kachin State, Burma.

hotel room. It was 2003 and I watched a report of a school shooting in Chechnya. In a profound and unexpected way, that event brought distilling questions to mind: What was the last thing those children had been taught before the attack? What was the last thing their parents said to them that morning?

I knew in that moment that in the broad scope of subjects on which to "edu-

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cate" children, the most important message was about God's love and the saving hope of Jesus. I would never know how much time a child would have after we met, or how much time I would have, for that matter; therefore, the most essential message to give would be the Gospel.

And yet, even with this knowledge and faith, after the fun and games end it is hard not to be rocked when

the reality of the war zones we work in hits. In Kachin State in 2013, we returned to a school we had been to the year before that had been recently attacked and ransacked by the Burma Army.

Children's clothes and personal possessions were scattered in their torn-apart dormitories. We found the bead bracelets we had given them tossed with everything else on the floor.

I was sick at heart and asked God, "Where is your gospel now? How could this happen after all I told them about your love and care for them?"

And I soon felt an answer, an affirmation: "You got there first, before the attack. The message was there ahead to strengthen them

for whatever the future would hold. Keep a step ahead. Be vigilant to get my love out there before whatever may follow."

After hearing about the deaths of so many children in Al Rashidia a day after we had met them, I hoped and prayed that those children had been at our program, and understood that there is a God deeper and wider than the destruction man can cause. While I was deeply saddened, I was just as deeply grateful that we had been there first to let them know that God can control their soul's destiny despite any act of man in their lives.

With reason, we are called to be vigilant in our message, and of necessity we must have hope in the truth of God's promise to reveal Himself in the lives of these, his children, on earth or in heaven.

KAREN EUBANK and her husband David lead the Free Burma Rangers, a Christian humanitarian group that helps internally displaced people in conflict zones including Myanmar, Sudan and Iraq.

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northern Burma and against the Arakan in western Burma. Even in ceasefire areas, the Burma Army has not withdrawn its forces. Also in western Burma over 100,000 of the Rohingya minority live in concentration camps. We pray for, stand with and help those left out of this process, and those under attack and oppression.

In the midst of this continuing oppression and uncertainty in their country, Rangers from Burma feel the call

of God to go help people under attack in Kurdistan, Sudan and other places in the world. We see the power of God in this and, as in Burma, we go compelled by His love to give help, hope and love in Jesus' name. In 2014 we went on our first mission to Sudan, and in 2015, we began missions to Kurdistan with our ethnic Burma teams, sharing the love of Jesus, providing medical training on the front lines, doing children's programs in the IDP camps and getting the news out. We stand against

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April Missions: New Hope Health Center

At the heart of the Gospel is “Good News to the Poor”

God’s heart is pleased and revealed when His people take action that brings the Good News to the poor. New Hope is an opportunity for God’s people to display His heart to the underserved through medical care.

‘Who is my neighbor?’ is the question which introduces the parable of the Good Samaritan. Our neighbors are those living in poverty, and people who cannot afford health insurance. South King County has the highest percentage of people without medical insurance in the state, and the communities of Tukwila and SeaTac contain the highest percentage of medically uninsured of all – nearly 30%. This figure not only includes the unemployed, but individuals and families who are working one, two, or even more jobs - simply trying to make ends meet.

New Hope has been established to demonstrate the compassion and mercy of Jesus Christ to people who rarely experience it. We exist to authentically express the love of Christ to those who live at the margins of society.

In John 5:36 we read; “For the works that the Father has given Me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about Me that the Father has sent Me.” The works of Jesus bear witness about Him. They bear witness of His person, His message, and His sacrifice.

The Church is called to continue those works as we go out and proclaim the ‘Good News’ to all people.

We believe that the Lord has called His people to come together as One and go out and minister to the community with the love, compassion and power that only He can supply. New Hope will minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of its clients.

Heal the sick ... and say to them; ‘The Kingdom of God has come near to you’

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oppressors, be they in Burma, Kurdistan, or Sudan, and we’re also praying for the oppressors—and asking God for love for them. No one is beyond redemption.

Psalms 77:19 says what I feel about how God leads us, “Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.” We follow an invisible God who visibly changes us!

Our Mission

NHHC is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated with the state of Washington in December of 2007. New Hope is an expression of the Christian community providing primary health care to the medically uninsured in south King County in a manner that proclaims the love of Christ.

Our Vision

We desire to proclaim Jesus Christ, through word and deed, to the cities of Tukwila and SeaTac, Washington through a faith-based health center for the medically uninsured.

We will Proclaim Jesus Christ to...

- The medically uninsured by giving them quality, compassionate health care and asking the Holy Spirit for opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them.
- The Christian community by providing God’s people opportunities to proclaim Jesus Christ through word and deed, and by training God’s people to sacrificially serve the underserved in the humility of Jesus, showing Christ to them through their words and deeds.
- The people of Tukwila/SeaTac through the unity of the Body of Christ coming together to sacrificially serve the medically uninsured.

We are usually open 2 Saturdays per month (depending on doctor availability) at Redemption Fellowship 15880 Military Road S, in Tukwila. We screen 8:30 to 10:00 AM (first-come, first-served) for medical appointment openings each Saturday that we are open.

Non-emergency dental care is offered to any adults who have no dental insurance and whose household gross income is under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

To find more information about volunteering and/or supporting this vital ministry visit www.newhopehc.org



Thank you for helping and praying with us and I look forward to when we can meet.

God bless you,

Dave Eubank

Dave, family and teams
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