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A Word From Your Session

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At our congregational meeting on Sunday, April 18, Matt Franklin, Missy Evans, Chris Boyd, Marlise Newman, Gerry Edwards, Marty Barkey, and Bud Carrier were elected to serve as our Pastor Search Committee. Their responsibility will be to identify the person God is calling to be our next Pastor. They will begin their work right away, but, as you know, it may take several months or more before a new Pastor is called and installed. Please pray that they will have unity and the sensitivity to hear God speak as they go about their task.

We are now working to determine arrangements for filling the pulpit and providing pastoral care during the period between Steve's departure and the arrival of our new Pastor. As soon as these arrangements are completed, we will communicate them to the congregation.

We also want you to know that we are unanimously and completely convinced that this time between Pastors does not have to be a dead, inactive phase in the life of St. Giles. To the contrary, we feel a sense of excitement over the prospect of watching God work powerfully in and through our body during this time. After all, Jesus is the head of the church, and He is not leaving. He will guide us and the Holy Spirit will empower us as we seek to do God's will in the days ahead. *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)*

To fulfill this vision, St. Giles will need the involvement and participation of each person in the congregation. It is important that we be unified – worshipping, praying, and working together – bearing each others burdens, helping and encouraging each other as we seek the heart of God, reaching upward, inward, and outward. The Lord has great things He wants to do in and through St. Giles. We challenge and encourage you to join in this effort by being faithful in worship and prayer, and by volunteering to take part in all the activities of the church as we move ahead.

Finally, we humbly and sincerely ask for your prayers and support of us as your elders. We know that every person will not agree with every decision or action we take, but a spirit of unity is essential if we are to be all that God wants us to be. *"Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bonds of peace." (Ephesians 4:3) "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)*

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Remember in Prayer Our Expectant Mothers

Anna Newman Hollingsworth, May 16

Elizabeth Brown, July 6

Gail Lilo, July 7

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following couples who just had babies:

Camille Grace, daughter of Dan and Sarah Oedy, born March 14.

Audrey Elizabeth, daughter of Bronson and Debora Pasko, born March 17.



Baby Dedication

On Sunday, April 18th, 6 precious little ones were presented to the Lord in dedication by their parents. In this act of worship, the parents took vows indicating their commitment to bring the child up in the faith and in the loving discipline of the Lord. The congregation also took vows indicating their commitment and duty to provide nurture, support, and a godly example

in assuming with the parents the spiritual oversight of the child. Together, the parents and the congregation are to encourage growth in grace until the child, having become of age, claims Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

Asher Fields, son of Paul & Meg Bowden

Ruth Elliott, daughter of Tim & Jennifer Carey

Sophia Faith, daughter of David & Penny Harrison

Ethan Matthew, son of Matt & Andrea Myers

Luke Jeffrey, son of Michael & Emma Tregidga

William Chase, son of Mike & Ellen Westover



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In Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the following families:

Mary Lance Sisk and her family on the loss of her husband, Bob Sisk on March 13, 2010.

Donna Williams and her family on the loss of her father, Rex Hoffman on April 9, 2010.

A Word from Mary Lance Sisk

Dear St. Giles Family,

I want to thank you for the tremendous support you gave Bob and me during his illness and following. Your love, kindnesses and prayers truly sustained us through the entire journey. I am overwhelmed by your expressions of love through food, phone calls, notes, cards, helping with the Celebration of Bob's Life Service and Reception following in the Gym. You took care of me and my large family. Right now I am going through the grief process, and beginning to feel like going to church again. I am also starting to send out acknowledgements which I find to be wonderful therapy. Know how much you mean to me and to my family. They all love St. Giles, and wish they could find a "St. Giles Church" where they live. May the Lord's favor and blessing rest upon each one of you.

With much love and gratitude, Mary Lance

A Word from Lisa Watkins

Dear St. Giles Family,

In the last months, we have been absolutely overwhelmed with the kindness and goodness of God that you have poured out on us. You have freely sacrificed your time, your resources, your prayers and your love. All of the meals, financial gifts, words of encouragement, letters and cards, emails and prayers – hours spent on your knees – have sustained us and were a great encouragement to Rick and me as we walked through his battle with cancer. That same love and support has continued towards the family, and we are so grateful.

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A Word from Lisa Watkins...Cont.

For most of us, Rick's battle with cancer raised many questions. How could this happen to such a man? What about the curse that he believed was at the root of it? Why wasn't he healed? What about the promises and prophetic words spoken over his life? Do they come to naught? They are questions that are genuine and honest, and they don't have easy answers. However, in my own journey over the last year, God gave me great peace when I confronted him with my confusion. I was able to share much of the thoughts and impressions that God gave me when I traveled to Poland for Rick's memorial service last month. (If you are interested in reading a transcript of that message, please contact Lisa Watkins.)

Jerry Sittser, in his book, *A Grace Disguised, How the Soul Grows Through Loss*, said ". . . the experience of loss itself does not have to be the defining moment of our lives. Instead, the defining moment can be our response to the loss. It is not what happens to us that matters as much as what happens in us." My prayer has been that we will all respond to what has happened in healthy ways – in ways that will bring glory to God and will provide a rich soil for God's work to continue to be done in us.

Each of us is dealing with our loss in different ways. For the younger four children, in the last year and a half, they have lost not only their father, but their culture and friends and home in Poland as well. So, their grieving for their dad is compounded by adjusting to this new culture, making new friends, etc. Please continue to pray for them, and pray for me as I parent them in these days – for wisdom and encouragement that comes from God. Even though Rick's death has been painful for all of us, I know this – God would never allow anything to come to our lives that would harm us. In fact, he promises just the opposite! He promises us a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). It is a mystery, but a reality, that the things in our lives that bring pain also bring a work of grace and maturity.

As we walk through these days, adjusting to the changes that Rick's passing has brought to us, we are so grateful that you all are continuing to hold us up. "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3) We count it a great privilege and honor to be a part of this body.

Thank you for loving us – and for loving us so well!

Lisa Watkins

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Upcoming Events

For specific details, please go to the appropriate section of the newsletter.

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| April 30 - May 2 | Fresh Connections Women's Retreat |
| May 2 | Young at Heart Event—Opera—Elijah at CPCC |
| May 14-16 | Young Adult Men's Retreat |
| May 16 | RECEPTION FOR THE KELLERS
Everyone is invited to a catered lunch honoring Steve Keller & family. The reception will follow immediately after the worship service at noon. A basket for cards of thanks and encouragement will be available. The lunch is free but donations will be graciously accepted! |
| June 14 - 21 | St. Giles provides Shelter for Women in Need |
| Sept. 18 & 19 | St. Giles Women's Retreat |

St. Giles Kids Calendar

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| May 16 | Jr. King's Kids Choir will sing on Sunday morning during the worship service. |
| May 23 | King's Kids End of the Year Cookout |
| May 30 | Memorial Day (No Sunday PM Meeting) |
| June 6 | Summer King's Kids Begins! |
| June 12 | Trip to Linville Falls for 5th & 6th Graders |
| June 14 – 20 | No Wednesday or Sunday pm Kids Meetings due to Outreach to Homeless Women |
| July 16 – 18 | Camp Kidjam at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC |
| August 2 – 6 | SonQuest Rainforest VBS |

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Comunidad de las Naciones (Hispanic Ministry)

We held our second baptismal service on April 11th at the Marion Diehl Center. Edil and Esaú had both given their testimonies at a celebratory lunch before the baptism, and then the whole church went together to the service. Everyone participated by reading scriptures and worshipping. We cheered and clapped as each man came up out of the water – and the others in the pool for public swim joined us in that, too! Now others want to be baptized also.

In our Sunday morning Bible study we are getting ready to conclude our study of the Holy Spirit; then we will move on to the book of Romans.

We provide simultaneous translation at our services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, and all are welcome to come and visit. You will receive a warm Latino welcome and make some new friends from other countries, so please feel free to join us and lift up the name of Jesús with us.

- Nick Bowen, Comunidad Pastor

Young Adults Class (Ages 18 –35)

The Young Adult Men will be heading to the mountains (Blue Ridge) from May 14-16 for a Retreat. Our theme will be, 'Being a Man of God in an Ungodly World'. Join us for a time of in-depth Bible Study, personal time alone, rafting/hiking, uplifting fellowship and some good food. We will leave from the church at 11:00 am on Friday, 14th and return on Sunday, 16th at 10:30 am. The cost is \$20. For more info, call 704-865-4656 or e-mail rslate@carolina.rr.com.

- Rick Slate

Young at Heart (Ages 55+)

CPCC Opera Theatre Presents Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn Sunday, May 2 @ 2:30pm in the Halton Theater. Those who have registered are to bring a bag lunch and we will eat lunch in the Gym after the service and then head to CPCC. Drinks will be provided.

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Children's Ministry

Jr. King's Kids Choir

The Jr. King's Kids Choir will sing on Sunday, May 16th during the worship service in honor of Pastor Keller! The children are practicing each Sunday night at King's Kids and will have a final rehearsal on May 16th at 10:00 am in the King's Kids' Room. If your child normally attends Sunday School, they will be picked up from their class at 10:00 by the King's Kids leaders. All children are asked to wear white shirts and navy blue pants/skirts.

King's Kids End-of-the-Year Cookout

All kids and parents are invited to join us as we meet together for our final regular season meeting on May 23rd. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets and a delicious side dish to share with everyone. We will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream. We will take some time to bless and honor our rising 7th graders!

Linville Falls & Caverns Trip – 5th & 6th Graders

All 5th & 6th graders are invited to meet at the church on June 12th at 9:00 am for a fun day trip up to the Linville Wilderness Gorge! Please bring a bag lunch (drinks provided) and hiking shoes. After we see the falls, we will take a tour of the caverns and then stop for dinner on the way home. We should return to Charlotte around 7:00 pm.

Mid-Atlantic Christian Education Association 2010 Update

From Sharon Seward: "There may be nothing quite so inspiring as gathering with a group of fellow Children's Ministry Directors, men and women who share a passion for mentoring and teaching our next generation of Christian leaders. This year's MACEA conference met at First Baptist Church in uptown Charlotte. Christian leaders from as far away as New York shared with us their best ideas on what is working with kids today and I came away excited to put some of those ideas into action the very next Sunday. However, the most important thing I came away with was a renewed commitment to pray. I attended a workshop titled "The Answer - Prayer" and as I sat in a class packed with other leaders, I realized prayer truly is the answer for all of our questions about what the Lord would have us do next and where He wants to take the children's ministry (all ministries) at St. Giles. Prayer is the answer for our children, for our parents, for our leaders...for all of us."

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Women's Ministry

By Missy Evans

Esther: Feast of Purim Recap

On March 17th, with almost 50 ladies present, we enjoyed a joyous evening of feasting and gladness! Several women gave of their gifts of hospitality to create a beautiful room with handmade centerpieces and significant "turn it around" posters. A satisfying menu of authentic Purim dishes was provided by Family Catering (The Nelson Family). And, many women joined in the fun by dressing up in VERY CREATIVE costumes! Karis Lotz, Karen White and Lisa Johnson took home prizes for their fare! (Ask them about it...) The reading of the Whole Megillah was another highlight of our night together.

Along with many laughs, we also received encouragement from one another as we discussed important "take aways" from our study of the book of Esther. Small group discussions led to times of prayer. Together, we reveled in the goodness of God and closed the night with worship led by the gifted Sarah Lantz.

Gift giving and receiving enriched the evening. The benevolence fund at church received a corporate gift of \$200. Sharon Wohlfarth had to take two carts to carry all the food items donated to Loaves and Fishes!! And over 10 bags of clothes were donated to Comunidad! Each woman departed with a gift of friendship given by another. Our hearts were made glad by the spirit of generosity! Many thanks to those that gave to make this a precious event for women!

Looking Ahead

May 16th: Curious about Women's ministry? Eager to serve in the upcoming year? Wonder if maybe you have a part to play in what God is doing in the hearts of women? Come join me, Missy Evans for an informational coffee on Sunday, May 16th in the session room at 9:30 am during the Sunday school hour. There is no agenda for this time and no commitment will be expected from you if you attend. This will be a time to ask questions, hear what God is speaking for women in the coming year and pray. Call me (704)543-9907 with questions.

September 18th & 19th: Igniting Hearts Women's Conference, hosted by St. Giles Women. Guest speaker, Kimber Britner. More to come on this pivotal event scheduled for the fall! GET READY!

If you have a stirring to facilitate any small groups in the fall, please let me know. We will also be looking for host homes for these groups. Feel free to pass along ideas for these groups. Missy Evans (704)543-9907.

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Leadership

"Esther, *along with* Mordecai, wrote with full authority..." (Es 9:29) None of us are autonomous in the spirit. We will partner *along with* others in the body of Christ to see God's promises accomplished. What are "along withs"? How do they present themselves and what are we supposed to do with them?

Early this fall, in a simple conversation with an acquaintance, God birthed an *along with*. The result of that surprising connection was a band of 4 women, meeting to pray once a week with the purpose of breathing the life of the Holy Spirit wherever He directs. None of these four are "best friends", but all believe there is a season and a purpose in this connection.

Aletheia Ministries is another example of God orchestrating *along withs* for a God ordained destiny. The initial team was formed from a group of women that started meeting over 3 years ago to explore prophetic ministry. The Lord exposed a common passion in a few of the women and a partnership was forged. Now, because of their willingness to recognize this connection as a God given partnership, they are working together to bring inner freedom to multitudes of women, men & children!

Often your *along with* is the person right in front of you. The unexpected one that may even agitate you! Do you sense the Lord drawing you to another or do you find you keep showing up together in the same places?

Often, when we sense the Lord is encouraging a connection with someone, we don't have the full picture of what or why. Take a baby step and ask God the question, what? Then open the door to the opportunity. Perhaps you might take the person for coffee and ask them about their passions. Or, invite someone to minister with you in what you are already doing. If the Lord is bringing you together, it will be evident as you spend time together. Let the Lord lead and give it time to grow.

Ask yourself and the Lord:

1. Who are my along withs? Who is the Lord working to partner you with so that His purposes can be accomplished?
2. What task should we be about? What is the work that the Lord has brought you together to accomplish? Sometimes it is simply to start the work. Others may finish it in another time.

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Also, be aware of times and ways the Lord is shifting your connections. Respond in obedience to these adjustments too! As Steve exhorted us, change is painful, but stale connections drain our time, our passions and vision. The Lord will graciously unplug us from connections that are past their time, if we willingly release them to Him.

A praying friend of mine felt that 2010 was a year of supernatural strategies, divine connections and holy alignment. Let's risk seeing who the Lord may be connecting us with and for what divine purpose!

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The Nehemiah Vision Committee

In January you received a letter stating our first step towards a comprehensive plan to expand and/or improve our facilities. Since then, over 30 members of the congregation were interviewed by the architectural firm WGM Design. The firm has come back to us with several very exciting options, taking into consideration completely, our financial abilities and concerns. We plan to reveal more to you in the next few months.

I want to leave you with some prophetic wisdom from Rick Slate, who wrote to the Nehemiah Vision Committee back in 2009 following the Building Committee's initial presentation to the congregation: "You will recall that much of the book of Jeremiah deals with Jeremiah prophesying concerning the coming invasion of Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar and the eventual exile of the people to Babylon. Jeremiah was later imprisoned by King Zedekiah for prophesying about Jerusalem and the land and people being exiled. During his imprisonment (Jer.32), the Lord revealed to Jeremiah that his uncle would come to him and ask him to buy a field that he (Jeremiah) had "the right of redemption" to (vs.7). Jeremiah's uncle then came to Jeremiah, confirming the Lord's word, requesting him to purchase the field (vs.8). Now the irony of this request by Jeremiah's uncle is obvious. Why purchase a piece of property that you know will shortly be subject to a foreign king's domain? The timing could not be more "untimely" nor the request more ludicrous, humanly speaking. Yet, Jeremiah by an act of faith (believing that this was what the Lord was calling him to do), stepped out and purchased the land. Then (and only then) the Lord gave him this word: "Houses and fields and vineyards will again be bought in the land" (vs.15). In other words, "Jeremiah, in due time both the people and the land will be restored".

Circumstances such as the current economic crisis, (and now pastor transition) are factors that should be considered in pursuing a building project. Yet, circumstances should never be the determining factor in deciding whether to proceed or not. The Lord's ways are often unconventional and call us to take steps that counter conventional thinking. Obedience always requires faith. And faith as you well know is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebs.11:1). God's methods or ways never have been nor will be as our ways. Jeremiah's step of obedience and the Lord's response prompted him to pray: "Ah, Lord God! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You.(vs.17)"

Thank you, Rick for your biblical encouragement.

Marlise Newman, for the Nehemiah Vision Committee

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Loaves & Fishes

By Ron James, Volunteer

Jewish Client Requests Prayer

Each volunteer that prays with clients at Loaves and Fishes is expressing faith, hope, and charity for the people that come to us for food. This is currently working on a very positive note, based on what we heard at the pantry today.

Abraham, an elderly Jewish man that would not initially let us pray for him, gave us a pleasant update on his life and the blessings he has been receiving once he agreed to let us pray for him. He is now able to pay for most of their bills and even though his elderly wife fell and had to go by ambulance to the hospital, she's doing all right. He also has a business venture underway and believes it will soon be a moneymaker for him. Today, he eagerly reached out his hands after he told me how his life was improving and asked, "Please pray for me. Thank you for your help and please continue praying for us."

Other Loaves & Fishes Praise Reports

Mary reported her SSI disability claim was approved since we prayed for her last month. "I had not heard about it for nine months, you prayed for me, and I then heard it was approved," she said. Melissa told us she now has a part-time job and her college classes are going much better since we last prayed for her.

One of the pantry's volunteers told us today that her daughter Cindy, who all the volunteers prayed for in our prayer meeting at the pantry last week, just got a job. If you want to see miracles happening, come to our Loaves and Fishes pantry and pray with us.

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Reaching Outward to Serve Women in Need

In a recent article in the Charlotte News & Observer, local churches were prompted to consider opening their doors to Charlotte's homeless women.

Due to the merger of several homeless shelters coupled with the seasonal closing of the city's major winter-shelter effort, many women have been forced to live on the streets, in the woods and under bridges. The Salvation Army is asking local churches to help house these women for up to a week at a time starting in April. Thankfully, Pat & Tip Johnson saw this article and felt the tug of the Lord. They quickly brought this need before the Session and offered to lead this very exciting ministry opportunity.

Do you ever ask the Lord, "How, Father can I make a difference in those hurting in our city?" Well, the Lord has provided a way you can make a difference in the lives of 12 homeless women. We don't even have to travel to do it. He is bringing them to our church gym for a week - June 14 - 21. We will be feeding them dinner, breakfast, and providing them a safe, comfortable place to sleep. Our small groups have already generously signed up to provide all the dinners. If you would like to provide some lunch "fixings" or breakfast, make cookies for snacks, help set up cots and make beds, bring items for toiletry bags, or help with car pools, you will have an opportunity to sign up on May 2nd. Please begin praying for the twelve women God will bring to our doorstep and pray that our hearts will overflow with love for them. In His love, Tip and Pat Johnson (co-chairs)

Members of the Planning Committee:

Sharon and Frank Bynum

Dan and Julie Kovasckitz

Sharon and Steve Seward

Rick and Karin Slate

Deanne Smith

Gina and Robert Stasko

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Missionaries We Support

Alongside Ministries

Doni & Gail Lilo (Albania)

EPC

Paul & Elizabeth Branch (Argentina)

Jonathan & Fozia Young (India)

Exciting Word Ministries

Steve & Cornelia Robinson (India)

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminar

Chaplaincy: Percy Burns

International Friendship Ministries

Raj & Cathy Aluri (South Carolina)

Rooted, Inc.

Michael & Esther Franklin (Scotland)

Mission to Unreached Peoples

Corey & Angelika Booher (Poland)

The Watkins

Wieslaw Ziembra

Wycliffe

Ron & Marty Barkey

Bill & Sally Dyck

Rister & Esther Jenkins

Mark & Kirstin Jenkins

John & Bonnie Price

Mary Walker

YWAM, Tyler TX

Glenn & Carol Price

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From Rister and Esther Jenkins: "It has been exciting to have been invited to several meetings for visiting groups from distant churches. Esther has had a good time remembering things that happened on the field, and the visitors enjoy/get excited about the stories. Like our story about going to Nairobi, Africa and then being sent to three other countries in East Africa to teach the use of linguistic programs on the computer. We thank God for each time we speak, and then rejoice in the fond memories of that time in Africa."

From Jessica Tabler: "Greetings from Charlotte! I returned home to NC Tuesday evening April 13. The last few months in Nepal just seemed to have flown by! I said good bye to Nepal on Feb 12 and then spent a month in Indonesia followed by a month in Thailand. It was wonderful to reconnect with so many dear friends in various places in Indonesia and it was difficult to say goodbye again. Indonesia is still my first love. I spent the last month of my travels in Thailand attending an intensive teaching certification course in Chiang Mai. I'm happy to report that I am now certified to teach English as a second language via Cambridge University. I will most likely be looking for teaching jobs in Asia for my next adventure, but I am still praying for discernment about where exactly I should be. Thank you for remembering me in your prayers over the past months! With love and gratitude."

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From Corey & Angelika Booher: “Dear Friends, If you’ve all been following world events lately, you’ll have noticed by now the volcano erupting in Iceland. The ash has closed all the airports in Germany and in most of Western Europe. Scientists in Iceland are saying they can’t estimate when it’ll be safe to fly again until the eruption stops. For now, it’s still going strong. Some scientists have been quoted as saying it could go on for weeks. We’ve purchased tickets to fly to Charlotte on the 26th of April. Mom and dad haven’t even seen Sammy in real life yet, and he’s already 9 months old! Please pray with us that the Creator of this volcano, of ash, of earth and sky would put a lid on this thing and send a wind to blow that ash away. Please pray that we won’t have problems with the airlines about the tickets or with the travel dates. Thank you!”

From Glenn & Carol Price: Glenn Price reports that YWAM MercyWorks is continuing to send short-term medical and construction teams to Haiti to serve alongside our YWAM Haiti teams in St. Marc and Port-au-Prince. “We are seeing many give their lives to Jesus, and a real turning away from voodoo and witchcraft coupled with a genuine turning to the Lord among the people.”

On April 28-30, Glenn is participating in the national adoption conference known as Summit VI. This year’s conference is being held at John Piper’s church in Minneapolis, MN. A special emphasis of the conference will be the Haitian orphan situation. Hope For 100, a local campaign Glenn has been heading up the Awareness Team for over the past 15 months, is nearing their goal of finding homes for 100 orphans and foster kids. They have now placed 92 children, including Favor, the 6-year-old daughter Glenn and Carol adopted from Ethiopia last fall.

From Marty Barkey: Fresh Connections Women Retreat in Mexico April 30-May 2 (ministering onsite April 26-May 6). Needed for 50 women: 3X5 cards with Scripture verses written on each one, mascara, eye shadow, pierced earrings, brown sugar, spaghetti, chili and taco seasoning packets, flavored teas, flavored coffees (small) decaf, flavored creamers, chocolate chips. \$300 still needed. Contact Marty Barkey for more info marty_barkey@sil.org. Fliers with more information are available in the foyer.

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Four of our Missionary Families will be here in Charlotte this during the month of May:

Bill and Sally Dyck
Corey and Angelika Booher
Doni and Gail Lilo
Jonathan and Fozia Young

Look for them to say hello and please be in prayer that their time here will be refreshing and encouraging.

Outreach to Papua New Guinean Youth in our Valley



From John & Bonnie Price: "For over a year now a youth drop-in center has been available here near Ukarumpa on Saturday afternoons. The vision began with John and Wendy Bailey, from Northern Ireland (shown seated in the last photo below), who are here in the country with the National Agricultural Research Institute. The "Haus Mambu" or Bamboo House, named because of the bamboo on the outside walls, is now in what was the library of our old primary school next to our mission

airstrip, before we built a new campus on center. Youth from all over our Aiyura Valley come to read, work on puzzles, participate in the weekly drawing contest, practice guitar, listen to music, play ping-pong, kick a soccer ball around outside weather permitting, and hear about the Lord. This has been a real haven for some of them who have experienced fighting in their villages during these recent months. In the above right photo you can see part of the colorful mural that was painted by some of the local artists. On occasion, Bonnie has gone out to participate in this outreach. The group photo above was the last day for Christian worker and friend Badi Villa (middle with the white shirt). Sadly but happily, she has decided to go back to her own people in another province and help translate the Bible into their language. The Baileys are needing to return to Northern Ireland in June, and are praying for a couple to take their place. Recently OM (Operation Mobilization) has expressed an interest in this project, so we are hoping this will be the answer to our prayers! Thank you for standing with us!"

