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Building a Beloved Community Through "Extensions of Grace"

Adventure 2009: As you go...make disciples

by Bill & Dian Taylor

Dian and Bill Taylor will travel to Kiev, Ukraine on June 25 to assist in a Conversational English Camp for college students. The camp is associated with Bob & Patricia Grahmann and IFES (world-wide Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF), more or less). Please pray for us before and during this time.

The Camp uses the Bible in the mornings and other material in the afternoon to strengthen the students' grasp of English with a strong emphasis on fun and games as well as academics. The underlying purpose is to "invite them to come onto the porch of the Church to be exposed to life inside the Church, mostly by seeing Christians in action and fellowship in real life". We will bring some Great Speeches, Poems, Songs and Stories for our afternoon workshops.

Flexibility is one major key to the Camp's success, and therefore, one major challenge for the Staff, especially staff who are used to orderly, pre-planned ways of doing

things (e.g., Bill). Our flights to and from Kiev have been purchased, touching down in Chicago and Germany on the way. Faith that God is leading us on this adventure with good purposes in mind both for the students, the staff and for us is another key for us. For many of the students the fellowship of the staff will be the clearest witness to the claims of our Lord Jesus Christ that they will have seen in their lives. We would be pleased for you to participate with us not only by praying for us in matters of faith, fellowship, flexibility and flights and for the Camp and for the students who will attend the Camp and for their friends and acquaintances after the Camp but also by giving us suggestions about speeches, poems, songs and stories that work well in learning modern English and learning good character. Contact us at 836-5013 or billdian@tds.net with your suggestions.

Finances: If you would like to support the camp and us financially, write your check to "IVCF" with "IFES Ukraine English" on the memo line and give the check

to us. IFES will write you a tax-deductible receipt. If we receive more than we need to "be there" then we can discuss how to support us to "get there".

Dian has wanted to go on a mission trip for years, although her life has been a mission trip, so to speak, for decades already. Bill got a taste of overseas missions in 2005 during his trip to the Middle East just after the Pakistan earthquake. That taste developed into his involvement with HPC Disaster Response Team (DiRT) work after Hurricane Katrina and flooding here in the upper Midwest.

Dian taught in public high school for four years and also home schooled our three children into their middle school years. Bill's mother was an English teacher. Both Bill and Dian have led Bible studies over the years, often with students from here and abroad. They have been faithful attendees and members of HPC since 1985.

God bless you and guide you, as we all walk on with Him in His adventures for us!

Pastoral Search Committee selected

After consulting with the Deacons and the Deaconesses and engaging in much prayer, the HPC Elder Board is pleased to announce the formation of our Senior Pastor Search Committee.

The members are Elders David Miller and Archie MacKinney and Members Lloyd Biddle, Dan Pinka, Barb Morin, Ingrid Gruett, Shirley Diederich, Elden Harms and Kris Pepler. Please begin to pray in earnest for them and for their most important work.



Search committee (seated left to right): Kris Pepler, Archie MacKinney, Elden Harms, Lloyd Biddle, Ingrid Gruett; (standing) Dan Pinka, Barb Morin, David Miller, Shirley Diederich.

Annual
Congregational
Meeting
Sunday, May 17
6:00 p.m.

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High Point Christian School

Educate their minds, Touch their hearts, Impact their lives

HPCS principal search update

by Bill Dickmeyer, Principal Search Committee Chair

The search for our new principal has entered its final stages, as we near the end of the candidate interview process. We are on schedule to make a recommendation to both the School Committee and High Point Church Elder Board no later than the week of April 13. Upon those approvals, a contract will be presented to the candidate for acceptance.

I know that many of you are anxious to

know who the next principal will be. I appreciate your patience as we move through this process, and hope you understand the confidential nature of these deliberations, given that in all of the candidates cases, they are currently in either teaching or administrative positions. The committee feels the Lord's leading in this effort and we are confident we will present a candidate who will be a good fit for our school and its ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers!

2009 Skate-a-thon wrap-up

The annual school Skate-a-thon was held on Thursday morning, February 26, at Fast Forward. Students and teachers laced up their skates and had a wonderful morning – and successful FUNdraiser. As usual our students enjoyed seeing Mrs. (Small) Roe participate in the limbo!

The Skate-a-Thon awards assembly was held Friday, March 20, in the sanctuary. Between collected pledges and our spare change competition between the classes HPCS raised **\$7,740.00**. The spare change

challenge winner for K-4th grade is Mrs. Courts' Kindergarten class with \$207.31 and the winner for 5th-8th grade is Mrs. Kunde's 8th grade class with \$352.10.



Each will receive a pizza and movie party. The 8th grade class wins the "Traveling Goofy Award" and a swim party for the Class with the Most Total Monies Raised (spare change and pledges).

Scholastic Book Fair a success

Three days in March found the Micah Center turned into a giant book fair for readers of all ages. Families and friends of HPCS purchased books of all types, ate pizza (Tuesday night) – and raised money to promote literacy in and out of school. Teachers, staff and the library received over \$1,100 in books and another \$1,400 in credit to use for purchases from the Scholastic instructional catalog.



Upcoming Dates

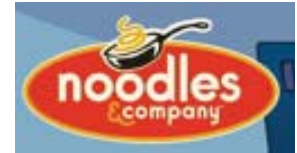
May 8
HPCS Spring Music Concert

May 15
HPCS Field Day @
Elver Park

May 20
HPCS Band Concert

June 3
Grades 1-8 Last Day of
School/Awards Ceremony

Graduation 6:30 p.m. in
the sanctuary



Dinner Night
Tuesday, April 29
4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Enrollment continues at HPCS

by Alicia Lundal

It's never too late to consider starting a student (this year!) at HPCS. Many of our classrooms currently have openings (we have students starting in the 4th quarter), and there is still space for the upcoming 2009-10 school year. If you would like to schedule a tour or gather more information about HPCS, please contact Alicia Lundal, Director of School Relations, at alundal@highpointchristianschool.org or call 836-7170 ext. 138.

2009-10 Enrollment

3/4 yr old Preschool	<i>4 spots left</i>
Pre-K	Full
K	Full
Grade 1	Full
Grade 2	<i>Come join our 2nd grade</i>
Grade 3	Full
Grade 4	<i>3 spots left</i>
Grade 5	<i>You would love our future 5th graders</i>
Grade 6	Full
Grade 7	<i>20 students enrolled</i>
Grade 8	<i>17 students enrolled</i>
<i>Total of 188 (excludes preschool)</i>	



HPC Team returns from amazing trip to the Dominican Republic

"Wow!" sums up what God has DONE in Los Botados

by Jenny Boese

In January 2009 four High Point Church (HPC) members traveled to Los Botados, Dominican Republic to learn about all that God has been doing since the HPC's "Dominican Republic Partnership" began back in 2000. Team members included Vonda Shaw, Carol Boe, Jenny Boese and Rick Zynda. Accompanying them was Ryan Brown, Teams Ministry Coordinator with Food for the Hungry (FH) in Phoenix.



L to R: Jenny Boese, HPC sponsored missionary Martires Olivero, Vonda Shaw, Carol Boe, Rick Zynda, FH-US Teams Ministry Coordinator Ryan Brown.

The DR Partnership is now entering the final few years of this Partnership, as FH typically works in a community 10-15 years so as not to create dependence on outside resources or people. This year's trip to Los Botados was to spend significant time with FH-DR staff, community leaders, church leaders, families and sponsored children so HPC could hear their first-hand account of transformation in Los Botados. After a week of amazing stories and examples of transformation, the phrase for this trip was, "Wow, look what God has DONE in Los Botados!"

The team could not have imagined all the things they would hear during their six days there. Examples of parents-children-families coming to Christ, examples of a community working together for their own advancement, examples of a Mayor who is on fire to help his community, examples of a church-its youth meeting the physical and spiritual needs of their neighbors! WOW, look what God has done!"

But don't take our word for it, these are their words as they try to explain this journey of transformation...

"You haven't given us the fish. You have taught us how to fish." Josie De Leon, head of women's ministries at La Senda, and wife of Pastor De Leon

"HPC has been instrumental in setting a dream for Los Botados into motion." Pastor Miguel De Leon, "La Senda" Evangelical Church, with whom HPC has partnered since 2000

"You have been like a window that God is working through." Frank, a leader in the evangelical church, La Senda

"Here you have a local government that's here to support you to help this community." Mayor Ramon Santos, raised in Los Botados, and committed to improving his community through technology, computer classes, resources and so much more!

"We want you to stay forever, but understand there are other communities that may need your help." Felix, one of the founders of Los Botados who came to know Christ, as did his whole family, because of the work of FH/HPC DR Partnership`

"FH has given support and immense love. With FH/HPC we have received hope and encouragement and we can do it. For me, you're like family." Sponsored child through the DR Partnership

The DR Partnership cannot put all the stories into this article and is planning on a variety of ways to tell you more about God's amazing work in Los Botados, and, prepare for our final years, as we strive to "finish well." Watch for more details in an upcoming "Kingdom Builder Connection" newsletter, a special sharing time slated for May 31., Extensions of Grace articles, website updates and more!!

Contact Vonda Shaw if you have any questions at 608-358-9979 or shawrvee@aol.com.

MCF learns about creation

by Shawn & Laura Helwig

How many times over the years have you heard that it takes millions of years to create a fossil? Depending on your area of education, it may have been hundreds or even thousands. So...if it really takes millions of years to create a fossil, how would you explain a fossilized cowboy boot? Or a fossilized bowler hat? How would you explain a fossilized dinosaur footprint with a human footprint inside of it? The reality is that under the right circumstances, fossils can be created very quickly, as in the worldwide flood.

These are only a few of the interesting findings that we learned about during the first in a two-part seminar hosted by MCF on February 15 and March 22. In The Be-

ginning Ministries is a "creation ministry for the whole family" that is run by Russ and Laurie Hanson and their family. The Hanson's have been called by God to a full time mission field in which they share the truth of God's word through Creation Science. During their presentation, Russ discussed Creation Science combining both scripture with archeological findings. Laurie presented the same information to a group of children using a hands-on demonstration of fossils, bones and other interesting artifacts.

Russ' background as a geologist and his first hand field experience gives him instant credibility and his extensive knowledge of scripture helps to reinforce the concepts in his presentations and publications. Russ



has worked hard to research the truth about archeology, geology and science in general from a Biblical perspective that we are not typically exposed to in secular culture. All too often, the predominant evolutionary based views distort the facts. Therefore, we need to take an active role in understanding the truth behind the science from a Christian perspective and share that truth with our children.

To learn more about In The Beginning, visit www.inthebeginninginc.org.

Church calendar for April & May, 2009

If your event is not listed here, please contact the church office at 836-3236 or scheduler@highpointchurch.org

<i>Worship Celebration</i>	<i>Sundays</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>
Special Events		
Easter Egg-stravaganza	April 4	9:30 a.m.
Good Friday Service (office closes at 2:00 p.m.)	April 10	1:00 p.m. Discovery
Class	April 18 & 25, May 2	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mother's Day	May 10	
Town Hall Meeting	May 11	6:30 p.m.
Annual Congregational Meeting	May 17	6:00 p.m.
Memorial Day	May 25	Office Closed
Student Ministries Steve Dale (358-6375)		
Sunday School (Jr. & Sr. High)	Sundays	10:50 a.m.
Junior High Students – GIG	Thursdays (ends May 7)	6:30 p.m.
Senior High Students – CEL	Wednesdays (ends May 6)	6:30 p.m.
Children's Ministries Kathleen Shrader (836-3236 x129)		
Infant & Toddler Nursery	Sundays	9:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Early Childhood Sunday School (ages 2-5)	Sundays	9:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Kid's Celebration (grades 1-5)	Sundays	10:50 a.m.
Awana	Wednesdays (ends May 13)	6:30 p.m.
Sing, Dance & Play	Thursdays (ends May 14)	9:30 a.m.
Revive! Special Needs Respite	April 18, May 16	9:00 a.m.
Adult Ministries		
Bible Fellowships	Sundays	10:50 a.m.
West Side Men's Bible Study	Mondays	6:30 a.m.
First Place 4 Health (<i>Moving Forward Together</i>)	Mondays	7:00 p.m.
Men's Manuscript Study	Tuesdays (bi-weekly)	6:30 a.m.
Women at the Well	Tuesdays (ends May 12)	9:00 a.m.
Precepts (men & women)	Tuesdays (ends May 12)	7:00 p.m.
Men's Fellowship	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Precepts (women)	Wednesdays (ends May 13)	12:00 noon
Evening Women's Bible Study	Thursdays (ends April 16)	7:00 p.m.
BASIC Singles Ministry	Fridays	7:00 p.m.
Men's Monthly Breakfast	April 11, May 9	7:30 a.m.
BASIC Leadership Meeting	April 5, May 3	12:30 p.m.
Baptism Information Session	April 7	6:30 p.m.
Care Ministries		
Divorce Care & Divorce Care for Kids	Wednesdays (ends April 29)	7:00 p.m.
HPC Communal Prayer	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
Outreach Ministries		
Global Missions Team Meeting	April 15 & 22, May 20 & 27	4:00 p.m.
Men's Shelter Meal Prep	April 3, May 1	6:00 p.m.
Missional Church Leadership Team Meeting	April 2, May 7	6:00 p.m.
DR Partnership Presentation	May 31	12:15 p.m.
Music & Worship Arts (John Georgeson, 836-3236 x119)		
Celebration Choir Rehearsals	Wednesdays	6:45 p.m.
Administrative Ministries		
Deaconess Meeting	April 13, May 11	7:00 p.m.
Elder Meeting	April 9 & 23, May 14	7:00 p.m.
Finance Team Meeting	April 15, May 20	7:00 a.m.
High Point Christian School 836-7170		
HPCS Committee Meeting	April 20, May 18	7:00 p.m.
Pancake Breakfast	April 25	8:00 a.m.
Dining Out at Noodles	April 29	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
HPC/PSO Silent Auction	May 1	6:00 p.m.
Spring Concert	May 8	7:00 p.m.
Band Concert	May 20	7:00 p.m.