



Oskaloosa 1st CRC Newsletter

January – February 2026

A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

--Mary Fairchild

From Pastor Spronk's Desk



CALL TO PRAYER IN 2026

Over the last several weeks, in the aftermath of the Multiply Conference, Pastor Erik and I have been talking to a lot of CRC people in Iowa and across the United States and Canada. Many of our conversations are looking ahead to 2026 as we, and many others, seek to guide a vision for the CRC in our Classis and Synod. I know I have said it a lot lately, but I am so excited for a renewed vision of revival in the CRC, and it sure seems like the Spirit is at work in our churches.

In the coming months, Pastor Erik and I are hoping to share more opportunities for our church to connect with other churches and leaders. But as the calendar turns to 2026, our first opportunity for revival and renewal will begin with an emphasis on Prayer. In our AM services this winter, we will focus on the Lord's Prayer as we look at the final section of the Heidelberg Catechism.

If we are going to see revival in the CRC, prayer will be primary reason. As the Catechism reminds us, "God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them (Q&A 116)," and "God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word (Q&A 117)."

Furthermore, our CRC leaders in Thrive and Resonate are asking that our members "dedicate a weekly call to pray and fast for renewal in the CRC, for God to multiply disciples, leaders, and churches and renew our passion for church planting." After the Christmas break, I hope to have more information about how these weekly prayers will be distributed to the congregation, but please start now making this year a season of prayer in your personal, family and community worship practices.

To start, I'd invite you to pray this prayer in this new year:

Lord God, we pray that your Spirit may work powerfully in our church and our denomination in 2026. May you raise up disciples, leaders and churches. May we have renewed passion to seek the lost and to proclaim the gospel to the world. May we together seek Jesus, the light of the world. In His Name, Amen.

Pastor Jon

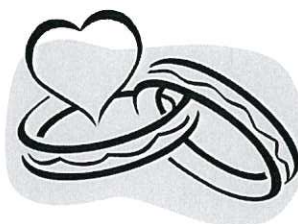
Church Family News



Mary Ann Van Kooten
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John & Ella (Owensby) Boender
~ 11/7/25



Aspen Jade Neff – 11/11/25
~ daughter of Chase & Caitlin

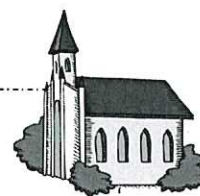
In Loving Memory:

JoDee VanKooten
12/14/25



Membership Updates

Transferred: Ken & Rosie Hol to Bethel CRC
~ 11/3/25



First CRC Council 2026

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| Pastor Jon Spronk | Pastor | 641-295-5155 673-5693 | (Cell) (Study) |
| Pastor Erik Kamp | Pastor | 641-417-9433 | |

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| Ryan Brink | Elder | 2029 | 641-660-3124 | Communion, Care Groups & Records Clerk |
| Lucas De Groot | Elder | 2027 | 641-777-4970 | Worship Committee |
| Roger Fynaardt | Elder | 2029 | 641-660-6893 | Fellowship |
| Allen Groenenboom | Elder | 2028 | 641-660-6719 | Building & Grounds Comm. |
| Tim Jabaay | Elder | 2027 | 319-899-8343 | Council Clerk, Elder's VP, & Pulpit Supply |
| Steve Kaisand | Elder | 2028 | 641-891-2672 | Elder's Clerk & Council VP |
| Doug Richards | Elder | 2027 | 641-660-6455 | Education Comm. & Library |
| Jeff Van Donselaar | Elder | 2027 | 641-295-3286 | Youth Elder |
| Leon Van Kooten | Elder | 2029 | 641-660-1602 | Evangelism Comm., Bulletin, Communion, Care Groups |
| Kirk Veenstra | Elder | 2028 | 641-295-3056 | President, Pulpit Supply |

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| Lucas De Bruin | Deacon | 2029 | 641-295-2883 | Ass't General Fund Treasurer |
| Dan McKinney | Deacon | 2028 | 641-931-6491 | Deacon Secretary & Disability Concerns |
| Brad McMahan | Deacon | 2029 | 641-295-0479 | Vicar & C.E.F. Treasurer |
| Chris Pierson | Deacon | 2027 | 641-670-0081 | General Fund Treasurer |
| Sherwin Plate | Deacon | 2028 | 641-670-0584 | Special Offerings Treasurer & Tech. Committee |

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Updated 11/11/25

Nursery Schedule

January - February 2026

A.M.

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| January 4 | Lisa DB, Peyton V Caleb R |
| January 11 | Heather C, Kristina G Nora DG |
| January 18 (Communion) | Kahrey C, Anna Belle C Dean DR, Hannah B |
| January 25 | Tiffany R, Luke VD Kohen DB |
| February 1 | Joan K, Kwynn DB Molly C |
| February 8 | Stacy B, Dylan R Becky G |
| February 15 | Karen F, Carolyn J Larissa H |
| February 22 | Ki B, Finn S Pippa DR |





Sew Day



The committee has set January 20, 2026
as our day to work on quilts.

We will be laying out quilt tops to sew, sewing quilt tops and
tying tops. We have plenty of yarn to use for tying but
bring your favorite needle or sewing machine.

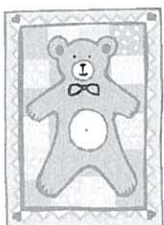
We will meet from 9 to 3, so you can come
as it fits into your schedule.

We will order pizza for lunch and the committee
will furnish snacks, coffee, and hot tea.

Come join us for a fun day of fellowship as we work
to help those who are less fortunate.

Questions?

Contact Delores at 641-295-2983
or Ellize at 641-295-6000.



Thursday Morning Coffee Break



GLOBAL COFFEE BREAK

DISCOVERING TOGETHER

Thursday Morning Coffee Break will be starting on January 8, 2026. We will be studying *The Parables of Jesus*. We invite you to come and join us in learning more about God's Word. We meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee from 9:30-10:00 a.m. At 10:00, we start our study with ladies from the community. If you have any questions, or would like a ride, please contact Gloria De Bruin (660-6856), Faye Drost (660-8978) or Delores Ryken (295-2983).



Dear First CRC Oshaloosa,

Thank you so much for your prayers and constant support of Lakeview! As a counselor and long-time camper of this wonderful organization, I wanted to tell you how much of an impact you make. Every week I get the privilege to watch campers fall in love with Jesus and feel safe here at LVC. This is only possible due to the amazing support of our donors.

Whether it be your time or your money, please rest assured that it does not go unnoticed. Every week I am blown away by your generosity. I have felt so loved by your gifts and because of you, I can share the gospel in amazing ways. Your finances help so many things happen, including letting Angel Tree campers come to camp. This week provides much needed stability to these campers and they get to learn more about their heavenly Father's great love. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Audrey Caman



Fall 2025

Dear *Friends at First CRC,*

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We pray that this letter finds you and your church family well and filled with God's love and blessings.

Lake View Camp was blessed with a great summer, and we continue to praise God for all that we were able to accomplish through the sharing of God's Word and the Power of the Holy Spirit. We give Him thanks and praise for a great summer staff, for all of the campers who attended this summer, and for all of the volunteers who came out to give of their time and talents. We also praise God for our special partnerships with churches like you who help us bring the good news of God's love, salvation, and grace to His children both young and old.

Summer 2025 Theme - Stories from a Boat

"Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and followed Him." Matthew 4:21B-22

"He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm." Mark 4:39-40

This past summer's campers were challenged by stories in the Bible that spoke about the importance of following Jesus and the deep faith required to do so. So many stories involve a boat in the Bible - Noah and the Ark, Jonah and the whale, Peter walking on water, the disciples and the storm, Jesus telling Peter and John and the other disciples to cast their nets on the other side of the boat, and so many more!

This summer was full of God's grace and goodness. With most of our church camps at full capacity, several weeks we needed to get creative to fit all in who were on a waitlist this summer. We really don't like turning away campers! Hundreds of campers - both new and returners - praising, worshiping, and learning about our God. We held 23 camps in 10 weeks this summer. 16 of those camps were church camps and 7 were Angel Tree Camps (camps for kids who have or have had a parent in prison).

We also keep busy during the "off season" with retreats, volunteer service days, work trips, and rental groups. We offered a Winter High School Retreat, Winter Middle School Retreat, and will be holding a Fall Middle School Retreat (which has filled up every bed and then some!). We held an Angel Tree Girls Retreat in the spring, and this fall will hold an Angel Tree Boys Retreat. We also partner with Central College Campus Ministries and hold two Elementary Angel Tree "Camp Fun Nights" during the school year. And this past spring, we took 29 youth and adults on a Spring Break Mission Trip to Cary, Mississippi. We will be well over 1,000 campers by the end of the year. Praise God!



Sweet memories made at Grand Camp!



The boat was a great visual for campers during camp worship.



New friends. Old friends. Camp friends!

Together in Christ

We work hard at Lake View Camp to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with every camper that attends. Together we are on the journey that God has called us both into, to share the Good News of Jesus. Sometimes we are called to climb into the boat, other times to get out and walk on water in faith, and other times to cast our nets on the other side to reap more hearts for Christ. We must persist in ministry to bring the Gospel of God's love, grace, and salvation to all who God allows us to reach. At Lake View, we daily seek out opportunities and ways that God is calling us to serve Him, minister to others, and make a difference. We love serving your youth, families, and church members!

We praise God for all the ways His churches support Lake View, for His Glory and for His Name!

As you determine how best to partner with Lake View, please consider giving in one of the following areas:

- General camp support to be used where most needed in the camping ministry
- Development to add additional buildings and recreation opportunities at Lake View Camp
- Camp scholarships (for Angel Tree campers, for other "at-risk" youth, and for families requesting financial assistance)

As you review your benevolent giving for the year, please pray about contributing to this growing ministry. Consider how your giving may help the kids and families relying on your support. Be encouraged that God is faithful to do more with the money we give back to Him than we could ever do ourselves. We continue to seek God's wisdom on how best to serve Him and His children, how to share the message of who He is and His great love, and how to be good stewards of the resources that He provides.

Thank you for all your church does for God's children. We look forward to partnering with your church and continuing to spread God's Word.

In Christ's Love and Service,

Thank You again for the many years you have partnered with the Camp in Ministry!

Diana L. Brummel We ♥ You!

Diana L. Brummel
Executive Director

Enclosed is a "Camper"/"Counselor" Thank You!

Just a reminder that during the off season (fall, winter, spring), our facilities are available to host a church retreat, leadership retreat, or a men's, women's, or youth retreat. We have already hosted all of the above, so let's look at dates for your church! We can help with programming and meals or we can just be your host site. Call or email to discuss the options. We would love to share our beautiful 264 acres with more of God's children—big and small!



Part of the 2025 Summer Staff. We had over 30 summer staff members this past summer!



Middle School "Survivor" Camp 2025
73 campers - what an amazing week!



Retreats are a great way to reconnect with campers and encourage them in their faith.

AREOPAGUS

a Christian Reformed campus ministry for Iowa State University



THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US AND WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY



DR. GRACE CAREY

Congratulations, Grace!

Areopagus club president & joy-bringer extraordinaire, Grace Carey, has received, after 5 years of diligent work and an A++ defense, her PhD in Microbiology!

Grace joined Areopagus in September 2022, and became a key member, culminating in her service as our club president this past semester. Grace brings kindness, wisdom, thoughtfulness and Christlikeness to every interaction. (Plus, she's a great cook!)

Grace will be moving to Peoria, Illinois, to continue in postdoctoral work- studying microbes for the USDA! We are so proud of your accomplishments, Grace! We'll miss you! Thank you for all you've given!



NEW LEADERS, NEW FRIENDS

God is always faithful! Last school yr, almost all of our core group graduated. Yet God brought new friends and leaders to carry forward our ministry this Fall:

Grace C, president; Caleb S, treasurer;

Matt, secretary; Brenna, media manager.

Thank you, team! We wouldn't be what we are without you!

*Special note on Brenna's work – Brenna helped Areopagus set up an Instagram presence. We now have 100 posts. Check us out for more photos. (QR link on 2nd pg).

God also brought to Areopagus several new ISU members & friends, first-time connections this Fall. We've been blessed by Bryce, Ben, Elliot, Madi, Sam, Isabel, Emily, Aaron, Alicia and Oliver.





ECCLESIASTES STUDY

This semester, we dove deep into the bracing book of Ecclesiastes. We went verse by verse, contrasting the smoke-like character of life where God is out of the picture, with the purpose and poise of an "above the sun" perspective. I especially relished seeing students making amazing connections to Jesus through the text. (Thanks also to Bryce for his introduction of the book in jazz form!)

WHAT WE'LL REMEMBER

- Serving together at **Food at First** (also w/ Trinity CRC: Trunk or Treat, Meals from Heartland, Clean Up Night & Faith Fest too)
- **Meal and Game** nights- this semester at Pastor Randy's and at the Copley's - so fun!
- **1:1 Bible studies** in Romans, Judges, Proverbs & John (also some 1:1 counseling)
- The **surprise 50th birthday party** the students threw for me! (happy tears!)
- Summer **Great Divorce** study
- **Multiply Conference** in Florida - Lora, Joel & board member Herb fired up for the work of multiplying disciples through' Areopagus
- Classis times (including youth @ **Osky!**)
- Weekly **ISU prayers** for revival
- **Coffee, Tea & English** -Hoda, Selima and Fatemeh (Thank you Rickiel & Yoyi!)



PRAY FOR US!

Spring 2026 marks a very unique season for our ministry. With Lora "loaned" part-time to the CRC magazine "The Banner" til July 26, and Trinity CRC (our main partner) entering a pastoral transition, Areopagus faces both opportunities and challenges. **Please pray for God's strength, wisdom and vision for Lora & all who lead & support this work -our student team, Board, Joel, Trinity, etc.**

- Focus and passion for gospel multiplication (1:1 discipleship).
- Spring study - tackling questions that can derail faith
- New steering team. Pres Matt, Treas. Caleb; Sec. Bryce (particularly discussions underway, spearheaded by Matt, re: creating a Christian Engineering club at Iowa State)
- **Transitions.** Thank you to Pastor Randy Raak, who served as our Board pres. and dear pastor & friend. Blessings on his new work & thanks to interim president, Mr. Andrew Friend
- That Jesus would be honored and glorified in all we do!

Children having fun at Good News Club!



GOOD NEWS CLUBS HAVE STARTED!

We praise God for the Clubs this fall.
We have 10 Clubs with over 105
children enrolled and growing! Please
pray as the Gospel goes forth!



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INDIAN LAKES CHAPTER HAPPENINGS FALL UPDATE 2025

FAITHFUL HELPERS

We have some helpers who have served faithfully for many years. One such person is Jan Doty. After helping with a *Good News Club*® for several years, she completed our 33-hour, college-accredited course called *Teaching Children Effectively*™.

She recently encouraged the staff with this note: "I want to thank you for teaching me many years ago to be a teacher. I have enjoyed teaching those youngsters, seeing them when they're grown up and have kids of their own. It's like where did those days go!? But most of all seeing their faces when we talk about Jesus, they light up when we tell them, JESUS LOVES YOU! I have cried happy tears today and sad tears. But I am thankful God gave me the ability to teach those kids. Praise the Lord! God bless you."
Jan Doty serving over 15 years

THEY DON'T WANT TO MISS!

One of our *Good News Club* teachers also teaches at children's church. One week, two sisters came for the first time and have continued faithfully since. Their grandpa told our teacher, "Oh, my grandkids don't ever want to miss children's church, they just LOVE the way you tell the Bible lessons!" This teacher praises the Lord for CEF® materials and training.

HE LOVES JESUS

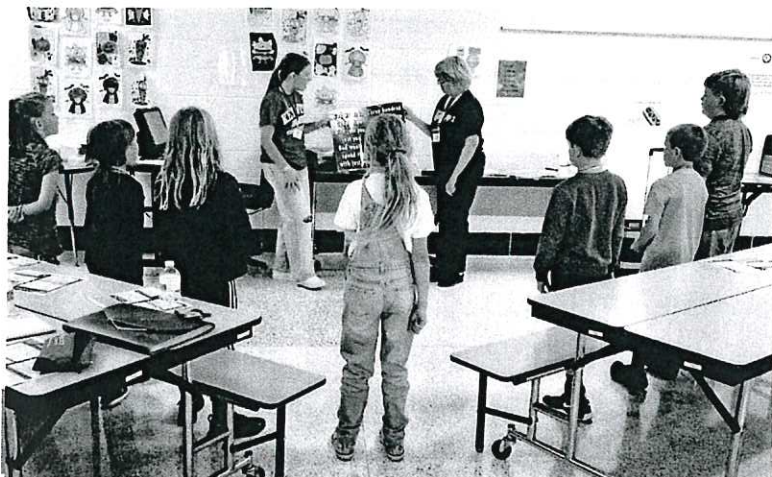
Some of the grandkids of a *5-Day Club*® host shared about Gavin, one of our former *CYIA*™ teenagers. The kids were so excited when they saw Gavin at his work. Gavin recognized the kids. The kids later told their grandma that they loved singing songs with Gavin. They said, "We know he loves Jesus because he shared the stories in lesson time!" They also said, "We loved playing games with the parachute in the gym with Gavin." They all loved the truck Gavin drove to Club!
Ruth Lowenberg, 5-Day Club Hostess

A GREAT START TO GOOD NEWS CLUB

At the first *Good News Club*, we walked into the classroom and there was a 5th grade boy who had attended faithfully last year. When he saw the *Good News Club* teacher, he had a huge smile on his face. The teacher was so excited to see him again and introduced him to the new teacher. She said, "This boy was the first one to pray and believe in Jesus as Savior last year!" He was also excited to tell us he had brought his brother with him this year!

Another young girl came faithfully to Club last year as well. After the invitation was given to believe in Jesus, she went to talk with a teacher. She put her trust in Jesus! Afterwards, she went around to each teacher, showing them the Bible she had been given last year at Club. She told the teachers she had been reading it and was bringing it to school!

31 children attended the first meeting of *Good News Club* that day and six children prayed for salvation, all praise to God!



Three of the older girls wanted to talk to someone about Jesus after the invitation was given. So, we walked to the commons and I told them that it is something that needs to be an individual decision, but they wanted to talk together. I asked each girl if they understood what sin was. All three gave good answers and knew that they were guilty of sin. I asked them about what Jesus had done for them and they were able to answer. After talking at great length, I knew that they were ready, and we prayed. I led, and they repeated after me. Amelia* was crying when we were done. When I asked her what was wrong, she said, "That it was just so emotional". I explained to them how they can share the good news with their families and friends. What a beautiful experience.

Diane Speas, Good News Club Volunteer

**name changed*

CLUB QUOTES

"My favorite part about working with CEF is the kids! They are so fun, especially during games. I also like helping with the stories because they're important for the kids to hear."

Wren, Good News Club Volunteer

"Club is a super fun way to get to know God and be with friends. Going has brought me closer to God by listening to the Bible stories and playing review games."

Faithful Good News Club Student



SHARE
The Word
CHANGE
Young Hearts



Your support in 2025 helped 19,126 young people in Venezuela to study God's Word.

Share the Gospel with Young People

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About 40% of those who studied God's Word through Bible League's ministry are children and youth. In 2025, nearly 690,000 children around the globe heard how much their heavenly Father loves them. Our new materials for children—the *Discovery Series*—have been instrumental in helping to engage more children in God's Word.

God's Word Transforms Lives and Communities

Stacey, 12, lives in a slum area in Nairobi, Kenya. Like so many tweens trying to navigate the world and figure out their place in it, Stacey fell into the wrong crowd. She began to disobey her parents and cause trouble. She recalls, "I became a great burden to my parents and even to teachers in schools." Her parents were not believers, and she had never known about Jesus—until her school began using Bible League's materials in her classroom.

Through studying God's Word, Stacey understood she needed to change the way she was living and make better decisions. She beams, "While doing the booklet, I realized I needed to change by making the right decision of receiving Jesus."

Since then, Stacey has seen profound change in her life. She beams, "What I loved before, and thought was the best, I came to realize it's only being with Jesus that gives real, true life, joy, and peace."



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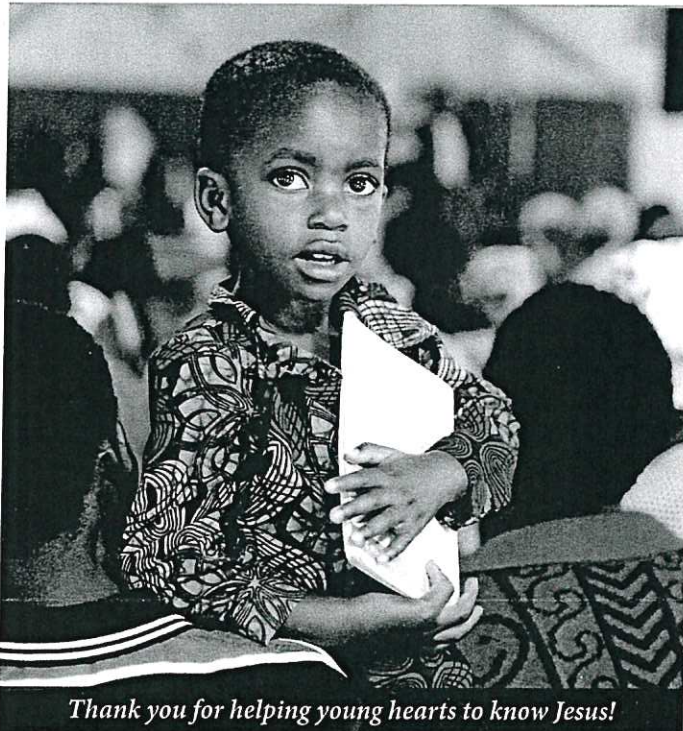
God's Word Transforms Lives (*continued*)

She stopped hanging out with the wrong crowd, began going to church, and implemented prayer within her family. The young evangelist explains how they now pray as a family every morning before school and every night before bed. Stacey gushes, "This has brought great transformation in our home."

Stacey's story shows what's possible when you help a child know Jesus. Reaching kids with the love of Jesus creates a ripple effect throughout their families—and their communities. Thank you for your faithful support in helping to shape the next generation of Christ followers. You are a blessing!

Prayer Requests

- Ask the Lord to transform Siyabonga's heart, a homeless young person in South Africa, who has been going through a Bible League Bible study for youth. He is now in a shelter and will continue with the Bible study.
- Hrachya, a 16-year-old in Armenia, is helping lead children's Bible studies at his church. May God bless him as he ministers to young people in his community.
- Please pray for the 105 children attending Bible League's Bible-based Literacy classes at a school in eastern India.



Thank you for helping young hearts to know Jesus!

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Forming Students
in the
Gospel of Grace



December 18, 2025

Dear Friends,

For the last two months, the elementary students at Grace have been preparing for our first Christmas musical. Jeannie's Little Lamb kinder students will also take part!

The musical will be entirely in English. The title of the musical is "Sheep Stuff: A Woolly Awesome Christmas." The musical tells the Christmas story in a fun way that has really engaged the students!

The performance of the musical will be on December 23. Unfortunately, we will already be at our home in Texas on that date. We return to Texas each December to spend Christmas with our family.

We are also nearing the end of our school year. The school calendar in Korea is different from that in the United States. In Korea there is no long holiday season at the end of the calendar year. Most employers only give Christmas eve and Christmas day as vacation. That is because the more important new year's celebration is the Chinese lunar new year.

This year's lunar new year will be February 17. Many employers will give the whole week as vacation. The entire month of February is the most popular time in Korea for family vacations.

It is the lunar new year that makes the Korean school calendar so different from that of the U.S. or Canada. Our students will have December 24 and 25 as vacation. But they will return to school already on, Friday, December 26, for about a week of class! And then on January 1, they start a three-week January vacation.

Here's the odd part. Our students return to school from January 26 to February 6 to complete the 2025 (yes, the 2025!) school year. And then, the rest of February is vacation again! The 2026 school year begins in the first week of March.

Confused? We were also the first year we were here. But by now the rhythm has become a familiar one. Everything makes a little more sense once you realize that the real new year in Korea is the lunar new year. It wouldn't make sense to start the 2026 school year before the lunar new year!

We wish each of you a "wooly awesome Christmas." May you experience the awesome wonder of Immanuel – God with us.



Praise:

- This week Grace sponsored a workshop entitled: "Discipling the Next Generation: Is Sunday Enough?" The workshop brought together home school parents, churches with weekday after school tutoring programs, and Christian schools. Thank God for the enthusiastic attendance! We are praying that this will be the start of a Christian education network in Changwon.
- For promising early enrollment for the 2026 school year for both the elementary school and the Kinder.

Prayer:

- This is our 30th year of work with the mission agency of the Christian Reformed Church. (How time does fly!) Each year about one-third of our financial support comes during November and December. Pray with us for God's provision again this year.
- We are still in need of a first and second grade teacher for 2026. Please continue to pray for God's provision.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Most importantly, you can support us in prayer. This is a major move for us into a culture that is quite different from that of Nicaragua. Pray that we would be gracious learners of culture and language. Pray for our own discipleship as we learn from Korean Christians. Pray for the community of teachers, students, and parents of Grace International School as they live out a gospel of grace in a culture of achievement and performance.

You can stay informed. We will be sending out regular prayer letters to keep you informed and to invite your partnership in prayer.

You can support us financially. This work is not possible without a mission-minded community. If you wish to partner with us in ministry, you can send your donation to Resonate Global Mission by mail to the address below. Clearly designate your gift for our Resonate fund code: 804233

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Choose "Missionaries-Asia" and then "Huyser, Joel and Jeannie."

Thank you for partnering with us on mission!



NOVEMBER 2025

FROM THE GROUND UP



NEWS AND STORIES FROM PET FLORIDA PENNEY FARMS

INVISIBLE

In many parts of the world, being disabled doesn't just mean the lack of mobility; it's a stigma that often relegates the person to shame and isolation. In these cultures, such treatment stems from.....

Superstition: In many communities, especially rural ones, disability is viewed as a curse, a punishment for wrongdoing by the person or his parents, or the result of witchcraft. This can cause families to hide or even abandon a disabled family member to avoid social stigma and shunning.

Dehumanization: Negative traditional beliefs lead some communities to see disabled people as "non-human," which can lead to neglect and abuse.

Diminished value: These misguided perceptions often frame disabled individuals as useless, incapable of contributing to their family or community. Worse, they are often a drain on their family's limited resources.

From now on, when you look at our



pictures of jubilant P.E.T. handcycle recipients, just imagine what a truly life-changing miracle this gift is for those "invisible ones." Many will attribute God as the giver of the gift, and rightly so. We who volunteer in making them, and you who support us, are privileged to be His instruments in making that happen.

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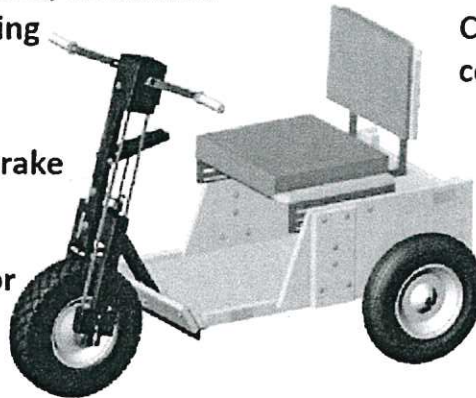
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MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me. Matt. 18:5

Serving the needy children of Baja since 1964

**WINTER
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In Loving Memory of Warren Dean Arnett

Warren was born on February 18, 1937, and was adopted as a baby by Gerry and Dorothy Arnett. He passed to heaven on September 17, 2025, where he joined his wife, Judy.

Warren grew up in Long Beach, CA. and attended Wilson High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Chapman College. During that time, he met Judith Ann Tucker while participating in church choir in Long Beach.

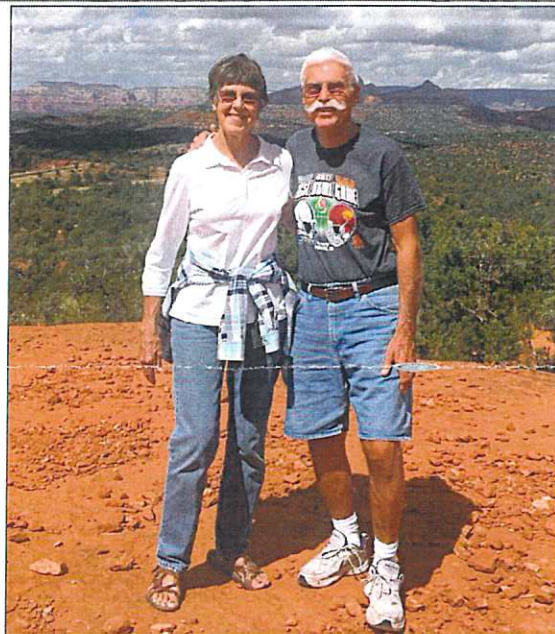
With Judy attending the University of Redlands, Warren moved to Redlands and began working for the Redlands Unified School District. Warren also joined the United States Marine Corps during this time and was a reservist. He taught for 27 years coaching at Redlands High School before focusing on U.S. History and Physical Education at Moore Jr. High and finally Cope Jr. High School. Warren and Judy enjoyed over 62 years of marriage and had three sons, Mike, Jim, and Gary.

Warren was an Eagle Scout. He was also very involved in the YMCA as a youth and later managed YMCA camps in Barton Flats and Camp Round Meadow, for six summers in the early 1970's.

In 1984 Warren and Judy started Arnett Property Management which they ran for 25 years. This allowed them the freedom to travel and experience life (often on horse back). Annual trips included Lake Powell and riding in the mountains of Wyoming.

Warren answered the call to a life of service. He served supporting local youth sports with terms as President of Redlands Bench Warmers. He also served in the Optimist Club from the late 1960's until 2015. Finally, Judy and Warren served for 20 years in instrumental roles with their God given passion to support orphanages in Mexico through MCCA, delivering food and supplies monthly to the orphanages.

Warren was a cowboy who loved his parents, his siblings (Joyce and Don), his three sons, and his grandkids (Jake, Hailey, Kyle, and Alyssa). He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him.



Pictured above with his wife and best friend Judy, these two beloved people lived life to the fullest. Along their path together, they contributed enormously to the MCCA ministry, with both their time and treasure. Tirelessly, they labored together on the Executive Board of Directors. Indeed, they loved the children and people of Mexico.

Most of all, Warren and Judy loved their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Judy went home to the Lord on March 4th, 2024. She was quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger. Warren was outgoing and would never miss an opportunity to speak of the love of Jesus.

They are together now and we will see them again. Often Warren would end a routine conversation by simply saying "Four Thirteen!" We all knew what he was really saying ...

*"I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me."*

Philippians 4:13

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Founded in 1964 in Redlands, CA., Mexican Christian Children's Aid is a, 501(c)(3), Charitable Organization. It began when a group of Christian business people were moved to address the sharp contrast between the affluence in the U.S. and the abject poverty found just across our southern border in Mexico.

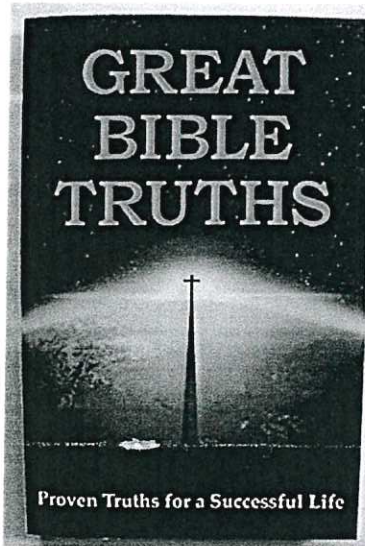
We purchase and provide monthly bulk food deliveries and other assistance to local Christian organizations in the northern Baja region. We deliver the food donations primarily to organizations that sponsor Children's Homes and/or operate periodic Feeding Programs to needy families. Along with the food, Spanish translation Bibles, Gospel Tracts, and other items are generally a part of our deliveries. Our monthly runs consist of all volunteer drivers and riders who donate their vehicles full of fuel and literally everything needed to complete the mission each time we go.

The MCCA does not own or rent a building, nor are there any paid staff.

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MCCA is now distributing, along with our monthly food donations, this amazing book, now translated into Spanish, to many of the Orphanages and Children's homes in Baja California.

Great Bible Truths is a devotional book series of 150 passages from both the Old and New Testaments, and includes an introductory message with follow up questions for each passage. It was designed to showcase God's saving grace and faithfulness throughout time, from Creation to the return of His Son. This resource will be a great tool for the Christian caretakers of the needy children in Mexico. They will use it to help present the Gospel of Christ to them, and begin to believe in Him and receive His blessing of salvation and new life in Christ.

Originally composed by John DeVries for missionary work in India, one of our own MCCA members, Bert Block who is on our Board of Directors, has been involved in editing and translating the book into Spanish. We will continue to deliver regular Spanish translation Bibles to the children's ministries in Mexico. However, as we all know, the Bible can be difficult to read without some idea of how it all fits together. Great Bible Truths solves this problem.

The Spanish translated versions of Great Bible Truths, that we deliver along with the monthly food donations, have been graciously donated to the MCCA at no cost.

**** MIRACLE AT RANCHO MILAGRO ****

As you may recall from this year's Summer Newsletter, March 17, 2025 marked the passing of Tony Hernandez, the founder of Rancho El Milagro also known as Miracle Ranch. Edna, Tony's wife and the family were at his side in the final hours. Joshua Hernandez is the son of Tony and Edna and pictured to the right is Abigail, Joshua's daughter. The family has used their property for many years as a home for needy children.

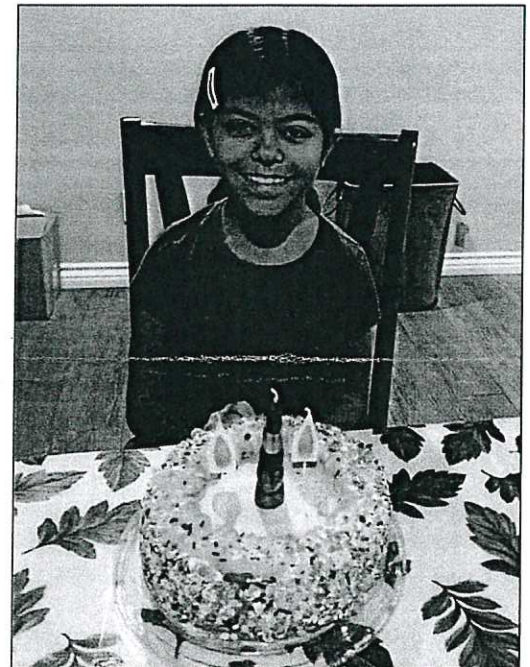
The monthly MCCA runs into Mexico have always included stops at Rancho Milagro. As is usually the case, the amazing people that minister to the children at these facilities become like family to us. We have been blessed getting to know this precious little one named Abigail who is now 11 years old.

Life has not been easy for her as she has long endured chronic kidney failure. One of her Kidneys was removed some years back. About two years ago her other kidney began to fail and her condition became critical. Abigail was transferred to the U.S. for care since Joshua her dad has dual citizenship.

A willing and suitable donor has been very difficult to find. Prayers for her life have been fervent to say the least. The wait has been long, but God heard them ... and the prayers for a donor were answered.

About a month ago Abigail received a successful kidney transplant. There were some complications at first but those since have gone away. She is doing well now. Rancho Milagro now has a whole new meaning to us all at the MCCA. Thank you Lord Jesus for hearing our prayers for Abigail. Amen.

Abigail



Mission Statement

MCCA is a ministry obedient to God's call to care for children in need by supplying those in Baja California with food, Spanish translation Bibles and the opportunity to know the love of Jesus Christ.




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