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*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more
and more in knowledge and depth of insight...*

~Philippians 1:9

Missionary Moment

He was 13, a little big for his age, and like other boys in his circle of friends, a bit of a rebel. When he and his friends walked through the center of town, they saw the bike that was being given away in a contest. They checked into it to see what they had to do to win the bike.

It was a contest, a study of the Bible. Oh well, what did it matter that he was a Muslim? He would do the required reading, answer the questions, and if these naive Protestants wanted to give away such a beautiful bike, he was willing to take it off their hands. That didn't mean he had to join their group. He signed up. In fact, so did several of his friends. This was going to be fun.

The first four courses weren't difficult. He and his friends did them together. The fifth book was more difficult. In fact, he wasn't mature enough in his French to understand it all; he didn't even try to read the book. It was too hard. He had lied about his age when he signed up, or he would have been refused to register. He really wanted that bike. Finally in desperation, he copied the answers from his friend, writing them in the back of his book, and later copying them onto his answer sheet.

He went back to the center of town and turned in his answer sheet. While waiting for it to be corrected (what a waste of time, he knew he had all the answers right), he sat in a chair leafing through the book. Unfortunately the missionary lady happened to walk by at just the right moment. She saw all the answers on the back page of his book, returned to the folding table to get his questionnaire, and write across it, "disqualified for cheating". Boy that made him mad. She had no right!

After yelling at her, and telling her (in front of his friends) what he thought of her, he and his buddies stormed off. Later he came back (when he saw she wasn't going to run after him and beg him to try the book again). He tried all the cultural tricks to manipulate her into signing him up again. But none of his manipulations worked. She refused to correct his answer sheet. He stormed off again! What an obstinate old lady she was!

Several days later he came back again (minus his friends). He approached the lady missionary. This time he dropped his head and said, "You're right, I cheated. I'm sorry. Please forgive me." The missionary asked him what he had done to cheat, and he

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explained it all to her. He acted truly repentant, so she forgave him. He asked if he could be reinstated in the contest. She agreed, but gave him again the first book. That discouraged him. He thought he could pick up where he left off. But he was determined. He really wanted the bike.

He painstakingly worked through each book, this time without the help of his friends. He was getting good grades and that encouraged him. The fifth and sixth books were hard, but he did them anyway, working at the table at home under the only electric light bulb in the house. When he got to the seventh book, it was just plain too hard for him. He took it back to the missionary lady. She sat next to him and encouraged him, helping him understand and find some of the answers.

Finally award night came. There had been over 500 people who had signed up for the contest and about 160 who had worked on completing the courses. Would he have a chance to win the bike?

Disappointment came. The bike, in fact 3 of them, went to men who had completed all seven courses with straight 100's. He had done well, but not that well. At least he got some really neat awards; a T-shirt, some notebooks, pens, a pencil bag, and an address book. He even got a bottle of men's cologne. He didn't know if he'd use that or not. He wasn't trying to impress any girls! Then one of the evangelists who worked with the missionary lady stood up to make an announcement. "All those who have completed all 7 books, regardless of your grades, you are invited to go to camp for the weekend free of charge." "WOW!" he thought! What great news.

He went to camp. He swam, played soccer, played some parlor games with others, had a great time at the evening campfire, and surprisingly even enjoyed listening to the speakers. The first one was a pastor who spoke on what Satan gives us when we follow him. The second was another pastor who spoke on "Justification in Jesus". The third was a layman from a church. He too spoke on "Justification in Jesus" but put lots of personal illustrations and examples in it. He had never heard of this before, but it made sense. He never before realized how much Jesus loved him.

He left camp thinking about Islam, his family and Jesus. He pondered and pondered, and he wrestled emotionally. Finally, a week after camp was over, he found his way to one of the evangelical churches. The pastor there was the one who had spoken on "What Satan gives us" at camp. He talked for a long time with the pastor and he prayed the sinner's prayer.

He didn't know it, but he was the seventh one to pray the sinner's prayer this summer as a result of the evangelism campaign at the center of town and the evangelism camp. God's perfect number.

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Please pray with me about the possibility of another evangelism campaign on the streets after Christmas. There will be a lot of young people from many villages and from numerous ethnic groups coming to the city to go to school. Let's tell them about Jesus!

Your street lady for the Lord, Mary Yuill

CCA

On behalf of the CCA students, staff, and school board, I would like to extend A GREAT, BIG THANK-YOU to all those who contributed so generously toward the purchase of new computers for our computer lab. We reached our goal to acquire all new equipment!! I was overwhelmed by the support you have shown to the academy, and our students can not thank you enough for the opportunities that you provided. Now we will be able to expand our computer curriculum in a way that would have been impossible without your help!



All are invited to attend Calvary Christian Academy's Seventh Annual

Talent Show on Friday, November 4th at 7:00PM.

The talent show will take place in the sanctuary. This evening will be the perfect opportunity to hear our students sing, play an instrument, act, recite poetry, and much more. Hope to see you there!

Kid's Korner

I just love children's observations. During the week long rain deluge, Brett remarked, "The sun forgot to come out today". It is always refreshing to hear the way children notice God's world around them. During this month of "Thanks Giving", I am glad to hear what the children are thankful for. It puts life for us adults into a real simple perspective.

This past month I have been thankful for an abundant number of children involved in the church hour children's ministries. Children are hearing the word of God! He is being made real to them through those who volunteer each Sunday. These blessings are also a

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call to rely on the Lord. There have been an average of 23 children (nursery and 2 year-Kindergarten classes) each week. We have a new challenge before us.

The 8:30 2-K class has had anywhere from 5-15 students. Due to the young ages and the number of children, we will start splitting this class when there are 10 or more children. This calls for more volunteers! We need 6-8 adult volunteers who would be willing to be "on call" to take the 4-5 year olds next door and do a story and coloring page with them when 10 or more children are in attendance. Let Jennifer Rosario (258-1142 jerosario@optonline.net) know if you are able to help in this way.

Be on the look out for more ways to serve in the future. We are planning to expand into a junior church ministry as the Lord leads. How will you serve Him!

I'm Thankful For

animals, because they are nice. (age 4)

people, because they are nice. (age 4)

people. I don't know why. (age 3)

Jesus, because Jesus is sad. (age 2)

God, because we are supposed to love Him. (age 5)

crayons, so we can color. (age 4)

family, because they love me. (age 5)

family, because they take care of me. (age 4)

America, because God made us special. (age 5)

Cars. (age 4)

Jesus, because He helps people. (age 5)



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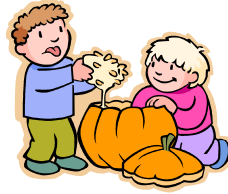
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Pumpkin Theology?



By no means get your theology from email forwards. They are rarely sound. However, I spared this one from the delete key long enough to read it.

A woman was asked by a coworker, “What is it like to be a Christian?”

The coworker replied, “It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.”

I would add that He then sticks a light in you and puts you back out in the world so all can see!



Limited Time Only!

My all time favorite country singer, Collin Raye, has a song with the lyric “Life without you would be like autumn leaves in black and white.” The rest of the song is mediocre at best, but I love that line. It is so true! As I drive through Florida and Warwick looking at the leaves I can’t help but to offer that line up to God in thanksgiving. God displays His glory through his creation. As I pass East Ridge Road going toward Warwick, and seeing the mountains and the leaves, I cannot help but to praise the Lord. As I drive back to work on Meadow Rd. from Pine Island, and see the little village nestled in the trees, I cannot help but to praise the Lord. To me life without seeing God work and acknowledging him would be like monochromatic fall leaves. What’s the point! I would encourage you to take a drive this month or walk in the woods, or sit in a tree stand (for our hunters) and take notice of not only the creation, but also the Creator! ~ KJ



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Cran- Apple – Raisin Sauce

1 cup – Apple Cider
8 to 10 – Small Red Apples
½ cup – Sun Dried Raisins
½ to ¾ cup of Cranberries
1 cup – Sugar
Splash - Lemon Juice
1-2 Tablespoons – Cinnamon

Pour cider into pot. Boil. Core apples and add slices with skins still on. Reduce Heat. Stir like crazy. Add Sugar. Add Raisins. Add Spice. Reduce mixture for about 10 to 15 minutes. Then add the Cranberries. Keep stirring for another 7 to 10 minutes. Once texture is to your liking, take off heat and serve or chill. Note: I leave the apple skins on to give the taste of Baked Apples. If you so desire, you can peel them before cooking. ~ Kyra Joy Hamling

LIFT

LIFT will be held on Nov. 7th at 7:30 at the church. We will be critiquing the Chicken Soup for the Soul Luncheon and making plans to fill and distribute Thanksgiving baskets for seniors.

Nursing Home Ministry

Lift is starting up a Nursing Home Ministry. If you would like to help, please contact Pam Lemin at 986-8840. There are a lot of different activities in the works. Very Flexible. Help out when you can.

Walking With LIFT

Meet at the church on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10AM to go walking.

Coming Next Month....

Next month's Examiner will feature the Senior Choir. Be sure to pick up your copy!

ALSO!

YEAR IN REVIEW!

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Please use this page if you need more room for your recipes!

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