

# Garden Gleanings

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A monthly publication of the Garden Community Church



Following a potluck meal on Sunday afternoon, June 11 we had a baptism celebration. Cherie Wohlgemuth and Erin Kohen shared their testimonies on how the Lord has been working in their lives and their desire to follow Him. Everyone then made their way outside to watch them publicly commit their lives to the Lord.

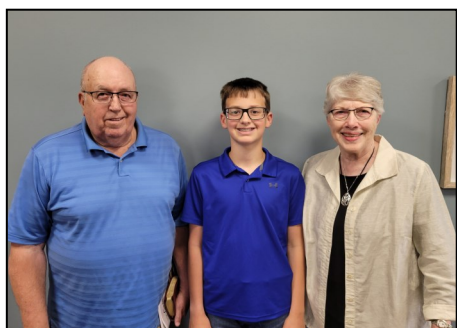


# ADULT/CHILD PRAYER MINISTRY

## **Kylee Nelson—Simon & Danae Pyle/ Bryson & Grace Huxman**

Danae—Simon and I have really enjoyed getting to know Kylee through this program. It is wonderful to be intentionally invested and know how to specifically pray for her.

Bryson & Grace—Praying for someone gives you the opportunity to be part of that person's life even if you don't connect with them regularly. When Kylee goes to college this fall, we will still get to be part of her life even though we won't get to see her as often and that is such a privilege for us.



## **Weston Sommerfeld—Lloyd & Sue Vogt**

Weston—I am glad the people are willing to pray for me in this church community.

## **Javan Pyle—Delvin & Cherie Wohlgemuth**

Cherie—Seeing Javan's smile on my refrigerator every day is a great reminder to pray for him and his family. I'm enjoying getting to know a new family.



## **Enora Huxman—Darren & LuAnn McMannis**

LuAnn—Having Enora's picture before me each day was not only a reminder to pray for her but also for the other children and youth in our church. It has prompted us to pray more intently for them and their parents and the challenges they face in today's world.

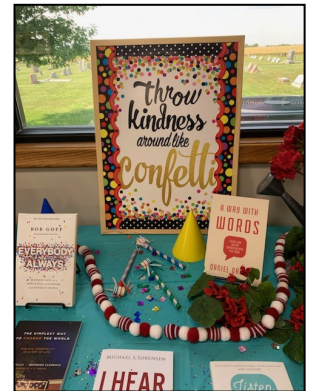
# Library News

If you have been waiting for a new focus to emerge and some different book choices to be made available, you need to make a stop in the library! Both the Adult and Children's libraries are featuring new themes. There will always be something NEW and different each month. Different themes will resonate with different people so unless you stop by, you will never know what inspiration you might be missing!

**ADULT LIBRARY** - Our focus this month is **Spreading Kindness!** We often teach our children about the importance of being kind and speaking words of kindness but sometimes as adults, we forget about how our actions and even words impact other people. The bulletin board on the center of our feature table reminds us that we should be ready to throw kindness as freely as throwing confetti at a party setting!

Some suggested reminders include . . .

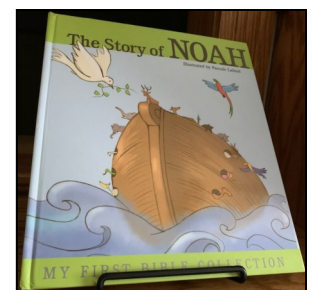
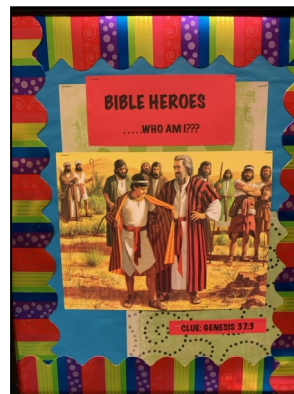
- \* **Delight in others** and **freely speak words of affirmation**
- \* We need to learn to **Listen well when someone is speaking** - I hear you
- \* **Empathize** - I feel with you
- \* **Demonstrate acts of Service** - Be the hands and feet of Jesus



A variety of books on the feature table (some new) will help you think about different ways to enhance your listening skills as well as how to connect in a more meaningful way with people in community. You will also find books on the importance of our words and how they have such a profound effect on those people who are in our lives. Be more intentional in the coming weeks as you choose Kindness as a way of life. If reading isn't your stride, we have many good DVDs available for check out. Hope to see you soon.

**CHILDREN'S Library** - This month our children will be finding books on the shelves about **Bible Heroes**. Our Junior Department Sunday School classes do a great job at introducing our kiddos to the Old and New Testament characters. This month parents will have an opportunity to not only read about Bible Heroes with their children, but hopefully this will be the catalyst for ongoing conversation about the character qualities of these Heroes and how they can translate into daily living. A new Noah's Ark has been purchased and is on one of the activity tables to encourage imaginary play. The bulletin board is interactive for the older children. A Bible character is displayed and a Bible verse presents the clue as to who the individual is. These characters will change as the weeks go by.

A special thanks goes to Leda Graybill this month. She along with your librarian, has aligned all of our current books on the shelves with our files. Every book has been accounted for and every shelf has been cleaned. Thank you Leda for your cheerful willingness to help make our library a comfortable and inviting place.





# Vonnie's Views

This month is a reprint of June 2021 Vonnie's Views. Once again, I'm reading Ezekiel and wanted to share this with you again. Enjoy!

I have just finished the book of Ezekiel. What a majestic end to this book of judgement: a temple with a river of life flowing out of it and refreshing all into which it flows. A theme from these final chapters is LIFE from DEATH. This theme starts with the bleached-out and scattered bones coming to life (Ezekiel 37); it ends with the river of life flowing into the dead sea which begins to team with life.

This makes my pulse quicken, it infuses me with anticipation and hope!! All is not hopeless; all is not lost. It might seem that way right now; *but our vision is limited*. The Bible is full of examples of the visible vs the invisible (but just as real as the visible).

One example that comes to mind is Elisha's servant in II Kings 6 being completely overwhelmed by the surrounding enemy army. (The army was there because there was a price on Elisha's head because he was reporting to the King of Israel what was whispered in the enemy King's secure chamber.)

The Lord opened the servant's eyes to see the hills were FULL of horses and chariots of fire. The human army that had previously looked totally intimidating now looked puny and powerless. The chariots of fire didn't show up when the servant's eyes were opened; *they were there all along*--present but unseen; unseen but real. JUST LIKE IT ALWAYS IS!! There is more to every situation than meets the eye. We may feel alone or overwhelmed, but we need to remember that our God is mighty to save.

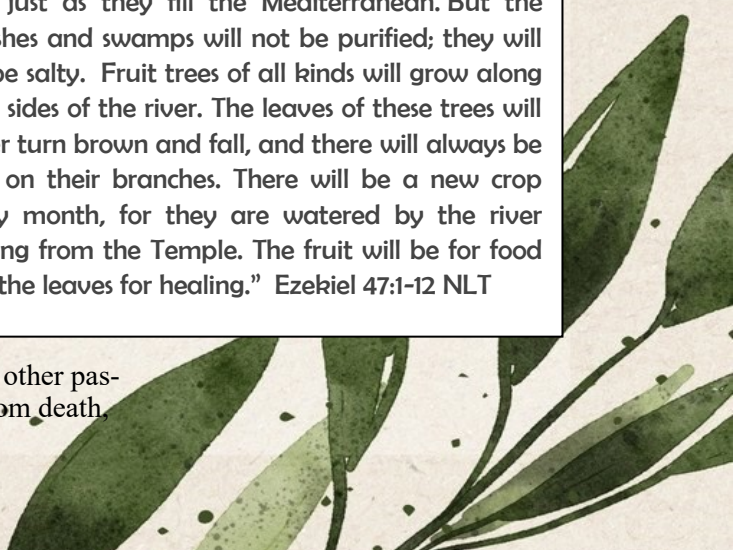
What does this have to do with the dead bones and the dead sea?? *There is no situation beyond hope!* Our God "...gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not." Romans 4:17b. So, "against all hope, Abraham in hope believed...without weakening in his faith he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead--since he was about 100 years old--and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet, he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being *fully persuaded* that God had the power to do what he had promised." (Romans 4:18-21, emphasis mine)

When I look around and feel discouraged, I need to remember that my hope is in the Lord! As I think about all my prayers over decades which are yet unanswered, I am so thankful for the end of Ezekiel and for all the other passages about God bringing fruitfulness from barrenness, life from death, and belief from unbelief!

In my vision, the man brought me back to the entrance of the Temple. There I saw a stream flowing east from beneath the door of the Temple and passing to the right of the altar on its south side. The man brought me outside the wall through the north gateway and led me around to the eastern entrance. There I could see the water flowing out through the south side of the east gateway.

Measuring as he went, he took me along the stream for 1,750 feet and then led me across. The water was up to my ankles. He measured off another 1,750 feet and led me across again. This time the water was up to my knees. After another 1,750 feet, it was up to my waist. Then he measured another 1,750 feet, and the river was too deep to walk across. It was deep enough to swim in, but too deep to walk through.

He asked me, "Have you been watching, son of man?" Then he led me back along the riverbank. When I returned; I was surprised by the sight of many trees growing on both sides of the river. Then he said to me, "This river flows east through the desert into the valley of the Dead Sea. The waters of this stream will make the salty waters of the Dead Sea fresh and pure. There will be swarms of living things wherever the water of this river flows. Fish will abound in the Dead Sea, for its waters will become fresh. Life will flourish wherever this water flows. Fishermen will stand along the shores of the Dead Sea. All the way from En-gedi to En-eglaim, the shores will be covered with nets drying in the sun. Fish of every kind will fill the Dead Sea, just as they fill the Mediterranean. But the marshes and swamps will not be purified; they will still be salty. Fruit trees of all kinds will grow along both sides of the river. The leaves of these trees will never turn brown and fall, and there will always be fruit on their branches. There will be a new crop every month, for they are watered by the river flowing from the Temple. The fruit will be for food and the leaves for healing." Ezekiel 47:1-12 NLT





## Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Psalm 118:28-29 - You are my God and I will praise You.            You are my God and I will exalt You.            O give thanks to the LORD; for He is good;            for His mercy endureth forever.</b></p>						<p><b>1</b> Pray for a heart that is quick to forgive, quick to see the best in others.</p>
<p><b>2</b> Ask God to open the eyes of the spiritually blind to see His truth &amp; His love.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pray God uses technology to get His truth to people that haven't heard of Him.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Pray new believers get well grounded in God's Word.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Pray for opportunities to tell others how to know Jesus as their Savior.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Pray staff at Harvest Radio has wisdom &amp; integrity in all they do.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pray Tim &amp; Renee help the interns grow in their relationship with God.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Pray for a desire to increase in your knowledge of &amp; love for God.</p>
<p><b>9</b> Pray youth in our church cling to God's truth and believe it with all their hearts.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Pray CEF Camps and Camp David are instrumental in changing lives for eternity.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Pray for sweet fellowship and growth to take place at Café y Grace.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Pray for eyes open to see the goodness and power of God.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Pray for a clear mind, a mind that hears God, a mind that God uses to honor Him.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pray for Mark &amp; Mollie to have a good support group around them.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Pray the elderly and homebound rest in the Lord and find peace in Him.</p>
<p><b>16</b> Pray we know how to redeem the time for Christ, using it wisely, bringing forth fruit.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Pray for residents at New Hope Shelter to find deliverance and healing.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Ask God to speak to you afresh through His Word today.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Pray God would raise up servants from among us to do His work.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Ask God to put His love for others into our hearts.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Pray for young parents as they teach &amp; guide their children.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Pray we each have the patience to wait on God's timing and not rush ahead of Him.</p>
<p><b>23</b> Pray area churches would faithfully teach the truth of God.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Pray for hearts quick to give, quick to share, quick to let go of stuff.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Pray for those hurting to be comforted by Jesus.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Thank God for Police, Fire, EMT &amp; military that so faithfully help &amp; protect us.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Take time today to be still before God, to focus on Him and worship Him.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Pray for wisdom in decisions concerning everything - small and large.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Pray those in the workplace make an eternal difference in co-workers' lives.</p>
<p><b>30</b> Please God, save. Save souls from the wrath to come.</p>	<p><b>31</b> Pray for unity and cooperation among us.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">God bless</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">...land that I love.</p> </div> </div>				

# Feedback

...from the  
**Zooks**

## A Gospel Voice for the Jungle and the Canyon



*Three partners, three shortwave transmitters,  
covering most of Peru with Christian radio*

In the last year or so, we have been privileged to help three different ministries as they use radio to reach many people groups in Peru.

Radio Sendas Cristianas installed a new shortwave transmitter in March 2023 near Arequipa, Peru. Our partner ministry, SIM, has been broadcasting via FM to the Cotahuasi Canyon since 2008. Due to the size of the canyon and the nature of FM they were unable to cover the area well. SIM missionary, Brad Shaw, came to SonSet Solutions asking for one of our suitcase shortwave transmitters. The transmitter was manufactured at SonSet Solutions and finally shipped to Brad late in 2022. In March of this year a team of volunteers and local staff helped to build the new site and to set up the transmitter

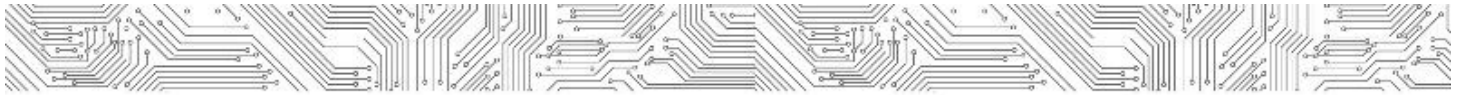
and antenna. Brad's wife, Gina, says, "The next big project, which will surely be ongoing, is getting more of the shortwave solar radios to Peru and distributing them. Visiting extremely remote alpaca & llama shepherds, high in the Andes Mtns. will be an interesting challenge. They are the folks that we really hope to reach as they most likely have very limited access to any gospel witness." Here in Elkhart, we have 2,480 SonSet® Radios tested, tuned and ready to ship to Peru.

Tim regularly assists our partner Ethno Media Associates with transmitter questions and parts. In recent months, SonSet Solutions manufactured and shipped a new shortwave transmitter to Peru. The old transmitter in Chazuta has not been operating at full power. Now Radio Logos is at full power and able to reach the thousands of indigenous peoples in this large and remote part of Peru. They are broadcasting in 11 of the 17 languages of the area. Radio Logos was built in 2012 as a collaboration between Ethnic Radio, HCJB Global and a local evangelical church. "We provide the tools and training," says Ethnic Radio technician, Ray Rising, "they do the rest." SonSet Solutions has also provided 2,620 SonSet® Radios to Ethno Media Associates/Ethnic Radio.

Radio Integridad utilizes one of our suitcase shortwave transmitters as part of their network, broadcasting the hope of the gospel 24 hours a day across Peru. We were able to assist them with a part for the transmitter recently.

# Praise & Prayer

- Praise God for the two new transmitters on the air in Peru. Pray for those who hear the message from these transmitters via the SonSet® radios receiving the signals.
- There is much work to be done in Tuba City, AZ. New concrete anchors for the tower, guy wires for the tower, move the FM antenna to the tower. We are working to put together a team and a plan for this work.
- Pray for the teens graduating from high school. Pray for our church as we are searching for a new associate pastor/student ministry pastor.



## Newsfeed:

*Snapshots of our lives...  
inside and outside of  
SonSet Solutions*

We are in our sixth school year of working with Fusion Student Ministries, the youth group in our local church. Winter Retreat is a highlight of the year.



On Wednesday evenings we gather for fellowship, worship and Bible study. Each evening includes a time of prayer in small groups.



The students are involved in various service projects throughout the year. Tim is supervising some playground cleanup. It is a privilege and blessing to work with these teens.

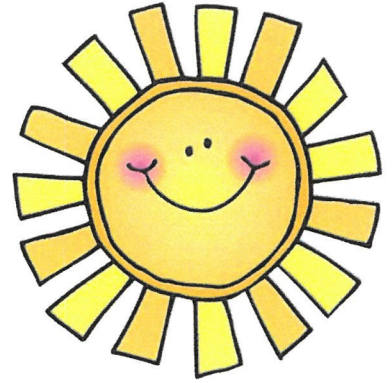


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Dear Family and Friends

2023 June



Good morning, and it is a good morning because “this is the day that the Lord has made” (Psalm 118:24)! Maybe the second part of this verse is even more important as it directs us “to rejoice and be glad in it.” Let me share another verse with you from the New Testament – Acts 12:5. A little bit of background always helps: Peter was arrested, put in jail, was to appear before Herod, and was facing death (as what happened to James). Please note in verse 5, “the people of the church were praying earnestly to God for him.”

I am not writing from jail and I have never been behind bars except for several years of Sunday Bible Study in the Ponca County jail. What a ministry that was! I like the King James Version when it says “prayers of the church were made without ceasing.”

We continue to be amazed with our Sunday services here in Southern Missouri, both with the people who God brings to us and how well our church is reaching out to needy families with huge food baskets and often gifts of money. We are in an area of extreme poverty and very discouraged people. Yes, we are reaching out to them. One of our community-outreach events is our Easter Sunrise Service followed by a full breakfast to all attending. This year we had almost 100 in attendance.

#### PRAISE THE LORD:

- “Be glad and rejoice” for you, our prayer partners and financial supporters, and for your encouragement.
- For sharing the Lord with two new neighbors we have just met.
- For faithful church members.
- For the new grandchild and two great-grandchildren in the next few months.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Health problems in our church family.
- Leading us to some new contacts.
- A missionary we support has brought home a Christian couple from Russia who are working on moving to the US to make their home. Men 18-60 are being drafted into the Russian army.
- Continue praying for Connie’s brother, Joe, and brother-in-law, Bill, both with serious medical problems and a need of having our Savior and our Lord in their lives.

“Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7). It is our prayer this summer your faith in our Redeemer will grow and bring you new joy and happiness. We look forward to hearing from you, including your prayer requests and news about your families.

In His Service,

*Chuck and Connie Myers*



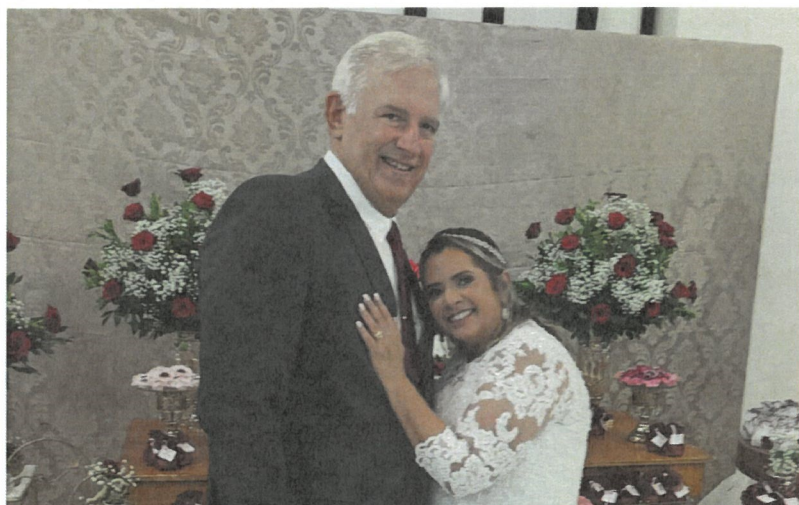
# GUARACIABA NEWS

## Wedding Bells

We are very grateful for all who worked do hard and traveled so far to give us a wonderful wedding! It was an honor to have the house full of family and friends, present and on line, to celebrate our Union as husband and wife.

Rosângela and I did five days of honey moon in the south of Brazil, however, we are still in honey moon mode and I am looking at the world thru rose colored glasses!

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## Trip to headquarters

The mission is requesting that Rosângela go to the headquarters in Kansas City to “Avant Start” which is part of the orientation and admission process, this is July 9-14. So we arrived in the US on June 11 to introduce Rosângela to my family. We will also be going to Vancouver, Canada to meet her side of the family then returning to Brazil the third week in July.

Together we look forward to the challenges of church planting with emphasis on leadership training and care. Rosângela remains active with her Bible translation team working remotely.

We both are very grateful for your continued support!

