



Introducing People to Jesus

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How do you introduce people to Jesus? At the ordination service for Rev. Kenneth Wiest, Bishop Emeritus Richard Kohl underscored three key tasks for an Itinerant Elder in his presentation of the ordination message: preaching the Word, caring for the needs of the congregation, and introducing people to Jesus. It was that third point that reminded me of the signature question posed by Rev. Kohl during his episcopacy. “Who was the last person you introduced to Jesus and when did that happen?”



I have become increasingly aware that many ECers are using a variety of formats to introduce people to Christ on a regular basis and I commend you for your faithful witness. Life to life discipling has been one avenue for these introductions. The Life Tree

Café outreach begun by our Reedsville, Sinking Spring Community and Mohn’s Hill churches is another vehicle used for this. Still others have incorporated the “Alpha” course, neighborhood prayer walking and a variety of community outreach ventures.

At the June 17, 2010 meeting of the Evangelism and Discipleship Commission, Josh Glacken of Faith Church, Lancaster, introduced commission members to another powerful tool called Global Media Outreach. GMO, connected with Campus Crusade for Christ, is focused on developing presentations of the Gospel through the internet. With 100 different web pages designed to attract multiple generations of people to see and hear the Gospel, GMO has created the opportunity for people to respond to Christ and is actively recruiting volunteers who will do follow-up work with those who receive Christ. Meanwhile, our Trinity Church in Lititz is currently engaged in a whole church emphasis through worship and Sun-

day school training their people in the techniques of becoming “Contagious Christians” and providing them with a variety of opportunities for exercising their contagiousness.

The priority need to introduce people to Jesus has never been greater. In an e-mail sent to Global Ministries Director, Randy Sizemore, from Th Janga, the Director of our EC Churches in Nepal, we learned that Pastor Nehemiah was beaten by Hindu youth for sharing Jesus. Yet these courageous people continue to introduce others to Christ while living under the constant threat of persecution.

So what are you doing to introduce people to our Lord? Send us your e-mails and reports and let us know. Please let us also know what kind of response you are getting to these introductions. We will share these “Good News” stories as we receive them because it is our purpose to “Know Christ and Make Him Known.”

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National Conference Chair Prayer & Praise

- In this month that honors and shows appreciation for pastors, praise God for the many fine pastoral leaders and shepherds that God has given us in the EC Church.
- Praise God for a wonderful ordination service for Rev. Kenneth West on October 17 and remember the upcoming ordinations of Joel Kime and Mercedes Mendez. Joel will be ordained an Elder on October 31, and Mercedes will be ordained in the alternative ministry track on November 14.
- Pray for me as I travel to Cedarville, IL, October 22-24 to meet ECers in that area.
- A very full agenda awaits members of the National Ministry Team for the October 28 meeting. Pray that God will powerfully direct our deliberations as we accomplish strategic work for the good of the National Conference.
- Pray for David Bryant, keynote speaker at this year's Eastern Regional Conference of the Church Prayer Leaders' Network, and all who attend the "Awaken" conference to be held at Lititz Trinity EC Church, October 29-30.
- Pray for a good Pastors' Wives Retreat at Twin Pines, October 29-31, asking God to provide these ministry partners with encouragement and relaxation.
- Dr. Kenneth Miller has been assigned as the Preaching Pastoral Interim at Conestoga Bethel EC Church. Pray for Ken as he serves and the congregation as they heal following their recent pastoral resignation.
- Pray for Rev. Janga and the EC Church of Nepal. This growing church routinely undergoes persecution, but the testimony of our pastors and people remains strong. Pray for healing and a bright witness for Pastor Nehemiah after his recent beating by Hindu youth.
- Continue to pray for our Episcopal Nominating Committee as they send application packets to the Itinerant Elders whose names have been submitted as potential nominees for the office of Bishop.

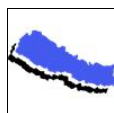


News from Global Ministries

1. Please be in prayer for the following:



- Safety for our brothers and sisters in the EC Church of Mexico amidst the growing violence in and around Monterrey and northern locations.
- Success in obtaining visas for Rev. Elias Martinez, Director of the EC Church Mexico, Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, General Director of the EC Church of India, Randy Sizemore and Rev. Salvador Cardoso as they plan to visit the Annual Conference of the EC Church of Liberia in January 2011.



- Our brothers and sisters in the EC Church of Nepal and India who face various levels of persecution as they proclaim the Gospel.
2. The voluntary "Thank Offering" is not listed in your planner this year but is usually received in October or November. This offering is used to help meet the unbudgeted, unexpected mission needs that occur in the lives of our missionaries and mission fields. Offering envelopes are available upon request .
 3. A special "Thank You" to Salem EC, Lenhartsville for hosting the Fall Mission Rally and MMK Rally October 9-10, 2010. We had



approximately 250 participants over the weekend in the Pastor's Luncheon, the Adult program, and the Mission Minded Kids Rally! If your church is interested in hosting next year's rally contact the GMC office.

4. Nepal VBS project: Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The Vacation Bible School offerings for Nepal totaled just over \$10,000.



News from Evangelical

The ETS family is praising the Lord for a wonderful evening with Henry Blackaby at the Annual Friends of Evangelical banquet! Over 400 attended the September 24 event, which also featured student testimonies and an update from President Mike Sigman. Next

year's banquet on October 21, 2011, will feature noted pastor and author, **Gordon MacDonald**.



Evangelical welcomes **Dr. Christine Pense and Mr. Jeff Sterner** to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Pense is Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, and Mr. Sterner is president of High Steel Structures in Lancaster.

Spread the word about Evangelical! If you know potential students, tell them about our Fall Encounter Event on Thursday, November 11, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity to sit in on a class, get to know the campus, and sense God's leading for spiritual growth or possible ministry or professional program. Contact admissions@evangelical.edu to reserve a place.



Dr. Ellen Charry, of Princeton University, will deliver the annual Ritter-Moyer Lecture in Dech Chapel on Thursday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Her two lectures on "The Art of Happiness" are free and open to the public.

Renowned clinical psychologist **Henry Cloud** will address both the November 18 Faith in the Marketplace Breakfast (7:00 a.m. in Zinn Commons) and the subsequent all day Fall Leadership Forum (9:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at LCBC in Mannheim), which is co-sponsored by the Center for Leadership Impact and the ETS Alumni Council. There are special rates for alumni and EC pastors. For information or online registration, check www.center4li.org or call Katie Willey at 717.866.5775.



Schedules for Winterim and Spring sessions are now available at www.evangelical.edu. Senior citizens are reminded that they may audit courses for only \$50.



News from Twin Pines



Flyin' High Winter Retreat!

For everyone in 6th through 9th grade, Twin Pines is sponsoring a retreat like the summer camp Flyin' High program. This retreat will be December 10-12, 2010. The same great directors will be back as well as some of the great staff! This will be a time to catch up with some friends from the summer, have a wonderful time of worshipping together and a whole lot of FUN!

For more information and to print out a registration form to www.twinpines.org or call the Twin Pines office at 570-629-2411, or email fhwinterretreat@twinpines.org.

Senior High Winter Retreat!

This winter join your friends at Twin Pines for the first annual Senior High

Winter Retreat. This retreat will challenge you to catch up with friends and have a blast! The retreat leaders will be the directors from the summer senior high age programs. The dates for the retreat are December 3-5, 2010.

For more information visit the Twin Pines website www.twinpines.org or you can call the office at 570-629-2411, or send an email to shwinterretreat@twinpines.org. See you at the retreat!



Ski Retreat

Love to ski? Twin Pines has an opportunity for you to get away for the weekend and go skiing! January 28-30, 2011, Twin Pines will sponsor a ski weekend. The weekend will include your lift ticket for Saturday and meals and lodging Friday through Sunday. If you aren't able to attend the whole weekend special rates are available. This retreat is for youth (with a chaperone), adults, families, or couples. Twin Pines will be providing additional programming in the evening as well as the Sunday morning service. Come to Twin Pines and enjoy a day at a local ski resort!



News from Benefits Corporation/Compensation Committee

As the end of the calendar year is quickly approaching a few items will need attention.

- The pastoral compensation package, including housing allowances, must be approved before January 1, 2011 by the local conference. It is the discretion of the pastor how much of his salary to allocate toward housing allowance. The local church board or local conference responsibility is only to assure the amount is reasonable based upon area housing costs. The IRS regulations impose a ceiling on the amount of housing allowance a pastor can claim on his personal income tax return. After approval please send Pastoral Compensation forms to Ken Wiest, Benefits and Compensation Administrator, EC Church Center, 100 West Park Avenue, Myerstown, PA 17067.
- Thank you to those that have completed and sent in their quarterly reporting forms regularly throughout the year. Please note on your calendars the annual report is due January 25, 2011, less than 100 days away.
- The 2011 Treasurer's Guide is available on the [website](#).
- And please remember that the payment for January 2011 health insurance premiums is due December 15, 2010 at the 2011 rates which are also posted on the website.



As always, please contact myself or Ken Wiest with any questions or problems 1-800-866-7581.

Kevin Henry
Controller



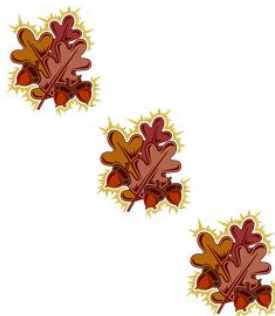
You are invited to attend the 2010 National Conference Ordination Services

*The ordination of Rev. Joel A. Kime
Faith Evangelical Congregational
Church
2124 Old Philadelphia Pike
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Preacher: Dr. John V. Tornfelt
Sunday, October 31, 4:00 p.m.*

*The ordination of Mercedes V. Mendez
First Evangelical Congregational
Church
18 North Eighth Street
Reading, Pennsylvania
Preacher: Dr. Michael W. Sigman
Sunday, November 14, 10:30 a.m.*



First E.C. Church, Reading is looking for 40-50 copies of the old red E.C. Hymnals. Contact Dr. John Ragsdale at jsragsdale@verizon.net or call 610-375-6913.



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You Are Invited To Join Us For A Unique Opportunity!

Global Media Outreach Pastor's Lunch

Willow Valley Resort and Conference Center (Double Tree)
2416 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA
November 17, 2010

Did you know that every day over two million people go to the Internet searching for God?

Join us for this special luncheon to see and clearly understand how millions of people from every part of the world are hearing the gospel and why hundreds of thousands of these people are coming to Christ EVERY month.

How do you encourage, train and equip your congregation to easily share Jesus with others? And how do you find people who are seeking and are at the right point to give their life to Jesus?

The story will amaze you and ignite your passion to share Jesus and make disciples on a global scale that you never imagined possible. This new method will energize your members on a daily basis to actively share their faith, study God's Word, pray for others and disciple new believers. I know you will want to be part of this revolutionary plan to help reach the entire world.

It's already happening! Hear the stories from pastors who are using this in their church to get members of their congregation 'off the pew' and sharing Jesus with the world.

"Our participation with Global Media Outreach has enabled any Faithbringer who wants it, to have the opportunity to go on several mission trips a week—right from their own computers! Our members are reaching out and ministering directly to hurting people all over the world, on their own schedules."

— Ken Werlein, Sr. Pastor of Faithbridge United Methodist Church, Spring, TX

"Our internet mission team is having an incredible experience. Every week I hear stories of individuals who have accepted Christ from countries all over the world. This has given us a tool to reach the ends of the earth from where we are. What a great missionary strategy!"

— Dwight Davis, Missions Pastor, Houston Northwest Church, Houston, TX

"I can tell you that this is one of the most exciting things I have ever been a part of in my 40 years of ministry. God is inviting us to be a part of something that is simply amazing!"

— Dr. Joel C. Hunter, Senior pastor of Northland Church

EVENT DETAILS

November 17, 2010

11:30 a.m. Registration & Lunch
11:45 a.m. Presentation
1:30 p.m. Presentation Concludes
1:30—2:30 p.m. Optional Q & A

R.S.V.P.

To register, call or email
Josh Glacken at 717.715.5810
or Josh.Glacken@ccci.org

We kindly ask that you RSVP by November 10th, 2010.

TODAY

Global Media Outreach is reaching thousands of people every day with the good news of Jesus.

In 2009, Global Media Outreach:

- Presented the gospel 61,695,024 times
- Volunteers responded to 1,943,585 emails requesting follow-up from 191 countries
- Saw 10,502,641 people indicate a decision for Jesus
- Sharing the gospel costs only 10 cents per person. For every dollar, 10 people will be exposed to the gospel

For more information

on Global Media Outreach, go to
www.globalmediaoutreach.com



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