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Dear Co-laborers,

Greetings from Thailand! We are in the middle of rainy season in S.E. Asia. Our laundered clothes remain damp and often mildew. Books can also grow mold during this time. Village roads can get very muddy and the vehicles often get stuck in the mud. But evangelism continues on. Rain or shine, Kingdom work never stops!

Early September I got sick with dengue hemorrhagic fever and hospitalized for eight days. My old students and Lisu and Rawang Christians prayed for me earnestly. Now I am better and slowly regaining my strength.

In this update, we want to share with you specifically about Jerwang evangelism along China-Burma border area. Thus far our evangelists were able to take the Gospel to 42 villages. The people in this area are deeply rooted in their ancestry traditions and hard to convert them to Christ. But today by the grace of God, our evangelists have been able to make inroads in 30 of the villages and there are 3-5 Christian families in each one. Our evangelists are trying hard to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and preach before the snow season sets in.

The work is not as simple as you think. There are 50+ Jerwang villages along Mekong River. To preach Christ we have to walk over a week to reach every village. Thank God now the government is building motor road along Mekong! As early as this winter the new road could be open. But we still have to walk on foot beyond the road to preach the gospel. We really need a vehicle, a jeep or a truck, for evangelism. This will speed up the work so much.

The Jewang people are very poor. There are some widows, orphans and hungry people. When we go out to take the gospel to them we cannot ignore their needs. In the gospels we see Jesus feeding the hungry and healing the sick. We cannot perform miracles. But we share with them from what you give us for each month. We are glad to do this.

Pray for us to able to reach many people for Christ. Pray also for a jeep or truck for evangelism. Now that the government is building motor roads, it will be a huge blessing to have a truck for evangelism. Please prayerfully consider this important need and help us to further the gospel among the Jerwang. Thank you so much! May God bless you richly.

Yours together in His service,
Jesse and Ati



The Apostle Paul encouraged the Philippians to practice discerning love, and last Sunday we explored how that could be done on a personal level. Discerning love, however, must also be practiced by the church. As a body of believers we must not only discern the bad from the good, but the better from the best.

There are a lot of good things that can be done to make life better for others, and we should obviously seek to do good. There is a danger, however, in getting so involved in doing good, that we forget the church's primary mission.

A recent article in *American Thinker* entitled "Surrendering to the Spirit of the Age" addressed the danger of allowing corporal needs to overshadow spiritual needs. "Jesus understood the physical/corporal needs of the people, he fed them, clothed them, healed their illnesses. But was that his mission? No; Jesus did not come to heal bodies of people who would die in this world and be forever out in the cold in the next."

A similar theme is found in the chapter on the temptations of Christ that we will be looking at this Sunday night in *Life of Christ*. "The first temptation of Our Blessed Lord was to become a kind of social reformer, and to give bread to the multitudes. There are deeper needs in man than crushed wheat; and there are greater joys than the full stomach. You want Me to be a baker, instead of a Savior; to be a social reformer, instead of a Redeemer. You are tempting Me away from My Cross, suggesting that I be a cheap leader of people, filling their bellies instead of their souls."

As a church we have long supported the Food Pantry, but it may surprise you to discover that we are hesitant to get involved in an upcoming community effort to fill student backpacks with food for the weekend. We don't deny that some children would benefit from such a program, but we don't want to do anything that might encourage parental irresponsibility. We are prayerfully striving to discern the better from the best.

God Bless, Rick

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School

9:15 AM
10:45 AM

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STATISTICS

Worship 144
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY-10/30/16

Greeters	Bob & Dixie Williamson
Visitors' Stand	Rick & Janet Polley
Communion Meditation	Bill Carroll
	Stephen Daniels
Ushers	Paul Hunley
	Brad Stirmell
	Jim Trimberger
	Connor Bales
	Kent Ballard
	Chris Luzio
<u>WORSHIP NURSERY</u>	
Toddlers	Sara & Regan Bartels
Infants	Jeni & Kate Sperry
Sunday School	
Toddlers	Julie Divjak
Infants	Rhonda Luzio



Let Us Pray For...

- Ken Barry having out patient surgery.
- Jessica Coombs having gall bladder surgery.
- Steve Daniels' mom with pneumonia and awaiting heart surgery.
- Norma Chasco with a broken shoulder.
- Dan Martin with very painful open wound on his leg.
- Alex Fahnders out of ICU and improving.



Applebee's

**Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause.**

A Flapjack Fundraiser for CSF will be held this Saturday morning from 8-10. Tickets can be purchased at the door of the Applebee's off Dirksen Parkway.

Nehemiah Ministries

In September we were informed that Kent Paris had been diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer. He has now had surgery to remove the prostate, and the surgeon believes the cancer has been eradicated. He has, however, been left with over \$10,000 in uncovered medical bills. In addition to that, he is in need of new hearing aids, had to replace his furnace/AC, was hit with \$3,500 in car repairs, and has a leaky roof that needs repairs. The chairman of his board of directors therefore sent out a letter asking supporters of Kent's *Nehemiah Ministries* to consider making a special love offering to help meet these needs.

As you know, Kent has a very unique ministry that reaches out to people who struggle with gender confusion, and has been very successful in helping those deceived by the LGBT community to find freedom and forgiveness in Christ. We have supported Kent and his work on a regular basis for several years now, and the elders were very pleased to be able to send Kent an extra \$500 this month to help meet these unexpected needs. We are also thankful for the opportunity to reassure him of our belief in the importance of his ministry.

We are very grateful for the faithful stewardship of our body that enables us to help meet such special needs as they arise.

Life of Christ

Jesus was offered three short cuts from the cross when He entered into His public ministry. Satan tried to lure Him off the path that had been set from the foundation of the world by offering an economic path to popularity, public acceptance based on marvels, and a political road to success. He turned them all down so He could be our Savior.

This Sunday at 6:30 we'll be discussing chapters 3&4 of *Life of Christ*. If possible,



Thank you to everyone for the wonderful baby shower! I loved the decorations, food and gifts. It means a lot to have a church community like CCC that comes together to shower such blessings. Otto, Theo and I love you all so much!

Kileen



A rich tradition among the CCC youth is to play an annual game of paintball around this time of year. It's early to announce, but I wanted to get the date out there for your planning purposes. We have selected Saturday, November 19th as our date to split up into teams and splatter each other with paint. More details will follow as we get closer to the event!



The kids were singing the opening song in the van as we traveled to the Pumpkin Patch last week and it has been stuck in my brain ever since. From my limited observation, it looks like everyone is enjoying the format, music and character roles of this year's play.

This week, practice will be held at the same time as always, starting at 5:15 before youth groups. Please bring your scripts and continue working on your lines!



High School Students

We are all set to experience the Fall Campus Challenge at Lincoln Christian University this weekend. Get ready to praise, worship and honor the wonderful God we serve! There are many things to do on the weekend, I am glad you chose to attend this conference with us.

Please bring \$20 for registration along with extra spending money. Breakfast and lunch are provided on Saturday, all other meals will need to be purchased. We will be leaving the church at 4pm on Friday to return around 4pm on Saturday. Since we are staying in the dorms, please bring a sleeping bag, pillow and necessary overnight items.

If you haven't confirmed with me yet, there might still be some openings. Give me a call and we'll try our best to get you in!

"How sweet are your words
to my taste." Psalms 119:103

Keep it up! Most of you who have a memory verse for Sunday School are doing great, reciting it perfectly and I'm happy to give you a nice treat for your hard work.

For Jr/Sr. High School, since we don't have a monthly memory verse, we are keeping the same one as last week because many of you struggled (or forgot). You can do this! Equally as important, tell me how this impacts our lives and I'll really make it worth your effort. Our verse is 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20. "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price." What a great reminder to us all!