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# GOOD TIDINGS

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*the fruit of the Spirit is  
love joy peace  
forbearance kindness  
goodness faithfulness  
gentleness and  
self control  
Against these there  
is no law*

PBC Says “Thank You” to

## Christian Aid Ministries

The Somerset community has been blessed by the hard work of Christian Aid Ministries, a community-service organization run by our brothers & sisters in Christ in the Mennonite church. Their organization, headquartered in Berlin, Ohio, came without waiting to be asked to offer their help to families who lost their homes in the Sand Fire. In many parts of the country, Christian Aid Ministries responds to floods, tornadoes and hurricanes. Here in California, they often step in to help in the aftermath of a wildfire, by cleaning up the site of a burned structure; a job which can be time-consuming, expensive, and labor-intensive.

Marshall Miller of the “original Squaw Valley” (near Fresno) has been serving with this ministry for several years. He has been to tornadoes in Missouri, and a fire in Big Sur before coming to the site of the Sand Fire. When asked why he does this for people he doesn’t know, he says “Christ has done so much for us when we were undeserving.”

If you would like a team of volunteers to help you in the wake of a natural disaster, or would like more information about C.A.M.’s Rapid Response teams, please see their website at:



[www.christianaidministries.com](http://www.christianaidministries.com)

## *A Call to the Church*

Human trafficking is a global problem. It isn't something that can be fought successfully without the church. Here are two organizations that are great starting points to find out what we can do as the body of Christ.

### **International Justice Mission**

[www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org)

Every day IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professionals answer the Bible's call to justice—and every day they see the power of the church to “seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan and plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1:17).”



### **Courage Worldwide**

[www.courageworldwide.org](http://www.courageworldwide.org)

“At Courage Worldwide, we believe in a future where children will not be sold for sex. We believe it is never too late for an individual—especially a child—to be rescued and lovingly restored to a life filled with purpose and hope. We desire to equip, encourage and empower all people to discover and embrace their God given purpose.”



\*Trafficking in Persons Report  
U.S. Department of State, 2002

## *One of Our Own: Hannah Barrett Knows God Has a Plan*



Drug dealing is the largest criminal industry in the world, followed by human trafficking and the sale of illegal arms.\* The trade in human beings, both for sex-trafficking and forced labor, is one of the most profitable industries on the planet. It is estimated that there are four and a half million sex-trafficking victims (the majority of them women) worldwide.

River Pines native Hannah Barrett grew up in our church. She began learning about the problem of sex-trafficking while a student at California Baptist University. Never one to stand aside and let others take up the fight, Hannah made a commitment to get involved. She took a 4-month internship that led to a 3 year job with International Justice Mission, both in Sacramento in Washington, D.C. She intends to make serving victims of exploitation and abuse a personal ministry and the focus of her career.

Hannah knows that although not all of us can follow her to the front lines of the fight against sex-trafficking, everyone can do something to help. “It saddens me to learn that the church is often far behind on this issue. But in the last 7 years I have seen a shift, and I’m hopeful.” So what can we, as members of the church, do about this problem?

“I think being a stay-at-home mom is a powerful position, because you can raise up abolitionists: sons & daughters who give voices to the voiceless, and raising sons who, instead of contributing to the problem, are allies for the work.” Hannah also suggests that everyone, but parents of teens especially, be sensitive toward degrading language that trivializes the victimization of women. (An example would be the title of the MTV tv show, “Pimp My Ride.”) If you are in a position to do so, donating financially to organizations that help the victims of sex-trafficking can help victims rebuild their lives. Two she believes in are International Justice Mission, and Courage Worldwide.

And last, but definitely not least, men and women who find themselves victims of the sex-industry, and the professionals who help them, need your prayers. IJM has a prayer partners program which offers a wonderful way to be informed of prayer needs.

Hannah could use your prayers for herself as well. Later this year, she will be interning at the county department of mental health. She plans to return to graduate school in the fall, working toward completing her master's degree in social work. Her goal is to provide therapy & counseling for victims of the sex trade in aftercare homes as a licensed social worker. She is pursuing her education while balancing the tough job of being a mother of two young girls herself.

# SUMMER

Sac State & Community Colleges

## NEW BELIEVER

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

We met in the fury of finals and projects and papers. Perching on a short bench in the library quad was a small, frail girl named Ashley. After my teammate Alex and I shared with her, she laid down her arms and surrendered to Jesus Christ.

Fast forward to the summer, Ashley is discovering who Jesus truly is and what He intends for her life. We meet often in a booth at McDonald's where she is faithful to walk to and spend a short afternoon digesting foundational Christian beliefs and firing any and all questions that come to her mind.

"Even now, I sometimes feel that Jesus cannot love me after the day that I just had."

I look at her for a moment, and I ask her again, "Ashley do you truly believe in Jesus and who He is and what He has done?"

She responds, "Yes, absolutely!"

We reread Ephesians 2:8-9 and 1 John 4:13-16. "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he



in God." We discussed how our faith is not based on our feelings or our works but is based on God's grace and His Word.

Praise the Lord for Ashley's eagerness to grow in her faith. What a joy it is to share with Ashley these simple yet amazing and transformative truths. Please



include her in your prayers and pray that we will be able to continue meeting regularly!

In other news, students who remained in Sacramento have been meeting weekly to fellowship and study the word! We call it Summer Cru. What a blessing to have continued community even when school is not in regular session!

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Laboring with you,

Sarah Nguyen

## Low Cost Community Flu Shot Clinic Comes to Pioneer Park

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency will be conducting low cost community vaccination clinics throughout the county in September and November. Both nasal mist and injected immunizations will be available. The fee is \$10, although no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. Parents should bring their child's vaccination records. For updates or questions, call (530) 621-6188 or visit [www.edcgov.us/publichealth](http://www.edcgov.us/publichealth).

The south county clinic is scheduled for 10:00 am to noon, **October 1**, at Pioneer Park.



## Hiking the High Country



After the end of a busy, action-packed summer of youth programs at Forward Bible Camp, camp director Mitch McEfee found time to lead a small group of young people on an arduous, 4-day hike through Desolation Wilderness. The terrain was challenging and the weather unpredictable, making for great memories. Thank you, Mitch!

At left: Logan McCreary  
At right: the group hits the trail



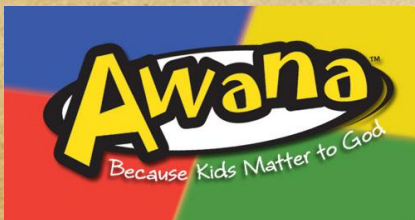
## What's Happening at PBC This Fall?



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University- Learn money management skills that will last a lifetime at this evening course, every Tuesday in September and October. 6:30 pm. Register online at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).



Guest Speaker from the Gideons Intl. at morning services September 14



Awana moves to Wednesday evenings beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fun for ages 3 years – high school

# JEWES FOR JESUS™

Guest Speaker Aaron Trank from Jews for Jesus at morning services October 19

## What do you know about Asbury Seminary?

Many members of our congregation have generously given to the seminary education of PBC's own Ken "Buddy" Dean. But what do you know about the school he is attending?



Henry Clay Morrison, who founded the school in Wilmore, Kentucky, had felt God's call to start a seminary. Friends had counseled against the idea because it wasn't known where money would come from or how many students would respond. Yet Morrison declared in the spring of 1923, "We will start the first class in September." The seminary had its beginning with the enrollment of three students in the fall of that year. Morrison

turned aside opportunities to pursue a career as a military officer or statesmen in order to respond to a call to preach. Nearly a hundred years later, the school has tens of thousands of students on two campuses, in Wilmore and in Orlando, Florida.

**ABOVE:** KEN DEAN AT PBC'S 2014 VBS  
**BELOW:** THE ASBURY SCHOOL CAMPUS IN KENTUCKY



Asbury Theological Seminary describes itself as a multi-denominational, evangelical seminary serving nearly 100 different denominations, rooted in the Wesleyan tradition. (Charles Wesley was an Anglican minister who founded the Methodist movement in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.) Today, the school offers a wide variety of graduate, post graduate and certificate programs, from master's degrees in Mental Health Counseling to Ph.D.s in World Missions and Evangelism, including a variety of on-line programs.

Please keep the Dean family in your prayers as they pursue God's calling in their lives, their family, and in Ken's education at Asbury!

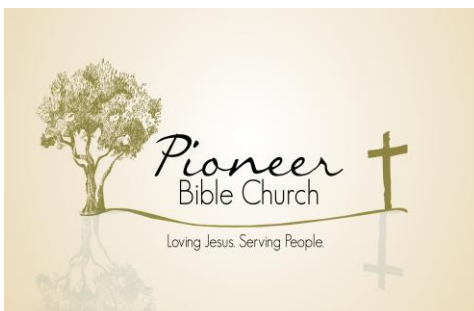
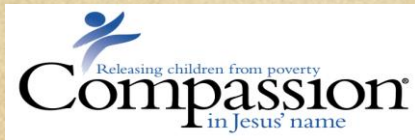
# Sponsorship Matters: *El Salvador*

Child sponsorship makes a significant impact in the lives of children in impoverished communities throughout the world. Sponsorship is a big commitment, both financially and spiritually, and Pioneer Bible Church is proud that many members of our congregation sponsor children with **Compassion International** and other worthwhile organizations.

**Angelito Alfonso Alvarenga** attends the Herederos del Reino Student Center, along the Pacific coast in Ahuachapan, El Salvador. Neemias Lima, the director of the center, tells us what a typical day is like: Children start to attend the project as the sun rises in the morning. It is time to start classes... they sing songs of praise and learn many fun things, especially about Jesus. They have a break, and get to play in the yard of the center. Then a bell rings and it is time for their snack. Everyone washes hands and enjoys the lunch we cook for them at the project." She also mentions that "the older ones have the opportunity to attend music, computer and sewing workshops... This brings some income to them and their families. They also attend camp days, devotion times, and birthday celebrations."

Angelito tells his sponsor, **Kathleen Snyder**, what really matters: "My family and I are well, thank God, because we are together."

Photos and drawings and letters about Angelito & his beautiful country will be featured on the sponsorship bulletin board in the church fellowship hall throughout the month of September.



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