

The Tidings

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*"We are living proof that Jesus Christ is our peace who makes
strangers into friends, breaks down dividing walls and builds up real persons."*

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From the Pastor

Construir Sueños de la Paz en El Salvador

Stamped in concrete corners, hanging from banners at El Puente Baptist Church:

*Construir sueños
de la paz
en El Salvador*

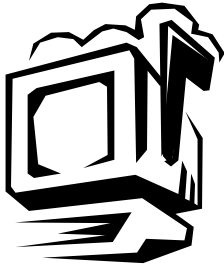
*Constructing dreams
of peace
in El Salvador*

During our recent sojourn in El Salvador, we met the Coop Mujeres Bautistas Puente Cuscatlan, the women's cooperative sharing space with the future Peace Park we worked to build. These women are a cooperative in every sense of the word. They work and cooperate together, sharing the labor, decision-making, and proceeds. This work is their income, and the women tithe 10% of their earnings to the building project.

From raw corn husk, *pistolas del silicón*, (hot glue guns), and local dyes, they craft colorful dolls and delicate flowers. They've honed an assembly line that would make Henry Ford proud. Very little is wasted. Small bags are fastened with the original twist-ties - strips of ribbed corn husk. They were patient with us as we helped in small ways.

All keep an eye out for the little children playing underfoot, swinging and snoozing in hammocks, anticipating the day when the parameters of their peace and playground expand.

This is how we build dreams of peace ~ in El Puente, in El Salvador, in each of us who pray for and participate in constructing peace anywhere. Nothing is wasted. No act is too small. When making dreams concrete, you build with heart and hand.



BULLETIN BOARD

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Upon the return of Underwood's El Salvador Mission Team, Pastor Jamie announced to the congregation, that she and N J Unaka were married in El Salvador. Congratulations to Jamie and N J!

THANK YOU!

We extend a belated thank you to **KALUBI NSABAKA** for applying his electrical expertise at Underwood. By working mornings before he went to his regular job, he completed Underwood's pending electrical projects. This saved Underwood countless dollars.

He told one of the Underwood members he was doing those projects as his service to God, just as he sees others in the Underwood family serving God. THANKS, Kalubi!

DEAR YOUTH

You did a fantastic job for Youth Sunday! Thank you for all your hard work in planning and carrying out the great service. We were very impressed with the wonderful way Allison, Maggi and Tina presented the message. K.C. did a great job with the Invocation and Welcome. Thank you for sharing your talents. Love, Pat Walker

RUMMAGE SALE DOLLAR THANK YOU'S

Thank you for your generous donation to help Milwaukee Habitat build homes in our community. I invite you to stop by the office and receive a tour, and see first hand the impact of your support.

Sincerely, Sara Kierzek

Thank you for your contribution to the Baptist Peace Fellowship. Your gift helps us partner with many people to see God in action – pursuing peace.

Shalom, Evelyn Hanneman

Thank you for your determination to end domestic violence with your generous gift to the Sojourner Truth House. With this gift, you are sending the message that abuse should never be expected or tolerated.

Peacefully, Kathie Stolpman

Thanks to donors like you, Church World Service can bring hope to thousands of people around the world each day.

Faithfully yours, Rev. John L McCullough

Thank you for your support to Amnesty International. Through your generosity, we work to free prisoners of conscience, ensure fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and end torture, "disappearances" and executions.

With your generous donation, we are pleased to welcome you as a Doctors Without Borders Partner. Recently we have worked to: respond to an outbreak of Cholera in Angola, provided surgical care to Darfur refugees, and opened a surgical program in Amman, Jordan.

Thank you for responding to our appeal to help support CARE's life-saving mission. Your donation will help families and communities with information, tools and resources to create lasting solutions to poverty.

VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a way to spend a lovely fall afternoon walking along the lake while doing a good deed? We are seeking a person to put together an Underwood team for the October 14th **CROP WALK**.

Each October many people and churches join forces and meet at the lakefront to participate in this annual event.

The money raised for CROP Walk benefits Church World Service, a non-profit organization that provides sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries.

The 23rd greater Milwaukee Crop Walk is Sunday, October 14th. See Pastor Jamie or Carolyn, Mission Committee Chair, if you will take on this challenge. A Crop Walk kit will be available to help you in this endeavor.

AN INVITATION

The members of **Small Group One** are offering an opportunity for additional people to participate in their small group. They will begin their monthly meetings again in September.

Since this group started nearly two years ago, they have:

- Studied the history of Baptists
- Explored Underwood's history
- Read and discussed Jimmy Carter's book, *Our Endangered Values*
- Read and discussed Barack Obama's book, *The Audacity of Hope* (with the direction of Cyndie Ody-Weis)

At the September meeting the group will decide their course of action for the year. If you are interested in getting to know people better through a small group, talk to Bonnie Sorenson or Carolyn Sanders for further details.

ATTENTION COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Did you know that all **Council** and **Committee members** have mail boxes in the office on the south wall?

The mail boxes are in alphabetical order, making it easy to find your box. From the number of items in some of them, it is apparent some people may not know they even have a mail box.

Next time you are at Worship, stop in the office to look in your box. You might find some treasures!

BLANKETS & TOOLS OFFERINGS GO OVER THE TOP!

The Blankets and Tools of Hope offerings in May and June exceeded the goals set. Thanks to your generosity, we received money for 117 blankets and 110 tools, for a total of **\$1135**. You truly are providing hope for the needy around the world through Church World Service. Gracias!

READING PROGRAM

If you would like to participate in the Longfellow Middle School Reading Program, beginning this fall, contact Llew Walker, and he will deliver your name to the school office. Llew's phone # 871-4218 and email LlewPat@sbcglobal.net.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Tifuh Amba, Jim Christenson, Bette Day, Marge Gaeth, Joyce Johnson, Jack Kearnan, Janice Melcher, Pat Ransom, Virginia Reininger, Charlyn-Mai Roberts, Carolyn and Joe Sanders, Shari West Schmit, Dee Schowalter, Sadie Sleik, Shirley Tupper, Llew Walker, Lisa Wilkening, Tim Wilkening.

Friends and Others Known to the Church Family: Tifuh Amba's mother, aunt, Anne Marie, sister, Mourine Amba; Judy Chan and her co-workers; Pam Clark's mom, Wilma Clark; Nancy Fritter's mother, Jean Thomas; Kathie Hanold's friends, Jimmy & Faith Givings; Steve Heimerl's brother-in-law, Frank Slayton; Margaret Jeske's Cousin, Erwin Zapf; Robin Jeske's friend, Jeanne; Joyce Johnson's niece, Jean Kate Moten; Chad & Sarah Kafka's friends, Brian & Anita; Janice Melcher's friend, Kali; Grace Morgan's son, David; Sei Pramenko's sister, Masa; Julie Pruett's cousin, Lisa; Carolyn & Joe Sanders' daughter, Jenneane; Shari West Schmit's friends, little Shannon and brother Danny, Stacey, Crystal, Sarah, Jessica, Jess, Sharon, David, Bob, Sammie & William, Sandy, Mary, Al and Nancy; Rhonda; PFC. Mario S. Vasquez, friend of Shari, serving in Baghdad; and all soldiers in active duty; Earl and Carol Schultz' daughter-in-law, Gayle Schultz; Keith and Virginia Wick's nephew, Leo; Wendy Whitaker.