

July 12 and 13, 2008

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Following His Footsteps to Honduras

by Casey Fluegge, freelance writer

The CIA Web site is filled with numbers and statistics that paint Honduras with broad strokes of poverty, sickness, corruption and hopelessness. You can look them up: 50.7 percent beneath the poverty line, 27.8 percent unemployment, 63,000 people living with HIV/AIDS, the nation is rated as having a “high” risk of infectious disease. Jesus came and spent a considerable amount of time among people as “hopeless” as these, didn’t he? You can look that up, too.

Of course, that isn’t lost on the 22 members of Gloria Dei who traveled again to Honduras a couple weeks ago. You’ve heard, ‘What do you give the man with everything?’ Try figuring out what to give the people with practically nothing. Where do you start? “As Americans we want to fix things,” pointed out team member Bill Clark. “But all we can really do is one thing at a time.” Bill helped pour concrete over the dirt floors of one-room “houses.” The homeowners were thrilled by that “one thing.”

Hondurans are exactly like Iowans in their need for a relationship with their Lord and Savior. And how do you bring this to a land where a young man can’t go to church because he’s too busy working numerous jobs just to feed, clothe and shelter his family? As Cheryl Gilg observes, “First we provide for their physical care, this brings them to us. Then we get to witness to them and tell them about their Lord.” Just like Jesus did for the poor and sick, right? In a direct example of physical care supporting spiritual care, an elderly man received a pair of glasses that enabled him to read his Bible again and not rely on others to read it for him. He was overjoyed.

The mission team helped provide medical procedures, dental care, optometry and chiropractic treatment. But in the end, maybe the most surprising thing is that the workers in this mission field are getting as much back as they’re giving. “It’s a slow pace, a chance to get away to a quieter place and read the Bible with fewer distractions than back home,” relates Clark. “What you see here makes you realize how blessed we are in America. It makes you want to reach out in response to what God has done for you,” adds Gilg.

Sort of puts the “mission” in Great Commission, doesn’t it?

What’s New

Golf Tournament

It is a win-win outing on Saturday, July 26—you get to golf and help the youth fund their project with Habitat for Humanity. See page 4.



Summer Camps

We have one more camp next week. See page 8 for photos of last week’s camp.



Mission Updates

This summer has been filled with lots of opportunities to serve outside our country. See page 6-7 for more details.



Tiny Treasures

Tiny Treasures is accepting registration for the afternoon classes. Pick up a brochure at the Information Center today.



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Executive Director Resigns

Steve Kammeyer, who has served as our executive director for the past year, has resigned and accepted a position at a local company starting July 14.

“I have enjoyed the opportunity to allow God to use me as an instrument in his plans for Gloria Dei and am appreciative of the support of the staff and congregation,” said Steve. “We have truly been blessed at Gloria Dei and I know God has great plans for us. I look forward to seeing them realized as we move forward.”

Until we fill this position, Bill Wishman, who has previously served as the business manager, will serve in this role.

Strategic Planning Updates

Each of the four focus groups has been busy building a strong infrastructure to fulfill the Strategic Plan. Each group consists of staff and members who contribute the time and expertise to their particular group. We are thankful for their individual roles they play to help us achieve the ministry that God has placed before us.

Project Manager: Deb Kesse

Recording Secretary: Sue Davis

Ministry Focus Group:

Leader: Pastor Burcham

Members: Pastor Meyer, Pastor Phillips, Tim Kightlinger, Steve Kohtz, Karen Kennedy, DeAnn McCue, Chris Onsrud, Brandon Simpson and Terry Steinke

Future Facilities Focus Group:

Leaders: Pastor Burcham and Merlin Siefken

Members: Elaine Klinefelter, Julie DenHerder, Terry Woolman, Ken Wunsch, Kurt Mumm and Greg Cushing

Finance Focus Group:

Leaders: Steve Kammeyer and Mary Sievers

Members: Brenda Cushing, Bob Knief
Marv Rohn, Craig Fjelsted, Jeff Monson and Mandi Holcomb.

Communication Focus Group:

Leaders: Karen Kennedy and Tina Hoffman

Members: Pamela Henkel, Mina Woolman and Matt Sheeley

Please note: We will continue to update the congregation about the progress being made to move us into the future. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Kesse at deb.kesse@gmail.com.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 13 at the 9 a.m. service is for:



Avery Louise Johnston born April 22, 2008 to Jeff and Jessica (nee Joens) Johnston. Avery's spiritual sponsor is Megan Joens.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 13 at the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Isabella Lynn Heiden born February 17, 2008 to Jacob Heiden and Lauren Swarthout. Isabella's spiritual sponsors are Samantha Beyer and Allyson Heiden.



Paige Addison Vongphasouk born June 3, 2008 to Chans and Katie (nee Schnell) Vongphasouk. Paige's spiritual sponsors are La Vongphasouk and Samantha Johnson.

Let's Meet New Staff Member

Please welcome Penny Schramm as Associate Director of Children's Ministry. Penny will be working part-time in children's ministry, with Grace Place, Faith Alive, summer camps, VBS and various other children's activities. Penny begins her duties July 14.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Tim Phillips

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Kendall Meyer

Preacher:
Rev. Kendall Meyer

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

Rachel Carstens
Lisa Fuller
Tommy Peter

Elders:

Tom Westby
Marvin Deer
Rod Serbus

Ushers:

Northwind
Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt
Dave Disney
Mo Grotheer
Arlyn Hesse
Jim Johnson
Dick Mueller

Scripture Reading:

Acts 16: 25-34 (NIV)

9 a.m. Sanctuary

Greg Haessler
Doug Kumm
Jim Miles
Tanya Richards
Tom Richards
Tim Mueller
Chad Oehlert

9 a.m. FLC

Ivan Daniels
Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.

David Sengpiel
Colleen Sengpiel

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families

Prayers

- For Lou Grotheer, who is recovering from two hip surgeries
- For Brian Peter's dad, who was in an accident
- For Doug Casady's father, Bob, who was in a bicycle accident
- For the quick recovery of Jared Walter from heart surgery
- For the grieving family of Roline Strother, Mina Woolman's mother
- For the grieving family of Ann Amelung, mother of Sandy Boeschen
- For the rebuilding of homes and businesses in the flood areas
- For the healing of Ed Mautz
- For the health of Bob and Mary Kuefner's daughter, Barb Thompson
- For the comfort and peace of Diane Metz
- For John McKeighan's health
- For the healing of Ken Anderson

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Year-end Financial Review

Here are a few highlights from the past fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008:

Income: Our final year-end total income was \$1,673,000, which was about \$46,000 under our budget but \$162,000 higher than the previous year—primarily due to increased offerings and an increase in preschool income due to more students.

Expenses: Our expenses were \$160,000 below the annual budget.

Current Financial Picture: As we enter into the new fiscal year, we began the summer season where our giving has historically gone down at the same time our expenses increase in preparation for the fall kickoff of programs. It is worthwhile to note that due to the generosity of our members and good stewardship of our resources, we enter this period in a better cash flow position than we have for the past several years. In addition, we continue to pay down the existing debt on our property and operating loans and fund all programs, all while increasing our support of local, national and international missions.

Thank-you Notes

I wanted to thank Gloria Dei for the exquisite Patriotic Concert at Lions Park. I am a retired Army Sergeant Major and thought the program was very moving, extremely well done and deeply moving at times. The flag field was a great tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Please continue to present this program in the future years. — John Rains

We came to the concert at Lions Park and we just can hardly explain how much we enjoyed everything about the concert. Your team thought about everything, even ice-cream sundaes.

Some friends were with us and the man couldn't say enough about the sound system (for an open air park). He also had served in the Korean War and told us that the whole concert was so moving that it brought him to tears a few times. Thank you again for showing the Christian values as well as honoring those who have served our country to let freedom ring for everyone in America. — Ralph and Barb Schramm

G.Y.M. Golf Outing

Saturday, July 26

**Willow Creek Golf Course
West Des Moines**

Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m.

\$50 per person

(Includes cart, lunch and prizes)

Registration deadline: Sunday, July 13

Proceeds go toward purchasing materials for the youth to build sheds for the Habitat for Humanity families.



Pastoral Leadership Institute Update

Recently Gloria Dei received a thank-you note from Pastor Mike Hylton of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Wisconsin for our support of the Pastoral Leadership Institute and its mission of training pastors to provide effective leadership in connecting people to Jesus.

He states, "I am the pastor of a church in Western Wisconsin that I planted 10 years ago. Church-planting was an easy and natural process for me, but for the last few years, I've felt a sense of being "stuck" in my ability to move the congregation into the next phase of growth and development. I am thanking God for providing an opportunity to participate in PLI. I am now receiving the tools, ideas and leadership skills to help lead our church forward into the disciple-making community that God wants us to be.

You have made a difference in helping God's kingdom to grow! I encourage you to continue in your faithful acts of love in whatever ways the Holy Spirit leads you.

Thank you so much for your kindness! The peace and joy of Jesus is yours!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Mike Hylton, West Salem, Wis.

Flood Teams

We are organizing teams from Gloria Dei to help rebuild many of the houses and businesses that were affected by the flood. If you are interested, please register online at www.gloriadeionline.com or call the church office at 276-1700.

Ministry Partners Needed

We need adults to help our youth build sheds for Habitat for Humanity anytime from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, August 8. On Saturday, August 9 starting at 8 a.m. we will help Habitat with the annual sodding day.

We need skilled carpenters, clean-up crew and landscape workers. If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger, 278-5544 ext. 212 for more information.

Divorce Care

Saturday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Please join us for dinner at Court Avenue and an Iowa Barnstormers game at Wells Fargo Arena. For more information, contact Robin Haase at rhaase@ruan.com.

Missionaries to Speak

The Wednesday morning Bible study with Pastor Meyer has decided to sponsor two missionary families to come and speak to our congregation about their experiences as they seek to bring Jesus to a foreign culture.

Jon and Heidi Heisterkamp

Friday, July 25, 10 a.m. in rooms 130-132.

Lunch will be served immediately following in the Family Life Center.

Stephen and Maggie Oliver

Wednesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. in rooms 130-

132. Lunch will be served immediately following in the Family Life Center.

Children's Ministry Updates

A Glance into Children's Ministry

We've had three terrific weeks of day-long camps, finished five sessions of Kindermusik, hosted children from 16 churches (including Gloria Dei) for the Children's Patriotic Choir and have more to look forward to! We have one more day-long camps, dance classes and the summer reading club. When summer is finished, we will have had more than 340 children through our summer programs!

Upcoming Camp

More than 60 girls will attend one of the Girl's HerStory camps where an American historical time period will be emphasized each day. The week begins with the American Revolutionary War and ends with life in the present day. The girls will discover how God has sustained, upheld, blessed, led and helped people throughout the centuries. They will also begin to see their roles in history.

Mission Corner China



Report from China

by Scott Raecker, Shining City Foundation Representative

Over the last several years, we have provided humanitarian aid to those less fortunate than ourselves through collaborations with the Shining City Foundation. Through this humanitarian outreach we have impacted thousands of people in the remote parts of China.

Support has included the establishment of medical/dental clinics where orphans now receive regular care; scholarships for children to attend school for the first time; solar generators that have brought electricity into villages for the first time; building of dorms and kitchens to enhance living conditions at orphanage schools; and creating sustainable agriculture through a farm and greenhouses to enhance diets of orphan children. In addition, Gloria Dei was invited to help fund a Christian church in a remote mountain region of China.

Gloria Dei's outreach into China and Tibet continues to open doors of new opportunity to live out the Gospel. James 1:27 tells us: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

The recent earthquakes in China have been centered in the regions where we have established relationships. We are aware of one particular orphanage that was destroyed and through God's blessing all of the children survived. This particular facility is run by a Christian doctor, who has also been asked to take care of as many as 200 children who were orphaned by the disaster.

Through Shining City Foundation, we have already responded with financial support to provide basic care of these children through the next few months. In the near future, we anticipate opportunities to help rebuild their orphanage. We will keep you posted on the updates as we live out our vision of being courageous in outreach.

If you are interested in helping with our outreach in China, contact Deb Timmons at 289-0360 or at ameskids@mchsi.com.



Top to bottom:

- A scholarship student receives a diploma.
- School children are distracted from their studies.
- A yak herder's home is often located in isolated areas.
- A village child enjoys her toy.

The Impactful Memories Captured in Honduras



The Honduras team returned home with stories about the privilege of sharing the gospel in a foreign country.

Artists Create Unique Masterpieces



A dabble here and a dabble there was a common sight at this week's fine arts camp. The artists crafted several masterpieces using different mediums. The week ended with an art show where families and friends were invited to view their works of art.

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Junior & Senior

Summer Registration Form

If you need an extra registration form, please pick one up outside the Youth Center. Parents interested in participating as ministry partners at these events, please contact Tim at tim@gloriadeionline.com.

30-Hour Famine

Prizes can be picked up in the back of the Youth Center. Please note: Participants who collected \$80 and up are eligible to receive rewards.

GYM Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 26
Willow Creek Golf Course,
West Des Moines
Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.
Registration Team Deadline:
Sunday, July 13

We are looking for individuals, families or companies to sponsor holes for \$50 per hole. If you sponsor more than one hole, you will receive one golfer registration free. Pick up a registration form at the Information Center.

All funds raised will go toward purchasing material for the Youth Ministry to build sheds for Habitat for Humanity on August 8 and 9.

Junior High Grades 6-8

Sunday: Castaway in the Youth Center

Join us every Sunday for Castaway from 9-10 a.m.

Main topic: He's the Man:

- Who is Jesus anyway?
- Say what? The words of Jesus
- What does it all mean to me?

Junior High Dinner and Movie at Jordan Creek

Sunday, July 27: We will depart from the church at 4 p.m. and return at 8 p.m. Parents: Please contact Tim if you can drive.

Senior High Grades 9-12

Wednesday: The Point

Topics: Fruit of the Spirit

July 16: No Point (SONshine Festival)

July 23: Topic: Peace

Food: Pizza

Activity: Miniature Golf at the Dome

July 30: Topic: Faithfulness

Food: Chili Dogs/Frito Boat

Activity: Movie

SONshine Festival

July 16-20: If you are attending, please meet us Wednesday, July 16 at 9 a.m. at the church. We will return Sunday, July 20 at 4 p.m.

Mission Des Moines

August 8-9: Gloria Dei Youth Ministry will be partnering with Texas Roadhouse to build sheds for Habitat for Humanity. Building begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 8. Texas Roadhouse will be furnishing lunch. Other service opportunities will take place after the sheds are built, such as putting together care kits for World Vision. Teens will be sleeping at the church.

Saturday, we will be delivering the sheds, sodding, and planting trees. The event will end at 7 p.m. on Saturday with dinner. Anyone with basic carpentry skills or just a willingness to help is welcome to join us.

Contact Tim Kightlinger 278-5544 ext. 212 for more information. If you would like to join us, sign up at the youth bulletin board by July 27.

Week of July 13-19, 2008

Sunday, July 13

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Ministry Planning Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 14

- 9:00 a.m. HerStory Summer Camps
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, July 15

- 9:00 a.m. HerStory Summer Camps
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Wednesday, July 16

- 9:00 a.m. HerStory Summer Camps
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Leaves for SONshine Festival
- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Trio Rehearsal

Thursday, July 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. HerStory Summer Camps
- 9:00 a.m. Future Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews
- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community

Friday, July 18

- 9:00 a.m. HerStory Summer Camps

Saturday, July 19

- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service

Worship Service	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	99	
7:45 a.m.	146	121
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	243	187
9 a.m. (FLC)	55	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	221	143
Total	764	451

Outpouring of Love (July 6)	
General Fund Offerings	\$31,430
YTD Offering	\$31,430
YTD Budget	\$33,557

Week of July 20-26, 2008

Sunday, July 20

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Summer Grace Place
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 4:00 p.m. Senior High Returns from SONshine Festival
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, July 21

- 3:30 p.m. Coffee with Tim Kightlinger
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance for Preschoolers
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, July 22

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Craft Fair Planning Meeting

Wednesday, July 23

- 9:30 a.m. M.O.S.T. (Moms of Small Tykes)
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 5:30 p.m. The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High Mini-Golf

Thursday, July 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Focus Group
- 10:00 a.m. Sew and Sews

Friday, July 25

- 10:00 a.m. Missionary Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Hannah Chalfant and Brian Rauwald Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 26

- 11:30 a.m. GYM Golf Tournament
- 4:00 p.m. Hannah Chalfant and Brian Rauwald Wedding
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
- 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care Outing

Summer Grace Place Attendance	
Sunday, July 6 at 9:20 a.m. Viewed "God Made Me Special"	
Total	55

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

Welcome

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Weekends at Gloria Dei

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southeast corner of the narthex is a room for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying. This room allows full view of the sanctuary and has full audio to hear the service.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Summer Grace Place - preschool and elementary children

We offer Summer Grace Place, an educational time for children ages 3 to fifth grade at 9:20 a.m. Children will be invited from worship to attend Grace Place at both 9 a.m. services. If you attend another service, please feel free to bring your children to the educational wing at 9:20 a.m.

Castaway - youth

For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Senior high and adults

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to The Point, an evening of food, fun, teaching and interactive discussions on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Adults: There are lots of community groups for adults meeting in the summer; for more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Interested in learning more?

Please go to the Information Center for brochures and information.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary
Summer Educational Time: 9:20 • Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon
Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary