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VISIT FROM GEORGE & JEANNE HAUGEN

Mark your calendars to join us Sunday, July 17th, when our supported missionaries visit Northminster!



Pentecost Sunday is coming!

This is the day Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of those who believe in Jesus. As we look around our community here in our mission field abroad, we know that our neighbors have no idea about Pentecost... yet. Many people here are broken, hurting, and hopeless. Who will tell them about Jesus? How can we best share His love with them? This land called, "The Cradle of Civilization" is filled with a rich and complex history. It is in this area between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, the first place where complex urban centers grew, that we live and see the desperate need for a Pentecost to come to lives and bring hope in The One who changes everything. Please join us in praying that God's Spirit would move powerfully to bring people to know Jesus and experience the love and healing of the Comforter.



Recently, we have had the opportunity to gain more vision of the various missions and outreaches with which we are involved in this region of the world. Within our medical aspect of outreach, we have participated in the expansion of a clinic that has gone from 2 to 5 trailers to serve more people through what we hope will include expanded medical care, baby well classes, education from our Public Health Nurse, and mental health care. As we prepare for more team members, we have begun the process of training additional language teachers, helping foreigners learn the local languages they need to thrive in this region. New and reestablished churches are also a part of our ministry here. There are very few in the regions we serve, but they serve and reach out to others with vibrant passion.

-paraphrased from the most recent Haugen Newsletter

If you would like a copy of the full newsletter, written by George Haugen, please request a copy from Jennifer.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Our neighborhood committee's backpack ministry continues to serve the children and families of Rosa Taylor elementary school. Throughout the 2021-22 school year, we have provided 26 bags of food to students every week - that's over 930 bags of food and drink for kids that may not have enough at home. Each year, we also help provide mid-year classroom supplies to Rosa Taylor teachers and students. These include backpacks filled with crayons, notebooks, pencils, Clorox wipes, tissues and more. Next month, we will collect monetary donations from the congregation in order to purchase supplies at discounted bulk rates and gift them to Rosa Taylor in December 2022. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

MUSIC NOTES

We are excited to have a multitude of musicians leading our music over the summer. Mark your calendars! June 19th, Pat McCall's quartet, Generation Fusion, will be playing. June 26th, we are scheduled to have our very own NPC brass group leading our music. July 3rd, the Colony IV Brass will join us again. We are blessed to have such wonderful musicians willing to fill the sanctuary while our choir takes a deserved summer break.



GOOD SAMARITAN

The scripture tells us to "love your neighbor as yourself." What better way could you love your neighbor than helping them in times of need. The Good Samaritan Offering does this for the needs in our community and for the needs of our congregation.

In the month of March, Centenary used some of our contributions to assist six different families with their electricity bill; one of these clients has been using space heaters and fans and could not keep up with the increasing cost of using these devices. She has also had an increase in the cost of her medications causing her to choose between paying for her bills or medications.

In the month of April some of our contributions helped four families with their electricity bill and three families with their rent. One of the clients looking for help with her electricity bill was in a relationship with an abusive partner who is now incarcerated and who was supposed to pay the electricity bill and now the lights have been turned off. Another client needed help with her rent. She was out of work so she could give maximum time to caring for her premature baby and then was not able to return to work because she had Covid.

Thank you for your generous support of the needy people in our community!

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure life-long faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. This offering will be collected Sunday, June 5.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 1 - Austin Emener
June 11 - Hamilton Hirsh
June 20 - Haley Hirsh
June 28 - Cam Stringfellow

June 7 - Sam McDuffie
June 14 - Isabel Davis
June 20 - Emma Brown

June 7 - Ann Putzke
June 17 - Pat McCall
June 25 - Emory Whitaker