

The Air Hill Breezes

AUGUST 2021

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I recently read this Aesop's Fable in a book called Leaders Eat Last by Simon Sinek:

A lion used to prowl about a field in which four oxen used to dwell. Many a time he tried to attack them; but whenever he came near, they turned their tails to one another, so that whichever way he approached them he was met by the horns of one of them. At last, however, they fell a-quarreling among themselves, and each went off to pasture alone in a separate corner of the field. Then the lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end of all four.

At some point I want to dramatize this story at church, but not with a real lion or real oxen. That would create quite a mess. But for now, I want you to begin thinking about this fable.

Did you understand the moral of the story? As we work together, we can withstand the enemy. However, if we allow conflict to turn into division, that is when we will be destroyed by the enemy. The enemy seeks to "divide and conquer."

Who is our enemy? Satan. In fact, the apostle Peter even calls him a lion, "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). He uses lies and fear and anger and so much more to divide us. Once we are divided, he can then destroy us.

Too many Christians believe they can handle life on their own. Sometimes they are called "Lone Ranger Christians." These people have already swallowed a lie



AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

"To Follow Jesus Christ through the Wind of the Holy Spirit"

of the lion. God created us as a community. We are meant to stand together and to work together as one. "I got your back," is a statement that we should be saying to each other. I doubt if that statement comes from Aesop's Fable, but that truth is illustrated in that story. There is no way we can see what is happening behind us. But if someone else is watching what is happening behind us, our back, we will be much more safe.

Unfortunately, we allow disagreements to turn into unresolved conflict. We allow Satan to twist something that was said or that was done, so much so, we no longer watch each other's back. Because we are no longer watching out for each other, the lion sneaks in and destroys.

The lion is dangerous. Don't overestimate your strength. You need God. You need his people, which is how he often provides the strength to withstand the attack.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

If one falls down, his friend can help him up.

But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" (Eccl. 4:9-12).

August Spiritual Exercise:

In 1924 Eric Liddell won the Olympic gold medal 400 meter race. In 1925 he left all behind and went to China to serve as a missionary. He wrote a discipleship book called The Disciplines of the Christian Life. In it he wrote a prayer called, “A prayer for a victorious attitude at all times.” I slightly modernized it below. Read this prayer daily in August.

Father, I pray that no circumstances, however bitter or however long drawn out, may cause me to break your law of love - to love you wholly and to love my neighbor. That I may not become resentful, have hurt feelings, hate, or become embittered by life’s experiences, but that in and through all, I may see your guiding hand and have a heart full of gratitude for your daily mercy, daily love, daily power, and daily presence.

Help me in the day when I need it most to remember that:

“All things work together for the good of those who love him” (Rom 8:28);

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil 4:13);

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12:9).

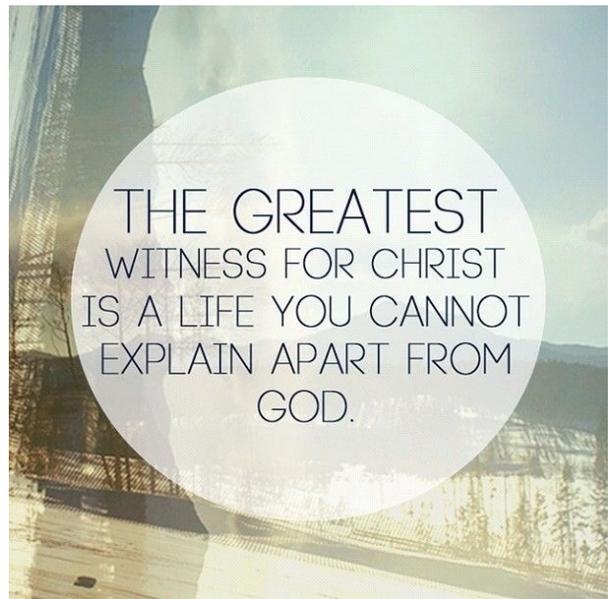
| AUG. 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | 1 Tim. 1:1-11 | 14 | 2 Tim. 2:14-26 |
| 2 | 1 Tim. 1:12-20 | 15 | 2 Tim. 3:1-9 |
| 3 | 1 Tim. 2 | 16 | 2 Tim. 3:10-17 |
| 4 | 1 Tim. 3:1-10 | 17 | 2 Tim. 4 |
| 5 | 1 Tim. 3:11-16 | 18 | Titus 1:1-9 |
| 6 | 1 Tim. 4 | 19 | Titus 1:10-16 |
| 7 | 1 Tim. 5:1-15 | 20 | Titus 2:1-10 |
| 8 | 1 Tim. 5:16-25 | 21 | Titus 2:11-15 |
| 9 | 1 Tim. 6:1-10 | 22 | Titus 3:1-8 |
| 10 | 1 Tim. 6:11-21 | 23 | Titus 3:9-15 |
| 11 | 2 Tim. 1:1-7 | 24 | Philemon 1-11 |
| 12 | 2 Tim. 1:8-18 | 25 | Philemon 12-25 |
| 13 | 2 Tim. 2:1-13 | | |

Church Board Highlights

- ◆ **Motion** was approved to make General Conference open for 5 persons to attend.

An idea was presented to the board to have a Revival Service in October.

- ◆ **Motion** to invite Adam Field to come on Oct. 2nd and 3rd 2021 for three services, Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening.



GLOBAL COMPASSION FUND

Thank you for your generous giving to help replenish the Global Compassion Fund.

During the month of July \$5,465 was donated.

The church board voted in June to send \$2,500 in addition to the designated donation.

As a church we were able to send \$7,965

Thank You!!!!

For the month of August we are collecting items for MCC School Kits.

You may donate items for in the bags, cotton material and/or cord to make the bags, or your time and talent in helping to make the bags.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

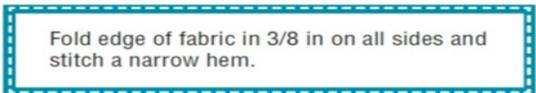


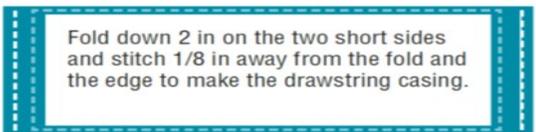
MCC KIT BAGS INSTRUCTIONS

FABRIC GUIDELINES

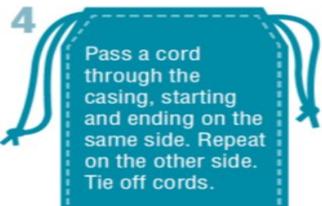
- Please use a firm, cotton or cotton blend woven fabric—broadcloth is too light, denim or corduroy is too heavy.
- The same guidelines about images on fabric for comforters apply to kit bags — no pigs, military images, flags or religious symbols.
- Please make sure the ties and fabric are good quality. We hope the bags will be in good shape for years to come!
- **Fabric:** Cut one piece 12½ in x 38 in
- **Cord:** Cut two lengths 33 in
Please make sure cord won't fray with repeated use. Depending on the fiber content, please knot or melt the ends.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 Fold edge of fabric in 3/8 in on all sides and stitch a narrow hem.
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2 Fold down 2 in on the two short sides and stitch 1/8 in away from the fold and the edge to make the drawstring casing.
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3 Fold bag in half, wrong side in. Stitch bag sides from casing seam to bottom fold close to the edge.
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4 Pass a cord through the casing, starting and ending on the same side. Repeat on the other side. Tie off cords.

Finished bag size: 11¾ in x 16¾ in
Please remember to backstitch all seams.

MCC MATERIAL RESOURCES KIT CARDS mcc.org/kits



Mennonite Central Committee
Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

From Orville and Cheryl Hade

Dear Prayer Partners,

While we hope that many of you have heard some of Orville's situation with COVID through other means, we apologize for the lateness of our update. We gratefully thank all those who have been praying for us.

On June 27th, we believe Orville came down with a case of COVID, showing many of the symptoms. We did not get testing as it was a days travel to do that. We delayed seeking medical care in Moz due to his symptoms remaining manageable with good sats and lungs remained clear. Known lack of quality care as well as significant travel of two days or more might be required to get good medical but he seemed to be getting better until day 9 of covid, then Cheryl could hear some lung sounds and I was more short of breath with sats dropping. We thank God that Cheryl was not affected by covid.

On July 7th, Cheryl and Patrcio (BIC Church Administrator) went to the Malawi border to see if we could enter Malawi for medical care, even though the border was officially closed. Thanks to God a way was found, in coordination with the Malawi dept of Health and the Immgration officials at the border. So, again the Lord parted the waters and we entered Malawi on July 8th. That afternoon, I was admitted to the Adventist Hospital with oxygen sats in the low 80's. Cheryl then was required to go into quarantine in a special hotel for 10 days and our only communications was through Whatsapp.

The first few days were difficult. Being given oxygen, my sats rose to the high 80's but stayed there. I was also given a variety of medications. I was exhausted in every way. I could not stand but for a few seconds at time. I could eat very little. It was difficult to think clearly. At one point I simply cried out to Jesus, calling Him over and over. Cheryl encouraged me telling me that many people were praying for me. Sometime later that day or the next, it seemed an angel spoke to me saying, "The Lord will deliver you". So, I waited upon the Lord...sometime shortly afterwards, on July 13 I think, I felt a warm sensation/glow inside of my body, and my condition began to slowly improve. Fevers stopped, appetite returned, and my oxygen sats began to improve.

On July 17th I was discharged from the hospital, able to breathe without oxygen, but still physically exhausted, taking everything I had to simply walk a short distance to our truck in the parking lot. We then went to the quarantine hotel as I was required to be in isolation until I became covid negative. My recovery continued in small steps each day.

On July 22nd, we were authorized by the Health dept to go to stay at the former Owen family house at EBCOM and they took a covid test sample. Friday, the next day, the results of that test were positive and I had to continue in isolation until covid negative. My recovery has continued day by day, gaining strength and improved breathing.

Today, Thursday, I will be tested again for covid.



Brethren in Christ U.S.
WORLD MISSIONS

During these past weeks Cheryl and I both have thought about why I was hit so hard by covid when I had no underlying conditions, no diabetes, no BP problems, etc. We both came to the realization that I was having some shortness of breath for some time prior to covid. Now we are wondering if this original shortness of breath began a few years ago when I was hospitalized with two several illnesses at the same time along with pneumonia. The covid doctor told us that I have some scarring in my lungs, but it is not clear when that happened but we feel it made him vulnerable to the covid virus.

We have also had a lot of time to consider what to do when I become clear of covid. We and BICWM leadership believe it is not time to return to Mozambique due to Orville's health and the poor quality of healthcare there, as well as increased lockdown measures, and that

we might not be able to get out of Mozambique the next time.

We and BICWM believe that a good assessment of Orville's overall health, and especially his lungs, be completed so that we can make medically informed decisions going forward. Therefore, we will return to the States as soon as Orville becomes covid test negative.

Please pray for Orville's continued recovery, to become cleared of covid, for Cheryl to remain free of covid, and wisdom for us and BICWM in decisions that lie ahead.

Thanks for your prayers, support, and encouragement,

Orville and Cheryl Hade

BICUS World Missions: missionaries serving in Mozambique since 2015.

AUGUST TRIVIA

August was named to honor the first Roman emperor (and grandnephew of Julius Caesar), Augustus Caesar (63 B.C..-A.D. 14)

August's birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.

August is a wonderful month for star gazing! It's the month of the Perseid meteor shower, which peaks between August 11 and 13. This year, the Perseids reach their peak just a few days after the new Moon (August 8), which means that the Moon's usual brightness won't wash out too many of the "falling stars!"

August's full moon, the full Sturgeon Moon, reaches peak illumination in the morning hours of Sunday, August 22. For the best view of the full Moon, look skyward on the night of the 21st!

Aug. 3: National Watermelon Day

Aug. 10: National S'mores Day

August 11 Marks the end of the Dog Days of Summer, which began on July 3.

Aug. 13: International Left-Handers Day

Aug. 17: International Geocaching Day

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| <p>1 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p> | <p>2 7 pm Family Life Committee</p> | <p>3 6:30 pm Prop. Mgt. Meeting</p> | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| <p>Roxbury Camp</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>8 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p> <p>Roxbury Camp</p> | <p>9 7 pm Church Board Meeting</p> | <p>10 1 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Praise/ Prayer</p> | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| <p>15 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p> | <p>16 7 pm Personnel Committee</p> | <p>17 1 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Praise/ Prayer</p> <p>Blood Drive</p> | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| <p>22 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p> | 23 | <p>24 1 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Praise/ Prayer</p> | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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