

The Air Hill Breezes

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF
PURPOSE
“To Follow Jesus Christ through the
Wind of the Holy Spirit”

Cruciallearning.com recently shared this story from the late Kerry Patterson, one of their founders:

I couldn't believe my good fortune. Preston Coventry, one of the more popular kids in the ninth grade, had invited me to the grand opening of his neighborhood association's swimming pool. When the appointed day arrived, I hiked across town to the posh facility where I was greeted by a tall fence and a stern guard. After I waited a couple of minutes, Preston approached the gate, gave a quick nod, the guard pushed a button, and I was granted entrance.

Preston and I spent the entire day playing water games and chasing girls with squirt guns. It was perfectly wonderful. I had no idea that such a life even existed. But then my thoughts turned to the long walk home, so I changed clothes and headed toward the exit. As the gate shut behind me, I turned around. Then I grabbed two of the metal bars, stuck my head between them, and smiled at Preston. (I was lobbying for an invitation to return.) Preston glanced back at me and abruptly stated, “You can't come back.”

“What?” I managed to ask.

“You're not allowed to return,” Preston repeated. “You don't belong.”

“What do you mean ‘I don't belong?’” I asked.

“You don't belong to the association. You're a guest and are only allowed one visit a year. You've already had your turn.”

I managed a feeble “thank you,” extracted my head from the gate and walked home. With each step, the words, “You don't belong,” rang painfully in my head. Then it hit me. Up until that moment, my friends and I had largely played in empty fields and open waterways. It was all free, so we were all equal. Now there was a pool, a fence, a gate, a guard, and rules. The “haves” played gleefully on one side while I trudged down the long dirt road that snaked into the heart of the valley of the “have-nots.”

You might think this event turned me into an avid socialist, but it didn't. I didn't fault the wealthy for locking the gate. But it did put a question into my fourteen-year-old brain: Where did I belong? I pondered that question for quite some time.

Two decades passed until I eventually decided I belonged at a university. At least a part of me did. So, in 1980 when I finished graduate school, I accepted a faculty position. At last, I had found a home—a place where I belonged.

Before I gave my first lecture, I decided that it was time to take precautions. Having been raised by parents who had lived through The Great Depression and spoke often of its soon-to-arrive sequel, I began the semi-paranoid task of transforming my entire backyard into a massive vegetable garden. Let the Great Debacle arrive—I'd have zucchini! So, when the first day of the semester rolled around, instead of poring over my lecture notes as most faculty members did, I borrowed a truck from my neighbor and hauled pig manure to mix with my garden's depleted soil.

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All morning long I hauled loads of “compost” from a nearby pig farm and flung the disgusting muck onto my garden bed. Then I frantically changed my clothes and hustled to campus to attend my very first faculty meeting. I couldn’t believe it. I—the poor kid who lived down the long dirt road—would be part of a faculty meeting where acclaimed educator Stephen R. Covey was scheduled to lead the discussion. He had been developing ideas about several key habits and was eager to discuss them with the rest of us.

As Dr. Covey launched into his presentation, I couldn’t help but notice a horrible stench in the room. Soon everyone started to squint, cough, and look for the source of the smell. Then I noticed my socks. Uh oh. When I changed from my farm clothes into my sports coat and slacks, I had neglected to change my manure-tainted socks, which were now emitting a repugnant odor.

It wasn’t long until my colleagues began to eyeball me—the apparent source of the smell. I fessed up. I told them about my garden, its depleted soil, the pig manure, and my socks. After a moment’s reflection, everyone laughed, I slid over to a far corner of the room, Steve moved on to turning ends into beginnings, and I thanked my lucky stars for having escaped untarnished.

But then Preston Coventry’s jarring voice hit me. The words, “You don’t belong!” reverberated through my insecure soul. One look at the scholars in the room and I was certain that none of them had ever flung pig manure and then carried the stench to a faculty meeting. These folks were polished and sophisticated. They had lovely homes, pools (probably locked), and pedigrees. They belonged. I didn’t. It took only a glance to see that.

Later that evening while visiting with my mother, I told her about the stinky-sock debacle and admitted that I didn’t believe I belonged at a university. She wouldn’t have it. “The idea of belonging to anything is just plain silly,” Mom argued. “Sure, clubs set rules about who they let in, but in things that matter, belonging is irrelevant. It’s not how you measure up to others’ standards that matters; it’s how you feel about yourself—and that comes from being comfortable with what you do.”

“Yeah, but look what I’ve done,” I responded. “I went to a faculty meeting reeking of pig manure. Then to make matters worse, I admitted to the mistake in public.”

“Precisely,” my mother said, “And that makes you unassuming, not unworthy.”

“No, that makes me a hick, and a stupid one to boot.”

I continued to put up a fuss, but eventually decided that I would follow Mom’s advice and work on being satisfied with what I had done and who I had become, rather than where others thought I belonged—or worse still, where I thought they thought I belonged.

For the most part, this strategy has served me well, but I’d be lying if I said I’m always comfortable in my skin. There are days when I feel as if I’m that kid standing outside that swimming pool, desperately gripping the bars, and peering into a world that doesn’t want me. And then on those odd occasions when I happen to gain entry, I’m haunted by the feeling that I’m going to be asked to leave.

But then I think of the pig manure and the wonderful crops it nurtured. It helped grow a cabbage so large it didn’t fit into a bushel basket. The beets tasted like candy. My kids still talk about the sweet corn. It was heavenly.

But best of all, the pig droppings came with a lesson. If you want to be content in life, you have to be able to fling manure without looking over your shoulder to see who approves. If you can’t do that, life is a long, lonely stretch. People will continue to suggest that you don’t belong, and you’ll believe them. So, give up the silly notion of belonging and think of who you are and the wonderful things you do. That’s where you’ll find satisfaction.

Oh yes, and don’t forget to change your socks

I love Kerry’s story and writing style, but I think he is missing something. Don’t give up the “silly notion of belonging,” rather ponder to whom you belong. Ask the Holy Spirit to whom you belong as you read these verses (and their contexts): John 8:44-47; John 15:18-19; Romans 1:6; 7:4; 8-9; 14:7-8; 1 Corinthians 15:23; Galatians 3:29; 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8; 1 Peter 2:9. What did the Holy Spirit say to you about “belonging”? To whom do you belong?

Community of the Month
Chambersburg

Walk, ride, and drive through Chambersburg. Ask God to give you the opportunity to talk and pray with people.

July Prayer:

Father, you who formed us, you who redeemed us and call us by name, we belong to you. In a world of isolation and loneliness, we are so glad to know that we belong to you. May we come fully alive in Jesus through your Holy Spirit because we know we belong to you. Amen.

July Church Board News

The board:

- evaluated the congregational council on the bylaws and have sent them to the Allegheny Conference Board of Directors to be approved by them.
- agreed to have Cheryl Martin to come to speak to the youth
- discussed ideas about welcoming people to our church on Sunday mornings
- discussed LGBTQ issues which is being promoted by a book sent to every pastor.



Shepherd Ministry Moments

Matthew 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Friday, June 23, at 6:30 in the gym 10 shepherds met for a time of training and fellowship.

We started with a game quizzing each other with teachings from our daily Bible readings in Mark. It was followed by encouraging words by Rozanna for all shepherds to have a daily quiet time with the Lord. Nancy Melhorn led us in our opening prayer followed by the singing of "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet"

Pastor John began teaching us from Matthew 11:28-30

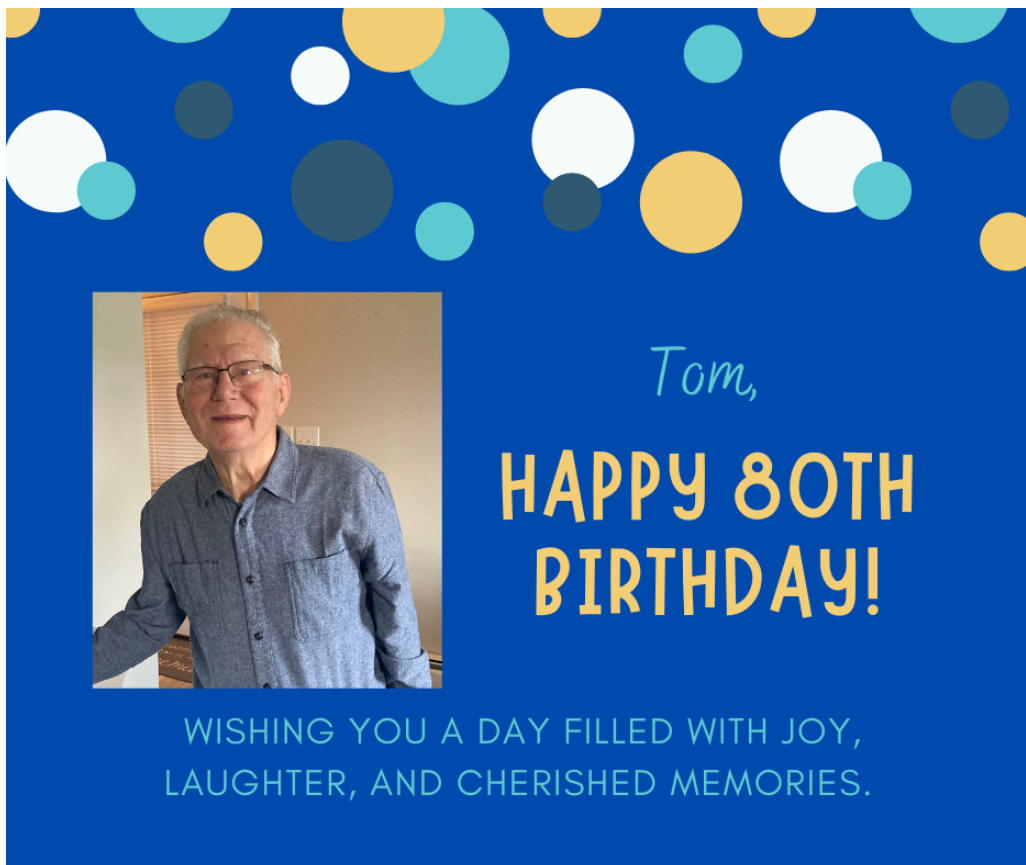
"Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul." Who is the invitation for? All of us. What are we to do? Come, take His yoke upon us and learn from Him. What are the results? We will find rest.

Our challenge was: all who are weary & burdened come to Jesus because Jesus is gentle and humble in heart. How do we become gentle? Focus on our sheep, be patient, move slow and use Grace and Truth. We ended our time singing "Gentle Shepherd Come and Lead us" followed by prayer.

We then gathered in groups and had a time of sharing praised and concerns followed by praying for each other. We closed the evening with refreshments and fellowship.

Matthew 11:30

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.



Drop by for an informal visit at Tom & Sandy Todd's home on Saturday, July 20th; anywhere between 1:00 and 3:00 pm to wish him well and have some cake and ice cream. No need for gifts, just your presence would be appreciated!

Their address is:
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Church Picnic



Praise
the Lord



Nippon NEWSFLASH

 Word of Life

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"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night..."
Joshua 1:8



Praises & Prayer

Pray God would make clear to our team where He is leading us to move in Japan. Pray that we are united in the decision and willing to follow wherever He guides.

Pray God would raise up churches and other missionaries in our future location that have a desire to partner in ministry with Word of Life Japan.

Pray for God to raise up a team of supporters and prayer warriors from Japan for the Shiobara's (new teammates).

Praise God for Mana's recovery and a successful surgery.

Pray that Ayaka (Japanese friend) will have a growing curiosity and desire to read and understand God's Word.

Ayaka's Purpose

Since coming back to Japan, I have had many texting conversations with Ayaka (my unsaved Japanese friend). She is having a really difficult time at work with an older co-worker and she often talks to be about it. Recently, she has mentioned having suicidal thoughts. Please pray for wisdom in communicating with her. This week, I shared a little with her about having a purpose for life. She is interested in hearing more about my life purpose. I am planning to have her over for lunch in July. Pray I can clearly share about my purpose for life in Christ in Japanese and encourage her to begin reading the Scriptures.

Shiobara Family Update

After the birth of their son on May 21, it seemed that Mana and baby were doing fine; but after a week or two, they realized that Mana's body was not healing properly. She was in a lot of pain and was rushed to the hospital for an emergency surgery which thankfully went well; but left her in the hospital away from baby and family for several days. The doctors are now happy with her recovery; and she seems to be in much better spirits about her condition. Praise the Lord for His protection! They are now adjusting to being a family of four and working on preparations for their support raising trip to the states September through November.

Growing Family

I praise the Lord for His blessings in my family recently! We have joyfully welcomed little Hadassah to Nathan & Abby's family in June; and we are excitedly awaiting David & Lynelle's little blessing who will arrive, Lord willing, in January!



Praise the Lord for a special dinner with Mina, a former SYME student. We had some good spiritual conversations and prayer time together.



Family
家族





July 2024 Prayer Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lamb Church	Japanese with Junko	Japanese with Chie	All Team Meeting	All Team Meeting	Hosahna Pray wisdom in her biblical counseling studies and internship	Visiting friends in Shiso
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lamb Church	Japanese with Junko	Japanese with Chie	All Team Meeting	All Team Meeting Visiting friends at seminary	Church Fellowship Night	Visiting friend in Kyoto
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Lamb Church	Japanese with Junko	Japanese with Chie	All Team Meeting	All Team Meeting	Akari Pray for opportunities to be a witness at work	Hanna Pray for growth and direction as she studies at bible school
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Lamb Church	Japanese with Junko	Japanese with Chie	All Team Meeting	All Team Meeting	Miko Pray she will have courage to be a witness at work	Lunch with Ayaka
28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3
Wakayama Church Event	Japanese with Junko	Japanese with Chie	All Team Meeting	All Team Meeting	Teru Pray he will walk with the Lord in all areas of life	Seiko Pray for growth as a believer and for her family's salvation

***These are the activities that I am involved in besides camp prep, ministry prep, and online classwork.*

Word of Life Japan 2024 Theme: "Forward" (Joshua 1:1-8)

We want to be moving forward as individuals and as a ministry toward our vision, capacity, and purpose. We will continue focusing on our personal walk with Christ, the growth of our team, moving the team to a location that fits our vision, and preparing to restart some ministry programs. Our goals are divided into 3 phases.

Phase 1: **Rebuild** (our team)

Phase 2: Relocate (find a property & move)

Phase 3: **Re-establish** (ministries)

Progress Update:

Phase 2: Pray for us as we analyze the data we have collected and make a decision on where to move. Our goal is to decide the location by August so that we can start the moving process.

Myers' ✝ Moments

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"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12:1-3

As we drove through the TMI property after our tough Gator Annual Mud Run, boy was it quiet! Not so a few hours earlier! Over 625 people came to get muddy at our annual Mud Run, which raises finances for our bases overseas to use for medical supplies, food, and other needs. This was probably one of the largest turnouts we have ever had and we are thankful for the many people



that will be helped because of it. Anthony and the land crew put in a lot of hard work getting the grounds cleared and muddy for the run. We didn't have a lot of rain, but water was pumped from our lakes to make the obstacles muddy! Darin flew home the night before and was able to judge an obstacle. Jessie and Raelynn also came so Jessie could volunteer and spend a few days with us. Jessie and I ran a store of international items that our staff ladies have made, as well as handed out the race t-shirts. We had the opportunity to talk to many people about Teen Missions and thank them for coming and supporting our ministry overseas. Anthony was able to run the trial a few days before. He enjoys doing that.



The above picture with the muddy hand prints, shows the excitement of the runners as they finally reach the finish line. Isn't that the way it should be with us? So until then let us be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 Tim. 4:7-8

On the family front... Darin has moved back home for the summer and will be starting his two-month internship in Orlando on May 22 (where he will be working following graduation, Lord willing). We are still searching for a vehicle for him, but know that the Lord will work it out in His timing. He will then begin his senior year in August, which is hard for us to believe! We hope to get to as many of his football games as possible in the fall. We have two new grandbabies on the way! Brooke (Brandon's wife) is due on June 23, and Jessie (husband, John) is due on October 29 so that will make five! We are so blessed.

We had a lot of family and visitors come to see us this Spring. We love it when we can show them the ministry of Teen Missions and where we live. We enjoyed having Anthony's parents visit us last month. They have not been able to be here for a few years, so we enjoyed showing them the changes here at TMI and we went over to Sarasota for a weekend. We had a great time visiting our special friends Arlie and Marva, who graciously hosted us for a night. We enjoyed visiting Pinecraft (an Amish community) and were able to see their beautiful woodwork and quilting. Of course, you can't go without eating at Der Durchman (a huge smorgasbord). These are all places that remind us of being in PA. We also went to Siesta Key Beach and walked

on the soft, powdered sand. So beautiful. It was a nice time to relax and get away before the busy summer.

As we look towards the summer, it is going to be a different one where we will have two retreats after the teams leave Boot Camp. One retreat has over 180 people! So the staff here will be running the office as well as helping with the retreats. Summer team registration closed on May 1 so we have over 300 young people and leaders coming on teams to Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Guatemala, Taiwan, Tanzania, Poland, India, Mongolia, Colombia, Philippines, Zambia and Honduras. The year has been spent preparing for these teams so we are excited to see it come to fruition. Please pray with us that Boot Camp, travel, ministry and project time as well as Debrief will go smoothly and many will be blessed. It is exciting to receive the team reports during the summer. We can put them on our website to keep parents and others updated on what the Lord is doing. I will help with keeping in contact with the teams and parents when necessary as well as the bases overseas. There is also a lot of property to maintain here while most of the staff are gone, so Anthony will be in charge of that. When the teams return, they will attend a debriefing time so we will oversee that also. We look forward to sharing with you how the Lord used the teams for His glory.

As well as the US Boot Camp this summer, **our bases are running Boot Camps** in Cameroon (1), Madagascar (2), Mongolia (1), Malawi (4) and the Philippines (2). We also run in a sensitive country where there will be five Boot Camps there!



Anthony has been getting iron infusions about every four months since his Ferritin is "in the basement" and "the storage tank is empty". He still goes and goes like usual! He has

had home infusions of Skyrizi for his Crohn's the past few months, but will receive a device that he can do it himself every few months, as they send the medicine, so that is new to him! I have had weeping in my right eye since the fall, so after checking things out, they may need to fix my deviated septum (right), as it is closing up my tear duct. We will see when that happens!

At church the other day, one of the gals prayed, "Just because we may not have set to be missionaries as our career, doesn't mean we can't be full-time missionaries in the careers we are set in." So true! We can be full-time missionaries where we are; it doesn't have to be overseas, and it doesn't have to be something big! Either way, we need to pray for those who are sharing the Gospel. It is getting harder everywhere!

We are so thankful for all of you who pray for us and support us faithfully. As of January 2024, Teen Missions has 31 bases in 17 countries, running 28 Bible Schools, 36 Boot Camps, 39 Rescue Units, 10 Matron's Units and 526 Sunday Schools! You are a valuable part of this ministry as we fulfill this Great Commission together.

Blessings,

Anthony & Shawna



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The Oberholser's

- For the past year plus, many of you have been praying with us to secure a meeting space at the Village Apt. Last week we picked up the keys to a former storage area that we're now calling the "Community Room". We envision this being a place for the Freedom of Nations Church to hold regular gatherings as well as a place to hangout and fellowship with residents. **Thank you so much for praying with us for this request; we ask that you continue to pray for us as there's still much work to do.** Yesterday some visiting friends joined the Stoners and the Oberholser's for a prayer/dedication time in the room. (see the attached doc for pictures). We now have the task of cleaning up the room, acquiring tables/chairs, and preparing it for gatherings. **We also need discernment as we make plans to launch our weekly gatherings in this space.**
- We're planning to host a VBS in July at the Village Apt. Not only are we excited about the opportunity to introduce children to Jesus, we also anticipate this being a good opportunity to spread the word about our long term plans for the "community room". **Pray with us that residents will learn about what our church is attempting to do and that they would take an interest in connecting with us.**
- Continue to pray with us for each family/individual who's connected with the Freedom of Nations network. **Our prayer for each of them is to attend regular gatherings, grow in their faith, and begin to lead others.**
- Upcoming events:
 - BICWM Latin American/New Mexico retreat being held in Colorado, **June 28 - July 2**
 - Antrim BIC Church mission team visiting the Four Corners **July 20-27**

We also wish to thank you for praying for Bekah, Christy, and Abby as they took a mission trip to Bogota Columbia in early June. They spent a week working at the El Camino Christian Academy, assisting with their June Jamboree. Below are a couple of highlights in Abby and Christy's own words.

One highlight for me (Abby) was working with 1st graders. They were quick to learn and remember. I taught them Bible stories and English vocabulary words. Some of them didn't speak English very well, but I still had fun playing with them. I had two little girls who were my special friends and followed me around. I learned that kids are the same no matter where they live or what language they speak.

One highlight for me (Christy) was getting to visit kids at a daycare. These kids were very poor. Their parents worked all day, and the kids would come to the daycare after school. We played balloon games and read stories to the kids. They loved it! We also got to listen to the children sing. It was special to hear these kids who don't have very much, singing praises to God in their own language. Thank you again for making it possible for us to go on this missions trip, and partnering with us to make a difference in these children's lives.

Blessings,

The Oberholser Family

July 2024

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