

# The Air Hill Breezes

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# 2024

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

## The Feather Curtain

*“He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.” Psalm 91:4 NIV*

I recently learned of the “feather curtain.” Nancy and I are reading a book called Green Leaf in Drought-Time during our devotions. It tells the story of a missionary family stuck in China. Most all the other missionaries from China Inland Missions had been forced to leave in the early 1950’s by the communists. But one missionary unintentionally offended a Chinese official, and thus that official made life hard on that family and would not let his family leave. He would not even allow them to have money for food without them groveling. The book tells the story of how God always provided at just the right time.

Listen to the words of the book as Arthur, the husband is communicating to his wife Wilda:

*Arthur’s poetical mind seized on the imagery (Psalm 91:4). ‘Here we are, Wilda!’ he had said. ‘This is the Feather Curtain of God. The mother-bird’s wings come down over the little chicks and they are sheltered from whatever is attacking. Cuddled up close to the mother-hen all they see are her feathers around them – and that is all we are supposed to look at! The feather-wings of God sheltering us.*

The phrase the “feather curtain” has been embedded in my mind, especially during my two weeks of vacation, if you call it that. On Saturday, July 20, my sister Beth asked me about the possibility of Nancy and Lois, my other sister, flying out to NM to help her pack to move. She did not have a place to go but wanted to be ready. Three days later God’s feathers turned that to Nancy and I and Lois driving our van and staying at Beth’s pastor’s house. The twists and turns of the story led us to bringing her back to PA; that was not the original goal. But the feather curtain kept us hopping and kept us at peace. The feather curtain kept us safe:

On the 4361 miles of driving. We have stories of a tractor trailer moving into our lane and a woman traveling 50-55 mph in a 70-mph speed zone holding a large sub in her hand.

On the friendship that developed between Nancy and I and Beth’s pastor and wife – on their love and insight.

On the friend of Beth who willingly hauled away more than 1300 pounds of garbage.

On protection in searching for things in her trailer – no sickness or injury from climbing over garbage.

On a potentially tense conversation with the landlord on the Sunday afternoon. The owner/landlord said the place was condemned and needed a biohazard team when we got there on Thursday, and that we needed to pay for it. For the next couple days, we investigated estimates and learned that really the landlord was responsible. (The feather curtain did not have us clean out the trailer as we expected.)

On Saturday evening I made a proposal to the landlord, and we set a time to discuss the offer (Travis prayed for us in worship) in which we gave the landlord money, because we believe my sister was responsible, but they would find their own method of disposing of the garbage. They accepted.

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Absolute peace. No fuss, no muss. Can you feel those feathers?

On getting lost and found with Google in the midst of the wilderness.

On safety and protection on the return trip with my sister laying in the back of our van.

On Beth getting care and regaining health in a hospital and rehab in Mechanicsburg. Beth stood briefly on her own for the first time in over a year.

On the next days after the trip, the van had problems starting; we needed a new battery. There were no van problems on the trip.

These brief words cannot thoroughly describe what we experienced. However, what we experienced most was the feather curtain. When you have challenges, don't stare at the problems, look for the feathers.



*I am  
with you  
always*

*Matthew 28:20*



**September Spiritual Exercise**

Pay attention to God's feather curtain over you for the month of September. Write down daily all the ways you see God's acts of protection and providence.

**Community of the Month  
Culbertson/Greenvillage**

Walk, ride, or drive through Culbertson/Greenvillage. Ask God to give you the opportunity to talk and pray with people.

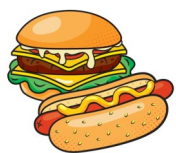
**September Prayer**

Jesus, commander, have mercy on us!





As I sit here on this beautiful Tuesday morning, with no humidity and temperatures around 65, it's a breath of fresh air. A sign that fall is on its way. With fall just around the corner, that also means the ramping up of the youth program. We took a little break in August from the normal routine of Wednesday programming. We met twice and will start off the new school year on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The youth helped lead Sunday



Service on the 4<sup>th</sup>. We had a great time at the home of Eric and Alanna Yoder for the youth/family picnic with lots of food, swimming, rope swinging and hanging out. Rachel led a group of girls and moms to see Anne Wilson in concert.

This fall we will be studying three subjects: "Choices," "Purpose," and "Set Apart." Our fall retreat CRC speaker is going to be talking about being called and chosen. The fall is going to be full and fun. I encourage Air Hill to stop and ask our youth how they are doing in school, sports, and extra-curricular activities. If you're interested in going to support our youth in one of the various activities, please ask me and I can give you a schedule. Please also keep me and the youth leaders in your prayers as well as the students as we embark on another year. We want to be led through the wind of the Holy Spirit.



In His Grip, Travis Kisamore

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. -  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

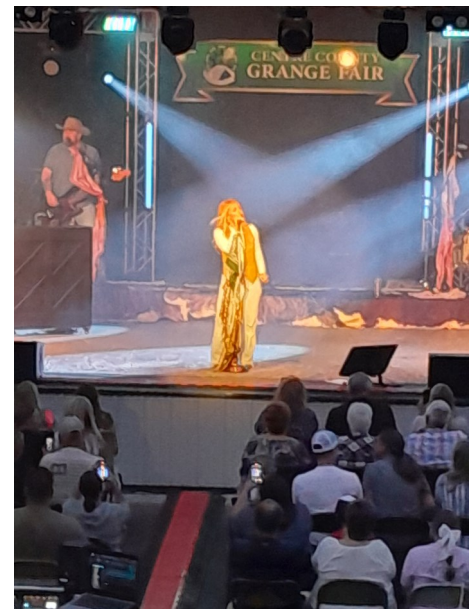
# Youth Family Picnic

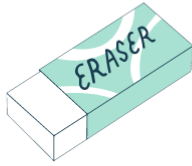
There was fun and fellowship on the evening of August 16th when the youth and their families got together for a picnic in Edenville.



# Youth Girls

On August 17th, the youth girls went to see Anne Wilson in concert at the Centre County Grange Fair. Anne Willson sings Contemporary Country Christian Music. She's a 22-year-old young woman who suffered a tragic loss that led her to the career she has today. The girls had a really great time worshipping God through music.





62 MCC School Kits! Thank you for your generosity!



*Our Kingdom Kids Wednesday night program will be starting another exciting year on September 18th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Classes are for preK (potty-trained) through 5th grade.*

*Please tell your family, neighbors and friends about our program. If you would like to be a part of our program by helping with teaching, games, sharing a craft or hobby/skill, or just being a general helper, we would love to have you. Please text, call, or see me in person.*

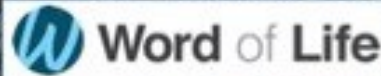
*Thank you,  
Sharon Warren (Kingdom Kids Coordinator)  
717-360-1374*





# Karina Thrush

## Nippon NEWSFLASH



8.23.24

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth." Job 19:25



### Praises & Prayer

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

Pray for safety and good health for the Shiobara family and myself as we keep a tight schedule meeting with many friends to share about the ministry in Japan.

Praise God for Hinata's profession of faith at International Camp! Pray that he connects with a local church.

Pray for continued opportunities to stay connected with Ayaka (my unsaved friend) even while in the States.

Pray for more workers.

### Profession of Faith!

The 12 Japanese students had a blast at International Camp in Korea! There were plenty of activities, games, and fun; and more importantly, they had the opportunity to hear from the Word of God each day in the message time, small group time, and one-on-one conversations with counselors.



One camper, Hinata, made a profession of faith! His counselor introduced him to a church to connect with in Yokohama near his home in Japan. The pastor of the church is an



alumni of our SYME (School of Youth Ministries in English) program. Thank you for your prayers and support! Please pray that Hinata would grow in faith and connect with the local church.



### We are on our way!

The Shiobara family and I board a plane on August 27 for the States! We are keeping a tight schedule as we will be traveling to 11 different states to meet many potential ministry partners and have a large portion of their support to raise. We are excited to see the Lord provide!



At camp, of course, I absolutely loved serving in the kitchen! I tried to stick to the "international" theme and cook dishes from various parts of the world.



## September 2024 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Air Hill BIC Church</b>	Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Lewistown/ State College</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Wilkes Barre</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Conference Prep <b>REST</b>	<b>The Open Door Church Mission's Conference</b>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>The Open Door Church Mission's Conference</b>	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>REST</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>Mowersville BIC Church</b>  <b>Lancaster</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Lancaster &amp; Philadelphia</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Middletown Garden Chapel</b> Mission Committee Meeting	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Middletown Garden Chapel</b>	<b>REST</b>	<b>Lynchburg VA</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Lynchburg VA</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Lynchburg VA</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Lynchburg VA</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Dalton GA</b> Meeting with Pastor Parrish
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Dalton GA Emmaus Baptist Church</b>	<b>Travel to Jacksonville FL</b>	<b>Jacksonville</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>Atlanta GA</b> Meetings with potential ministry partners	<b>REST</b>	Meetings with potential ministry partners	Meetings with potential ministry partners

### 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:** We have not finalized a location yet, but we are seriously looking into one property in particular that seems to hold promise. Please pray for wisdom as we sift through details and seek God's will.

# The Oberholser's

Hello Prayer Warriors,

Here are a few highlights and updates since our last email from July.

- Thanks for praying for our new Wed night cell group that's meeting at the apartment complex. We are pleased that several people we met via VBS have been attending! Each meeting has consisted of sharing a meal together, singing, and sharing scripture together. We are especially excited for two teenage brothers who've been attending, Carlos and Fabian. Pray that our new friends will continue to join us and that others will attend as well.
- Last week our family was busy with the San Juan County fair, where our children showed their animals and entered other exhibits such as quilts, garden produce, artwork, and baked goods. Each of them came home with several ribbons and other awards. We are very proud of each of our children and all that they've accomplished through 4-H this past year. Pray for our children as they begin the process of deciding what projects to work on for the upcoming year. Pray especially that they would glorify Jesus in all that they do!
- We rejoice with our co-worker and associate pastor of Freedom of Nations Church, Ben Stoner, who baptized a young Navajo man in July. Ben meets with Magic (that's his real name) on a regular basis to study scripture together. Magic and his grandmother are the only believers in their family, but occasionally other family members will sit in and listen as Ben and Magic study the Word together. Pray for Magic's faith to grow and for his family to submit to Jesus.
- Freedom of Nations Church currently has 4 cells that are meeting on a regular basis. Most of the cells have been studying through the book of John. It's been encouraging to watch how the scriptures have been speaking to our people in fresh ways. We are praying that each person who attends will engage with the scriptures each week and learn how to apply them to their lives.
- This weekend, Aug 23-25, Jason will be leading a group of men from Freedom of Nations Church to a men's retreat in Colorado. So far 3 men have committed to go with Jason; 3 or 4 others have shown an interest. Pray that God will send us the men that he wants at camp. Pray that each man would hear from the Lord and that they would respond to his promptings.

Some of you have asked about viewing pictures through another method other than social media. We've created a [Album](#) where you can see pictures of our family and ministry happenings from this spring and summer. You should be able to click on the link that'll take you directly to the album.

Blessings to all,

The Oberholser Family



# September 2024

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>8:30 am Prayer Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service</p>		<p>7:00 pm Praise &amp; Prayer</p>	<p>6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>6:30 pm Discipleship Group</p>		<p>7:00 am Discipleship Group  4:00 pm FUNFEST</p>
<p>8 8:30 am Prayer Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service Congregational Council</p>	<p>9 12:30 pm Widows &amp; Caregiver's Luncheon  7:00 pm Church Board</p>	<p>10 7:00 pm Praise &amp; Prayer</p>	<p>11 6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>12 6:30 pm Discipleship Group</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7:00 am Discipleship Group</p>
<p>15 8:30 am Prayer Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Membership Class</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm Praise &amp; Prayer</p>	<p>18 6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>19 6:30 pm Discipleship Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 7:00 am Discipleship Group</p>
<p>22 8:30 am Prayer Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Flock Family Campfire</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7:00 pm Praise &amp; Prayer</p>	<p>25 6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>26 6:30 pm Property Mgnt. Meeting  6:30 pm Discipleship Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:00 am Discipleship Group</p>
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