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Growing the Body of Christ for God's Global Mission

The Peoples Church

Season of Prayer

- "Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.'"
-John 14:23
- "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand."
-John 10:29
- "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."
- Psalms 24:1

Home is Where The Heart Is....

by Sylvia Pauls

What is the first thought that comes to you when you hear the word "home"? Is it a mental picture of the house that you grew up in as a child, or the environment you now live in? Are you alone, or with others? The word "home" can bring on a sense of contentment and belonging, like feeling "at home" in an environment different from your own. It can stir in you a sense of longing if you are "not home yet", or a sense of loss at "no longer being able to go home."

"Home" according to an online dictionary has several meanings, some of which are: the physical structure within which one lives; a dwelling place with family or social unit in it; an environment offering security and happiness; a valued place regarded as a refuge or place of origin; the place where one was born; the native habitat of a plant or animal. To be 'at home' means to be relaxed and at ease, in harmony with the surroundings, or on familiar ground. The Bible encompasses all these contexts, but we will focus on the promises God makes of a forever family and home both now and after we die.

Whatever comes to your mind when you hear 'home', most of the time it is the place where deep emotion is evoked. I tested this concept out last night at The Rock teen ministry in Beaverton. I used the outline of this article (in its original format) on the group of 15-20 year olds and asked them the first question as above "what is the first.....", followed by "what is the difference between a house and a home?" The bulk of answers I received to the first question were that home was more a feeling than a dwelling, that it had to do with security, family, a place to grow up in, and love. The answers to the second question were the same. The sad part of this experiment was

that I asked a third question – "is the place you are living in now a house or a home?" Response -dead silence – no comments. I had to break the ice quickly before the room had a meltdown, and we moved on to look at what the Bible says about 'home', to see where what our hearts are calling 'home'.

While Jesus walked on Earth, He did not lay claim to any place as His 'home' except once in John 14:23 where He replied to one of His disciples "*Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.*" Did this mean He would set up shop in our spare guest room? No. This Scripture refers to accepting Christ into our heart as Saviour and Lord of our life. So, if God is searching for a home in our heart, is there any room in there for Him or is it crammed with a bunch of hurt and sin which makes it impossible for anyone else to live there except

our own broken spirit? If we accept Jesus, He helps us get rid of "heart stuff" we don't need and He moves in. We also get to move into a new home too. John 14:2-3 reads "*My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*" This is a forever home.

So, while our temporary homes come and go, we can know for sure we have eternity living in our hearts, and a future that promises a forever "home" when our earthly ones are gone. If home is where our hearts are, then we need to make our hearts the home of Christ. Open the door! If you don't know how, ask someone. Refuse to live one more day being spiritually homeless! You have new family waiting to love you. ✠



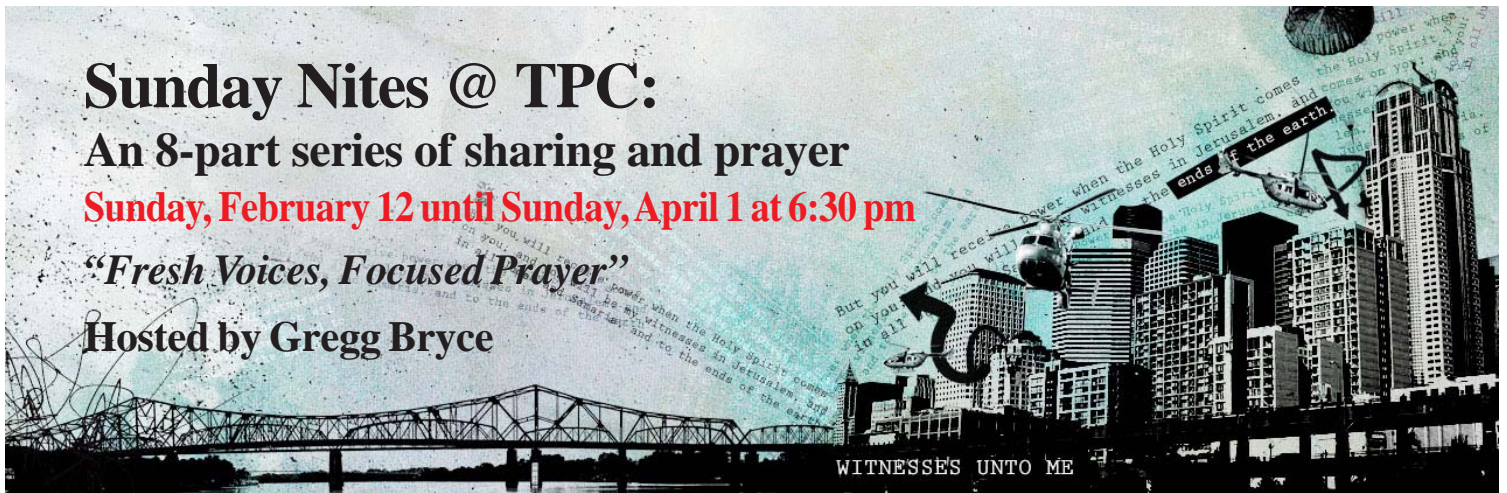
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An 8-part series of sharing and prayer

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Hosted by Gregg Bryce

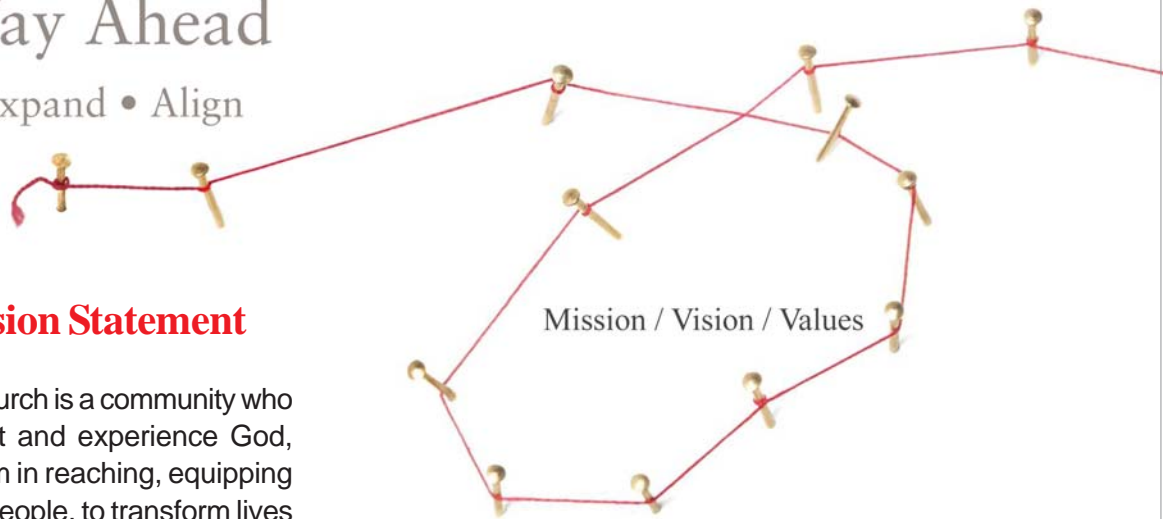


The Way Ahead

Build • Expand • Align

Our Mission Statement

The Peoples Church is a community who love, obey, trust and experience God, working with Him in reaching, equipping and mobilizing people, to transform lives throughout our city and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Go to:
www.thepeopleschurch.ca/thewayaheadfaqs.asp
for more details.



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got new life?*

now get baptized

**New life is based on the salvation message of God's redeeming love. Romans 6:4*

Baptism Date: Sunday, April 15, 2012

Must attend Classes – Sundays, March 4/11/18/25 2-4 pm, Founder's Hall

Applications for Baptism available at the Welcome Centre and online at

www.thepeopleschurch.ca/fs-baptism.asp

Deadline for submitting applications: Wednesday, February 29

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 - ◆ Growth of a Disciple (Timothy)
- ... and many more inspiring titles!**

DATE: Sunday, February 26, 2012

PLACE: East Counter
after morning services



NEW VBS
FOR 2012



WHERE KIDS GET DOWN
AND LIFT GOD HIGH

March Break Camp 2012

Monday, March 12 – Friday March 16 (9 am – 4 pm)

Registration Begins:

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Early Bird Pricing
\$75/Child

For More Information

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Short-Term Global Outreach Trips!

Feb 19 – Alderville Team
Feb 26 – India Team
March 4 – Zambia and Kenya Teams



Interested in going on a Short-Term Mission Trip?
Attend a special Information Session
on March 7, 2012 at 7:00pm

not a fan.

Friday, March 2nd to Sunday, March 4th 2012

the men's retreat 2012

Theme: Not a Fan - From Fan to Fully Committed
(This is a 6 session DVD study)

Location: MBC (Muskoka Bible Centre), Huntsville, Ontario
www.muskokabilecentre.com

Cost: Lodge or the family cottages Accomodation (2 per room): \$179.50
(Costs include 2 nights accommodation and 5 meals)

Registration: All registration is to be done directly through MBC.
Contact MBC directly at 1-800-551-0168 to register
and pay by Credit Card or Cheque
Refer to Men's Retreat - Mar 2-4 weekend

Registration Deadline - Fri., Feb 17th, 2012 @ 4:00 pm

Questions & Contact: John Cormier
(416) 493-0198 or jwcorm@yahoo.ca



Congratulations.....

We (Jenn and Kellen Jones) are thrilled that Deevy Matthew Jones is finally here! He arrived January 21st at 12:30PM, weighing 8lbs, 14oz. Deevy is the surname of a Christian Australian family, who hold a special place in our hearts. The parents have raised 5 children who love God and who are a vibrant part of their church community. "Deevy" means "friend" or "endeared one". "Matthew" means "Gift of God". We'd like to thank many of our church family who have been SO generous towards us with gifts, cards, prayers, and time spent. Please join us in prayer that Deevy would encounter Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour in his early years, and live a life that shouts the fame of his Creator.

Latin America – The Expansion, Part 2/3

by Carlos Lopez



In Latin America, churches are growing rapidly, but pastors have little training. Access to solid biblical teaching is limited. What training there is available, is very expensive. People come to Christ with fervor, but need biblical understanding and knowledge to grow in their

relationship with Him.

In many Latin American countries, people are faced with incredible stories of poverty, desperation and abuse. Young women – just children really – are trapped in lives of prostitution and drugs. Poor and vulnerable young men are lured by women, money, drugs and gangs.

The Spirit of God, however, is working. People are open to hearing and receiving the gospel. They are transformed by the power of God’s Spirit and committed to reaching their people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

These new Christians need to be nurtured in their relationship with Christ, and that’s where Living Truth offers help. The Spanish version of our Media Ministry is called Vive La Verdad. Our goal was to be on the air in 25 countries, but our generous heavenly Father gave us 26 countries!

Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, United States - including Hawaii and Puerto Rico -, Guatemala, Honduras, -Turks and Caicos, Cayman, British Virgin Bahamas - Islands, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Television and radio dominate family life throughout Latin America. In almost every urban home, store and office,

there is a television in the background. In remote regions, the radio is their primary source of information, education and leisure. TV stations and broadcasters are desperate for solid biblical teachings in Spanish. Each Sunday over 120 million people in 26 countries are receiving the sound teaching of Pastor Charles Price in Spanish.

How did God make this possible?

Some people call me a small man with a big faith. Actually I think they are not right because it is very easy for me to trust in my marvelous God. It is not about the size of my faith it’s about who I am putting my faith in.

“The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” (Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV) God alone is providing opportunities and opening doors beyond my wildest dreams!

Here at home, God has provided an excellent bilingual (Spanish-English) Christian production team that I would like to introduce you to: Marco-Tulio Vergara is the Spanish voice of Pastor Charles Price. Ivar Hiort is the bilingual editor and Technical Coordinator. Fanny Castro is the audio recording Coordinator and Translator. Rebeca San Emeterio is the Administrative Assistant. Teresa Menchaca, Carlos Burbano, Jeannette Rodriguez complete the Translation Team. We have always been mentored, encouraged, and assisted by our dear English Living Truth Team.

I would like to invite you this week to pray for our team, because they represent all of us in front of the Spanish world. We cannot work alone and need you as a part of our team as well to pray for us.

** In the next issue of Peoples Progress, let’s witness the vision concerning Vive La Verdad – Living Truth in Spanish, and how YOU can be a part of it! ✝*

Dr. See Kiat Toh, from Tyndale, will begin a mini-series on “THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST”.

March 17, 2012

Part 1- *“Why is it important for our faith?”*

April 21, 2012

Part 2- *“Was it for real?”*

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Place: Rooms A102 & A103, The Peoples Church

POT LUCK DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP



Peoples Chinese
Christian Fellowship

Children's Ministry
Enhancement Conference



Reaching High



Saturday, February 25th 2012

A full day conference, with workshops covering all aspects of Children's Ministry including Nursery, Preschool, Elementary, and Leadership



With guest speaker **Kathy Ribble**
from Forest Brook Community Church

Registration:

Registration forms can be picked up at the Welcome Centre or the Little Peoples Information desk in the West Wing Hallway.

Registration is due on **Sunday, February 19th 2012.**

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BEREAVEMENT



Ole Neil Timgren, long time member, supporter, elder, usher and faithful volunteer of The Peoples Church for 50+ years, passed away on January 21, 2012 at 87yrs old. Please pray for Gwen, his beloved wife for 61 years, and his children Beverley, Sharon (Dean Wight), Diane (Terry Langan), the late Linda Cassidy and seven grandchildren. Ole will be dearly missed!



Grace Hayle, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2012 at 80yrs old. She was the beloved wife of Lloyd for 51 years, and mother to Stephen (Joy Nadine) and Sharon (Tony Williams). Grace will be deeply missed by her extended family and friends. Grace was a remarkable musician and teacher. She sang in the Peoples Church choir with her husband for many years.

Joan Gibbs, passed away on January 25, 2012.



Clara Caddell, a member and supporter of The Peoples Church for over 60 years passed away on February 2, 2012. During that time, she and her late husband Wilbur (Wib), taught an adult Sunday School Class as one of the many ministries they were involved in. Clara was a faithful leader of the Gideons and was on the Board of Directors at Yonge Street Mission and Trans World Radio (TWR). She supported many missionaries around the world. She was a champion for the work of the Lord and will be dearly missed by her many friends and associates.



Global Outreach Focus

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE PART IV

Sunday, February 19, 2012

Amanda V



Although the twentieth century was marked by the development of world-wide transportation and scientific innovation, it was also a time of great social upheaval. World War I was quickly followed by World War II and the same inventions intended to

progress humankind were also used to destroy humankind. The experience of three pilots during the war prompted them to begin Bible study and prayer together, while



discussing the possibility of ministry through aviation. A year later, while WWII was still going on around them, one of these pilots began movements to establish a missionary aviation organization that would begin when the war ended. The following year, the Christian Airmen's Missionary Fellowship (CAMF) was established, which would later become known as Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Within the next eighteen months a plane was bought and airwoman Betty Greene piloted CAMF's inaugural flight, flying two Wycliffe workers to a jungle location in the heart of Mexico.

Wings to Northern Canada

For the past forty-plus years, MAF has sent pilots to over 32 countries world-wide. In 2011 after a challenge from MAF office in the United States to care for First Nations people groups, the Canadian office launched "Wings to Northern Canada" which provided transportation to remote aboriginal communities in Northern Canada. This ministry began in 2009 with northern flights out of B.C. and Manitoba. Currently, there are around two flights offered weekly, transporting church groups and mission agencies that have been pre-approved by band councils and chiefs. There is often shock at the third-world conditions found within these remote communities and an understanding gained that the light of Christ must be spread.

Our Partnership

The Peoples Church supports MAF pilots and their families serving in different parts of the world. One of those families is Dan & Marcia Lawrence and their five children who serve the Amazon communities deep in the heart of Brazil. Dan is an airplane pilot instructor and



mechanic who also provides flights for humanitarian development to remote villages along the Amazon River. These flights are also a primary way of bringing in people to spread the Gospel and to provide discipleship and training to Christians within these small communities.

Across the globe in Papua New Guinea (PNG), serving in a similar capacity, live Richard and Jennifer Marples and their three children. In



partnership with local churches and governments, agencies and NGOs, MAF PNG seeks to reach out to the remote communities of PNG, with an estimate 4.5 million people inaccessible by road. Richard is chief pilot, meaning that in addition to flying he also works in administration, training and discipling people who serve on the base.

There has been a decline in the last number of years in pilots entering the field and serving globally. Please pray that God will raise up trained aviation mechanics and pilots to facilitate the spread of the Gospel through this ministry. At the same time there is also the increasing age of the planes themselves, which must be replaced at great cost. Pray for the funding and the ability to maintain the fleet.

Walking together – one family’s perspective on local outreach

by Joy Byers

Outreach is often a word that sparks fear in the hearts of many – “I can’t do that! I don’t know how, I’m afraid, what do I do?” are some questions we hear. These thoughts were echoed by Suzette, a mom in a family of 5, who came to see me one Friday afternoon. “I want my family to be salt and light in our neighbourhood, but we don’t know where to start.” As we chatted, and spoke about our different experiences, she shared that she and her family go for walks each evening and meet many people along the way – people that God has placed in their paths. It started to become clear to Suzette that local outreach was really not that complicated. “It’s our walk!!!” as she jumped up bubbling over with excitement.

She shared a story about the neighbour up the road who was trying to fix a flat tire and seemed quite frustrated, and how her oldest boy

stopped to ask if he could be of assistance to her. After a disgruntled glance, the neighbour looked across and saw the whole family standing there and haltingly said “Yeah – I guess so, it can’t get any worse.” Rajuhn worked together with her and helped fix the tire, along with the youngest boy Elijah who wanted to be in on the action. Croyden, their dad (Suzette’s husband), checked over the job and made sure that all was tightly put back together. Suzette and Sierra – the youngest child, spent time chatting with their new acquaintance, finding out a little bit about her, where she was from and how she liked living in the area.

One thing led to another and very soon the family of 5 and their neighbour, Ileni were sharing an evening meal and a movie. Over time developing a friendship, Ileni said that she was very grateful to have a family to be

with since she was often very lonely and melancholy. Ileni is a single Mom who lost her daughter and son in a car accident in Montreal three years ago. The kids were roughly the same age as two of Suzette’s kids and Ileni appreciated that she could spend time with them. She had finally found a peaceful place in her life. “Why is it so peaceful here? What makes you so different? You know you really are different...”

Suzette shared with her about her faith and what it means to have Jesus as a vibrant living and very active part of her family’s everyday life. Has Ileni made a decision to walk with Christ? No not yet, but she is asking questions, and God has placed Suzette, Croyden, Rajuhn, Elijah and Sierra right there ... Simple, amazing and something that each of us can embrace without fear, knowing that He goes before us.



FROM TCO DZ-T

The Global Outreach Department receives updates from our missionary families. The following are missionaries who sent updates over the holidays. If you would like a specific update, please email Amanda at: amandav@tpc-t.org

<p>J & M Anderson (Philippines) T & W Ballentyne (Philippines) G & E Beatty (Senegal) J & L Beeker* (England) L Cheong (Cambodia) C de Haan (Canada/Hispanics) J & M Dixon* (Central Asia) D & M Elliott* (France/N Africa)</p>	<p>B & C Foutz (Philippines) L & M Gedder (Canada) J & S Holm (Germany) N & I Maxwell* (South Asia) G & L Nigh (Zambia) W & S Radford (Senegal) C & L Rough (PNG) C Salacsacan (Mexico) L S (Cameroon) P & M Smith* (China)</p>
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*Pseudonyms are used for security purposes

Global Outreach Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the transportation and care offered through pilots and their families within MAF
- Please pray for the safety of the Marples & the Lawrences as they travel to remote areas to bring the Gospel and humanitarian aid
- Please pray that newer planes would be provided as well as pilots to fly and maintain them

Local Outreach Prayer Items:

- For the women who seek God and His equipping to walk in wisdom in making a difference for the City of Toronto and the church
- For God to continue to use the congregation of The Peoples Church mightily in the City of Toronto