

Calvary Family

September 2024 News



🎄 Christmas in September 🎄

As we continue to celebrate 150 years of God's faithfulness to Calvary we now come to September and it is time to think about missions. Why missions in September, you may ask? Well, let me tell you. Back in the day, before e-banking and direct deposit, if you wanted to send money to someone in a faraway place it took a long time to get there, so churches that wanted to give their missionaries a Christmas gift had to get it in the mail a few months in advance. That brought about 🎄 Christmas in September 🎄. This year we (and by “we” I mean Danielle) sent out a questionnaire to our current and former missionaries and here are their responses.

Ben & Carla Morrison, former missionary to NTBI(Ethnos 360) Waukesha WI

I was inspired to be a missionary by growing up in Indonesia and seeing firsthand a very lost world that needs Christ. At Bible School the Lord reaffirmed this desire and Carla and I continued to pursue training with New Tribes Mission, now Ethnos360.

The first country I settled on was a little tribe of wild youth, in Baker City, Oregon at CBC. What a privilege it was to be a part of missions in the local church context, like many of you do. We then were directed by the Lord to be a part of discipling, teaching, equipping and mobilizing Missionaries through New Tribes Bible Institute in Waukesha, WI, for nearly 20 years.

Currently, I am no longer a missionary but serving in a pastorate in Boise, Idaho at Grace Bible Church. Over the years serving with Ethnos360, I primarily served in a Discipleship Role in the Deans Department, while my wife Carla helped out in many different roles at the school. What a privilege it was to have Calvary Baptist Church as our sending church. We were so blessed by CBC during our time serving with Ethnos360 and felt that we were an extension of the ministry of our fellowship of believers there in Baker City. As Paul says in *Philippians 4:17*, “*Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.*” As the Philippian Church gave, Paul reminded them of the profit, the fruit of their gift, which increased to their spiritual eternal account as a church. I believe that through the gifts and participation in the Gospel of 150 years Calvary Baptist Church, has much profit, much fruit in their spiritual eternal account that should bring praise and a sense of honor and gratitude for faithfully being a part of God’s

eternal purposes both in Baker City and around the World. What a privilege it has been for my family and I to play a small part in God's incredible plan through Calvary Baptist Church.

Marek Kmiec, Former Missionary

What inspired you to become a missionary or what led you to become a missionary?

Basically, not much of my doing (that's the impression I get). Pretty much I was led like by a snaffle by God – seems to me. First unthinkable hearing of the Gospel in a communist country (via a short wave radio), then (miracle in itself) coming to America, Multnomah, Prairie City church and then back to Poland.

How did you settle on the country or countries you served in?

I am Polish. While serving in Prairie City I was ministering to a lady dying in a hospital (she was about 60). I was "impressed" how short our life is. It is "easy" to get comfortable here – but does not make much sense (seems like a big time loss) – if that's all we are striving for.

What are your current roles? What roles have you fulfilled in the past?

When I first went back to Poland (1994) I used to teach at a Bible college for 2 years. Then I was forced to resign for teaching 6/24 days of creation (in 1995). But during the two years at college I formed a group of able men with whom soon after we started 3 churches in Poland (prospering to this day). I am pastoring a church in Wroclaw (south-west Poland) (together with one of my students).

Dave & Jena Mough, former Missionary

For Jena: My own experience and observation of the needs on the field as my dad and mom were missionaries in the Philippines. It was something I could not ignore and I was convinced that God would have me be a part of seeing that others in the world had the opportunity to here of God's grand story, His love for them and His redemption plan to draw them back to Himself. How can they hear without a preacher?! **For Dave:** It was while he was in Bible College that he understood missions more fully and that if he stayed in the U.S. to pursue youth ministry – there was a 95% possibility out of believers stepping into ministry that they would take his place if he didn't go and serve in that capacity. If he chose to go overseas – there was only a 5% possibility out of believers stepping into ministry that they would be willing to go out and bring the Gospel cross-culturally.

How did you settle on the country or countries you served in? **For Jena:** My parents served in the Philippines and I continued to have a heart for them as a people group. Still do! **For Dave:** He took a short-term missions trip over to the Philippines before we were married and he was won over too! Of course we were also leaning into the Lord for His desires/will for us.

Roles in the past: We both did culture and language acquisition in the national language of Tagalog and then we did culture and language acquisition in the tribal location we went to with the Ibaloi. Dave was proficient enough to teach Foundational Bible Teaching, starting in Genesis

and going to the Ascension, many times. (During one of our furloughs, Dave ended up teaching at Calvary when Dave Douglas was the pastor. Dave also walked through FBT faithfully over months of time together to several couples/families either from Calvary or familiar to Calvary. We also served in the Awana program.) After 6 years in the tribe and there was obvious collective resistance to the Gospel, we were asked to serve in leadership out at our flight base to represent and build relationships with Filipinos and missionaries – helping missionaries set up in new locations and to keep coming alongside them as they committed themselves to years of working with tribal people to bring them the Gospel and plant a New Testament Church. Just at that time Dave was called out to be on the contingency team when Martin and Gracia Burnham were kidnapped. That turned into a full year. We went back to the U.S for a furlough after Gracia was released.

Current roles: During that furlough we realized that Lindsey, our youngest, needed significant help with her health. Dave had been asked several times to teach at one of our training centers before and so he put forth to stateside leadership that we would need some time to investigate her health and that it might be an appropriate time to serve at one of our institutes. We ended up in Baker City for two years where we had a training center. Then NTM consolidated their training centers to Missouri and this is where we have found ourselves for 19 years! Dave is currently the Dean of Education and also does a lot of teaching. I have served and continue to serve in various roles – teaching women, attending and implementing new modules for our women going cross-cultural, coordinating childcare, serving on the Training Development Team and Academic Management Team where Dave leads those teams, mentoring, etc.

We valued our home church/sending church of Calvary for many years. You were very good to us. We had many dear relationships over those many years with lovely, godly people who were part of Calvary.

(Jena's mom and dad are Rod and Carol Wright)

Randy and Laura Damschen, Former Missionary

What inspired you to become a missionary or what led you to become a missionary? **Laura** – *It was a book of missionary stories my grandmother gave to me.* **Randy** – *It was realizing that so many people groups were unreached that challenged my heart and mind.*

How did you settle on the country or countries you served in? **Damschen-** *We were asked to serve at Baker City where there were some real needs that we as a couple could fulfill and that God had prepared us for. Ironically, that was just a couple days after we had decided we would pursue going to Venezuela which closed to missionaries a couple years later. God knew Baker City was where we needed to be at that time.*

What are your current roles? **Randy** – *Director of Offgrid Tech and personal mentor of student couple.* **Laura** – *Registrar, Guest House Hostess and personal mentor of student couple.*

What roles have you fulfilled in the past? **Randy** *Campus Administrator, Work leader, Served on various leadership and other teams, Jungle Camp and Simple Living Coordinator (Laura helped*

with that), Teacher of various classes. **Laura** – Childcare Coordinator & worker, Administrative Assistant, Guest House Assistant, Teacher of various classes. **Damschen** – We both have done many things that needed done, from mowing lawns and sweeping floors to fixing things and meeting needs of other people through how God engifted us to serve. They aren't the glamorous things in life, but in all reality probably the more important things.

We are grateful to God for those who have partnered with us over so many years by means of prayer, encouragement, advice, friendship and finances. Thank you so much is right!
Thank you so much!



Steve & Judy Steege—former missionaries

Judy--I wanted to be a missionary as a little girl. We would attend Canadian Missionary Conference yearly and they had a Single Missionary Lady in Africa. I enjoyed her stories and wanted to be a missionary.

Steve--Wanted to become a missionary from the NTM institute in Bak City. He attended the Tuesday meetings and was challenged by men there that people need to hear about Jesus.

They settled on Mongolia, after the Ralphs shared at Calvary Baptist Church with a hands on ministry in Mongolia. And they felt being able to go to the field as the hands and not the mouth was doable, as support ministries.

Judy worked in finances and running the guest house.

Steve was in charge of the Mongolian guys doing work projects at the guest house.

In Papua New Guinea, Steve was asked to do work with alternative energy--changing the camp from 60 Cycle(USA Energy) to 50 Cycle(PNG Energy). in 15-20 Buildings he changed all the inverters over, slowing them down to the new power calibration over a 9 month period. When Cummings came into reset their generators to the slower cycle, they anticipated numerous problems for switching it over, but the only problem they had was one lightbulb broke in the change over, then Steve's ministry job was completed and they did not have any else for him.

If they could go back on the mission field they would have, but now they feel too old. Their are currently doing informal ministry, as they encounter people of other faiths to point them in the direction of Biblical Faith and be present in peoples lives.

George & Linda Heckman, assisted in Awana Program

Linda was challenged to become a missionary when reading missionary biographies in high school and college.

George was challenged by a missionary with NTM who was headed to Senegal, West Africa, where in 1980, 8 million people and 250 Christians. George's desire to see the Gospel go to the unreached fuels his desire to go to the mission field. While working with the church plant in Greeley, Colorado they began Missionary training in Kentucky for overseas service, desired to serve where He could best use them.

In the summer of 1987, we served at the Missionary Training Center, Baker City, OR, and saw God provide, and teach, and use us in many areas of the training. “This ministry was a glove like fit for us, and we thank the Lord for the time there, and the dear people we worked with and served. We enjoyed our time ministering in the Cubbies program at Calvary Baptist Church in Baker, and treasure our friendships the Lord gave us there. We also worked with Baker Bible Church, and First Baptist of Haines during our 16 years in Baker City.”

In 2002, they were asked to consider going to Florida to serve in the newly formed Personnel Department for New Tribes Mission. After praying and asking questions, and seeking counsel, we saw this was direction from the Lord and the next year, moved to Florida, leaving our friends and our Haines Church. God has led, provided, and comforted through many life changes such as “church hunting”, making new friends, adjusting to driving 15 miles to work, and including our nest “emptying” as the kids grew and went to New Tribes Bible Institute, and on to their respective places of service/work. We have seen plenty of changes over the last 21 years growing and adding Member Services and continues to grow and change as the mission changes, and our culture changes.

Some of our responsibilities/ duties were church planting, Ministry Training with New Tribes Mission (Now Ethnos360) in Kentucky & Baker City OR, including teaching, letter writing for the Institute, overseeing Childcare, leadership, discipleship, office work, bookkeeping, fellowship, Overseeing the Mission Barrel, Organizing our missions conferences. Ministry in Member Services works with all of our Ethnos360 members assisting them in their needs as they start with and transfer between various fields or ministries, add to their family, Home Assignments, and eventually retire from NTM. We do much paperwork that assists our missionaries to stay on the foreign field. correspondence for verification and recommendations that may be needed. Help as they go through needed transitions in their lives and ministries. provide support and encouragement as well as resources for the place they are in their lives and ministries. We can be a part of the team reaching out to the remotest tribe, by staying here and handling much needed paperwork for our missionaries world-wide, with many things that “grease the wheels” to keep the Mission “running smoothly”. As the Retirement Coach, **George** works with our members who are coming to retirement age and walks them through the process giving counsel and helpful advice, answering their questions and speaking with churches and their supporters as well, much of it over the phone. Keeping up with background checks **Linda** writes and sends out a retirement letter for the supporters and friends of each retiring missionary. **Linda** writes to our members and former members who have lost loved ones and expresses the Mission’s condolences.

David & Claudia Douglass, for missionary church planter

I concluded my ministry in Baker City and went to serve as a church planting pastor of another church. I settled on that ministry because it was very clear that God was pointing us in that direction. All these years later, I look back with confidence that it truly was God's plan for us. I/we didn't think of ourselves as going to a mission field in the most common sense of the term. We passed that ministry to a delightful young man - and his wife - who are still ministering there.

It's been a long, long time since we served at Calvary Baptist Church there in Baker City but we still have many fond memories of the people and our time there. And the BEAUTIFUL picture of the Elkhorn Mountains that we were given when we left still is proudly displayed on our family room wall. We love it!

God bless you all as you continue to minister in your part of the world.

This year we are hoping to raise \$100 to give to each family we support for a total of \$900. Be looking for the special envelopes for our Christmas in September offerings. And don't forget to mark your calendars for our CIS potluck after the service on September 29th.

Serving Him,

Pastor Karl

*We will be reading current missionaries responses during our Worship Services in September, but if you would like a hard copy of what they responded we would be happy to make you one with you for Brent & Chris Ralston, Glenn & Teo Urquhart, Aaron & Katie Umpleby, Camp Elkanah and Crystal and the Miles.

No Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study until October 8th at 10am.



Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study.. will start up on **September 9th at 6pm, at the church.** We will be using "Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free." Please visit with Kelli or Laurie for more information.

**September
Birthday**

8 Joe Sword

The Ladies' Lunchtime Bible Study... from 11am - Noon on Wednesdays at Yvonne's Home. Always room for one more!



BEHOLD You are What You Worship... is the theme of this year's Women's Retreat, Friday, September 13, through Sunday, the 15th. Josie Reddington, is our guest speaker from La Grande Oregon. \$70 for Saturday only includes 3 meals. \$120 for full weekend with all meals & lodging. Registration is online at Camp Elkanah.

The Five Marks of a Man... is the message for this year's Eastern Oregon Men's RoundUp at Camp Elkanah, It will be a Men's Equipping retreat with **Retired Army Captain Dean Varney**, as the guest speaker. Saturday, October 12th, from 8am-4:30pm. Cost is \$20 for adults. Online **Registration closes at 7am on Sept 30th.** Breakfast Donuts & Lunch provided. Activities included: Bracketed Cornhole & Shotgun shoot.



October items for the Newsletter are due September 24th.

Thanks!

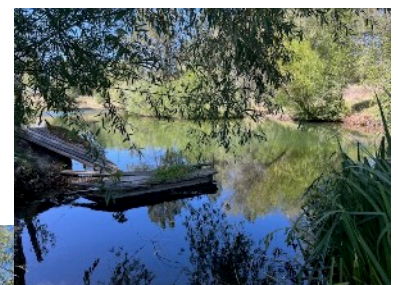


Calvary Church Family Picnic

This year our church family picnic was up at Forrest and Sue's on Sunday, August 18th. We had great weather, not too hot like it was a few days earlier. We had a good crowd and also had extra guests, the horses, chickens and hummingbirds were fun to watch as we ate and visited.

We had delicious burgers and hot dogs, many choices of toppings and a wide variety of sides and desserts, green fluff salad, potato salad, pasta salads, hot mac & cheese, a fancy 150th-year decorated cake, brownies, coconut pie, cookies, a wide assortment of fruits and chips, all were delicious! I just scratched the surface on the variety and sadly could not fit it all on my plate! I did make a valiant effort to squeeze a bite of each item on my plate, but quickly ran out of space.

We had some competitive corn hole, (and yes I forget what number we are on for the annual tournament, or maybe it was just to keep their skills up to win the honor of being the best for a season later in the year.)



The Role of Art in the Christian Life

R.C. Sproul

When we look at the role of art in the Christian life and community, we find that there are simple, foundational principles about the nature of beauty. If you were to look up every reference to “beauty” or “the beautiful” in the Bible, you would see that the word “beauty” in one form or another occurs frequently in the pages of sacred Scripture, particularly in the Old Testament. To set a framework for our investigation, let’s begin by looking at a psalm written by David, which we find in 1 Chronicles:

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. (1 Chron. 16:28–30)

Two words in this psalm stand out. One is “glory.” The idea of the glory of God is pervasive throughout Scripture. It refers to His majesty, His heaviness, His weightiness, His worth, His significance. Closely connected with His glory is the concept of “holiness.” The psalm enjoins the people of God to worship God in the “splendor of holiness”; the holiness of God and the glory of God are conjoined here with respect to this idea of splendor or beauty. We are called to come into the presence of God and to worship that which is beautiful about God.

Psalm 27 and **Psalm 29** also tell us about this idea of the beauty of God. **Psalm 27:4** states:

One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

In **Psalm 29**, David reiterates what he said in his psalm in 1 Chronicles: we are to worship the Lord in the “splendor of holiness.”

I’m afraid that the idea of the beauty of God has been all but eclipsed in our contemporary culture, both in the secular community and in the church. The Scriptures are concerned about three dimensions of the Christian life: the good, the true, and the beautiful. But we have cut off the third from the other two. In fact, sometimes Christians reduce their concern of the things of God purely to the ethical realm, to a discussion of righteousness or goodness. Others are so concerned about purity of doctrine that they’re preoccupied with truth at the expense of behavior or of the holy. But in fact, the biblical concern is for all three. Scripture tells us that God is the ground or fountain of all goodness. All goodness finds its definition in His being and in His character. What God is determines what goodness is. The Scriptures speak about God as the author, the source, and the foundation of all truth. They say that God Himself is true. In the same way and in the same dimension, the Scriptures speak about the beauty of God; all things beautiful find their source and foundation in the character of God. Ultimately, God is the norm of the good, the norm of the true, and the norm of the beautiful. (Submitted by Forrest Schroeder)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church 	2 	3 10:30-1:30 Calvary Serves at Senior Center No Tuesday Bible Study Until 10/8	4 11-Noon Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ YVonne's 5:30 p Prayer Meeting	5. 5-6p Free Community Dinner Broccoli/Beef OR Kung Pao Chicken 6p Celebrate Recovery	6 9am Ladies 1st Friday Breakfast - Truck Corral Men's Roundup at Camp Tadmor	7
8 8:30a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church	9 5:30-6:30 Youth Group 6pm Men's Bible Study 6pm Women's Bible Study	10	11 Patriot Day 11-Noon Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ YVonne's 5:30 p Prayer Meeting	12 5-6p Free Community Dinner Teriyaki Chicken & Rice 6p Celebrate Recovery	13 Women's Camp at Elkanah 	14
15 9a Sunday School Kevin Miles 10a Worship & Children's Church 	16 5:30-6:30 Youth Group 6pm Men's Bible Study 6pm Women's Bible Study	17	18 11-Noon Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study @ YVonne's 5:30 p Prayer Meeting	19. 5-6p Free Community Dinner Spaghetti 6p Celebrate Recovery	20	21
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