

Jamestown Jottings

April/May 2013



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GO!

When we study Scripture, one of the first things we notice is that it describes God's relationship with people, for the purpose of salvation. Often God sent His 'agents' to liberate His people from bondage. God sends Moses to Pharaoh to negotiate the release of His people from the joke of slavery. Through out the Old Testament, God sends His prophets to call His people to repentance so they could be free from sin. Finally, God sends His very own Son to save the world from the destructive power of sin. (John 3:16)

Now, more than two thousand years later, you and I step into this picture of redemption, this domino effect of sending, being sent and salvation. In our world, in this era of church, we call this process 'missions' – the word is actually derived from the Latin word *missio*, which means *send*. In John 17:18, Jesus prays for his disciples and says to God the Father "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." We, the church, the body of Christ, have become the next in line to share the story of salvation. Our true commitment to Christ would be measured by how we obey this command (John 14:15). This challenge to obedience comes with an assurance. "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth." It is because of this Spirit that we know that our preaching of the Gospel will also bring salvation to the ends of the earth when we act in obedience to our call.

Join us through the month of May as we study our part in the "Domino Effect" of missions. Meet the people behind the ministries that Jamestown Church has been supporting and the missionaries who help us be the presence of Jesus to the world!

Blessings,

Pastor André

Birthdays

April

- 3 Kehan Batt
- Samantha Postma
- 4 Philip Bassler
- Abigail Warsen
- 5 Drew Pyper
- 6 Josh Macy
- 8 Scott Brouwer
- Cope Oskin
- 9 Glenn Timmer
- Chris Harkema
- Travis Voet
- 10 Karie Eefsting
- Roger Vanden Berg
- 11 Casey Gerrits
- 12 Ruth Theis
- 13 Angela Rodenhouse
- 14 Todd Astraukas
- Eugene Leenheer
- 16 Karen Hykamp
- 17 Mark Lamers
- 19 Joshua Postma
- 20 Patty Bykerk
- 22 Keith Wolters
- 24 John Camfferman
- 26 Ben Macy
- Anna Niemann
- 27 Larry Boldt
- Sadie Boersma
- 28 Spencer Astraukas



May

- 3 John Boersma
- Nikki Mast
- 4 Keith Graham
- 5 Margi Biladeau
- Rob Kruisenga
- 6 Harold Wiersma
- 7 John Vander Loo
- Samantha Voet
- 8 Leah Vander Lugt
- 9 Julie Biesbrock
- Nathan Diekevers
- 10 Karen Blackport
- Nick Van Order
- 12 Isaac Vierzen
- Deanna Malloch
- 13 Lori Warsen
- Natalie Vis
- 14 Harold Brouwer
- 15 Allison Simmons
- 16 Hannah Weeldreyer
- 17 Cindy Brouwer
- 20 Dorothy Elzinga
- Terry Van Order
- Alex Harsay
- 21 Gina Pater
- 22 Shane Carlon
- 23 Jim Martin
- 24 Leah Huyser
- 26 Nick Kronemeyer
- 27 Taylor Smith
- 28 Nick Biesbrock
- Brett Pyper
- 30 Keith Ykema
- Mary Hammersmith
- 31 Scott Johanson
- Riley Carlon

story of the month

Marie met with Tyson for three years before he moved onto the fifth grade. When they neared the end of their time together in Elementary School, Tyson and his mother asked if Marie would like to be his grandmother, since their KIDS HOPE USA times were ending. Tyson's grandparents don't live near to him, and he really wanted to know if his KHUSA mentor would be his 'close by' grandmother.

upcoming dates

May 12

Celebrating 10 years of KIDS HOPE USA at Jamestown Elementary School during our morning worship service

May 13-17

Last Week of Mentoring

May 22

End of the Year Celebration at Sky Zone followed by a meal at JRC

May 26

2013-2014 Mentoring and Prayer Partner Intentions are due

prayer requests

Praise God for...

- A great bowling party.
- Ten years of ministry at Jamestown Elementary School.
- A refreshing and relaxing spring break.

Pray for...

- A good turnout and fun time for our end of the year celebration in May.
- The planning for the end of the year party.
- Teachers and staff who have to balance teaching and the many needs of their students.

end of the year celebration

We will be looking for some help for our party! Watch the bulletin for details in May. We will be looking for some help with the following:

- Donating snacks and desserts
- Helping to set up the multipurpose room on Wednesday, May 22
- Serving the meal
- Cleaning up after the meal

khusa pic of the month



Our Mission:

KIDS HOPE USA builds caring relationships...one child, one hour, one church, one school.

Hand 2 Hand Ministries

<u>Week Of</u>	<u>Packing</u>	<u>Delivering</u>
April 14	Tami and Kayla Fifer	Harold & Anne Brouwer
April 21	Angela Rodenhouse	Harold & Anne Brouwer
April 28	6 th -8 th Grade S. School Class	Ed & Bea Berghorst
May 5	Katie Biesbrock	Sheila & Josh Mahaney
May 12	Ed & Bea Berghorst	Diane Pater & Irene Brouwer
May 19	TBD	TBD
May 26	TBD	TBD



Thank you for the continued support, prayers, donations and willingness to help pack lunches and deliver them. To "GIVE LIKE THIS" really does work and helps us to be the presence of Jesus in our community.

Church Directory

For those of you who are in need of phone numbers and email addresses for a member of JRC, be sure to check out the directory online! Everyone's information is included for you.

You can get to the directory by clicking on the directory tab from our website. From there, you will enter the password: .

If you are new to JRC, or have not gotten your picture taken, you are welcome to stop in at DeVries Studio's any time and they will get your information put on the website.





SONSEEKERS

Spring Fling Brunch

Do you ever dread going home after church because you have to fix lunch?
Do you ever wish you could find a great time to spend with your small group?
Do you want to get to know more people from JRC?
Do you want to support the high school mission trip to Chicago this summer?

If you answered "YES!" to any of the above questions... we have the event for you!

WHAT? An after-church morning brunch that helps to support the Sonseekers' mission trip to Chicago!

WHEN? Sunday, April 28. Brunch will be served around 12:00pm in the JRC gym.

WHO? Everyone is welcome to attend- we would love to see you there! The Sonseekers students will be your servers for the morning and they are excited to wait on your table! This event is great for families, small groups, couples, children... anyone who loves to eat!

WHY? Because it's fun! And because all of the profits we raise will go towards helping students pay for their trips to Chicago this summer.

HOW TO SIGN UP?

There will be a sign up near the bulletin board by the nursery. Reservations are required and you can sign up until Wednesday, April 24. There will be a donation box at the brunch so you can leave your donation for the mission trip at the event on April 28.

We hope to see you at our Spring Fling brunch on April 28!

Families in the Spotlight



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

Meet the Gardners

David and Sara both attended University of Toledo for college which is where they met - at Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Since they met at college, they have been married for almost 9 years. For their honeymoon, they traveled to Aruba. David works in Sales at Paycor while Sara is a homemaker and staying busy as a Worship Coordinator for JRC!

David and Sara have two children Ava and Max. Ava attends Jamestown Elementary and Max attends Georgetown Christian Preschool. As a family, they enjoy sports, reading, and playing games. Their favorite vacation is going to Florida.

The Gardeners have been attending JRC for almost 2 years now. They are involved in the worship, Sunday School, and the Outreach Team.

Meet the Kruithoffs

Tim and Amy Kruithoff have been attending JRC for 2 years now. They are involved with many different programs here including: Cadets and Gems, Kids Hope, VBS, Children and Worship, Celebrate Community, Basketball, and Sunday School. You may also see their parents at JRC, Al and Norma Kruithoff.

Tim and Amy both grew up in the area; Tim attended Hudsonville schools and then attended Michigan State University. He now works for the Department of Homeland Security. Amy grew up attending Grandville schools and she went to Grand Valley State University. Amy works for the Hudsonville Public Schools as a Paraprofessional for Special Education. Some personal interests for Tim and Amy are running and camping. Amy also enjoys cooking and baking while Tim enjoys hunting.

Tim and Amy have been married for 10 years now. Since then, they have had two children, Madison who is 8 years old, and Ethan who is 6. The children attend Jamestown Elementary where they are involved in many sports. Madison participates in softball, girls on the run, rocket cheer, and tennis. Ethan stays active with wrestling, karate, and soccer.



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry helping be the Presence of Jesus to the Community and Beyond...



After the Women's Ministry joined with Women at Risk to help with Garments of Praise, we were asked to hold a sale to downsize the amount of formal dresses that were in stock. On March 2, over 100 women and girls came to JRC to see what bargains could be found among the 700+ prom, wedding, and bridesmaid dresses hanging in the multi-purpose room and the entrance/welcome center. Girls and women from all over west Michigan came to try on dresses and enjoy a light lunch provided by the Gems girls. Two wedding dresses and over 80 formal dresses were purchased and that day \$1800 was earned.

Garments of Praise is part of Women at Risk that collects "once loved" formal dresses and then sorts and sizes them. After that five boxes, approximately 200 dresses, are sent bi-monthly to Haiti and the Dominican Republic where they are rented out to women there for special events. The money from the rentals goes to support a safe house for women in need in those countries. The money from the sale will be used to cover shipping costs to get the dresses to Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Presently the dresses are housed at JRC where Women's Ministry has taken on the task of sorting, sizing, and boxing the dresses. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Magda Batt or Erin Wolters.



SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for "Mothers and Others Night" on Thursday, May 16.

Women's Ministry is hosting a night of pampering and fun as we will be going to Booker Institute of Cosmetology on Chicago Drive in Hudsonville. There we can enjoy a night of fellowship getting our toes and fingers looking good for spring.

Look for more details of this event to come, but save the date. We look forward to seeing you and your mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces and friends there!

May Event

MEL TROTTER
MINISTRIES

**HOPE
TOTE**



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A group of our members recently went to Mel Trotter Ministries for a short tour of their facilities and to deliver the "Hope Totes". We had received thirty empty totes which we filled with personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, shaving crème, razors, chap sticks, socks, shoe laces, tissues, combs, etc. Most of these items were donated by the congregation and we want to say "Thank You" for your generosity. We not only filled the thirty totes, but we also were able to give them several large bags of extra items that they can use to make more totes. And if you recall we took a free-will offering at our "Christmas Home Tour" last December and this amounted to a \$182.00 check that we presented to them as well.

Thank You to everyone for making it possible for us to be the presence of Jesus to the homeless of the Grand Rapids area.

Ladies Night learning about herbs



In the midst of a freezing cold spring day a group of ladies found SPRING in the middle of Jamestown at the Jamestown General Store. A great night was had by all, learning what herbs to grow how to dry them and finally how to use them in everyday foods.

We learned a lot about herbs and enjoyed the company while in the colorful store it felt more like Spring was on the way. The group even requested we plan an evening learning how to make home made face masks and scrubs! We hope to do another evening out next year at the Jamestown General Store, it's always great to use our local resources. Please let us know if you know of someone or a business that we could plan to use for an outing next year.

Wrap Up!



And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?

Romans 10:14

MISSIONS EMPHAIS SUNDAYS

May 5

We will be focusing on local organizations that we can partner with to be the presence of Jesus to our world. You will have the opportunity to meet representatives from these ministries as well as ask questions about their ministry at a panel discussion after church during the Sunday School hour. Some of the organizations include: Holland Rescue Mission, Mel Trotter, Jehovah-Jireh and Compassionate Heart Ministries.

May 12

We will be focusing on organizations that JRC currently partners with. You will be able to meet representatives from these organizations: Love Inc., W.A.R. (Women At Risk), Words of Hope, Hand 2 Hand Ministries, KIDS HOPE USA and RCA Missions. We will also be celebrating 10 years of ministry with Jamestown Elementary School.

May 19

We will have an update from Chad Vanden Bosch, JRC sponsored RCA Missionary, in Mozambique.

WONDERING HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE?

First, be sure to partner with a ministry listed above and go out and be the presence of Jesus to our community and the world! Second, be watching the bulletin, our Facebook page and the website for ways you can financially contribute to help drill a well and purchase God-Pods (audio Bibles) for the people of Mozambique.

*JRC's Missions Committee: Pastor André, Mark Lamers,
Jane Naber, Peggy Slattery, Keith Ykema*

Vacation Bible School



Pull out your calendars and mark down the dates for Vacation Bible School on it!! We are excited to announce that VBS will be taking place June 10-13. We will be traveling to Kingdom Rock where kids stand strong for God. Please join us in prayer that God will work through the committee as they plan VBS, for the volunteers who will be the presence of Jesus to the kids who attend and that the students will experience God's love! Sign up sheets to volunteer or donate items will be at the information Desk later this month.

Your VBS committee is: Jami Alferink, Mary Hammersmith, Sara Jones, Lori Warsen, Kelly Vierzen.

CURIOUS KIDS

Servicing children who are 4 years old through entering 3rd grade.



We are excited to share that Curious Kids will take place again this summer! With new changes, it is bound to be a great few weeks of keeping your children busy...with a new price this year!!

Curious Kids will provide hours of entertainment for your children. Check out the classes and dates below:

Messy Art
July 22-25

AMAZING RACE
June 24-27

Island Getaway
July 15-18

Ooey Gooey Science
August 5-8

Brochures and registration forms are located on the Information Desk and by the Curious Kids bulletin board before you enter the Education wing. You can also contact Carrie in the office if you have questions, 616-896-9732 or office@jamestownrc.org.



congratulations 2013 Graduates!

High school graduates from our JRC family



Nick Boyle: Hudsonville High School

Nick is the son of Dennis & Debby Boyle; and brother to Sean & Caleb. During high school, Nick enjoyed playing baseball and being a part of the Sonseekers youth group. He also attended all four mission trips (Tennessee, Georgia, NYC, and 2013 trip to Chicago) with Sonseekers.

Shane Keely: Hudsonville High School

Shane is the son of Jerry & Melanie Merritt; and brother to Naomi. During high school, Shane enjoyed the culinary program at the Ottawa County Tech Center. He also enjoyed being an active part of Sonseekers youth group at JRC. His future plans include attending Grand Rapids Community College for Culinary Arts and he hopes to use his chef skills to open his own restaurant someday.



Jarrod Tuinstra: Hudsonville High School

Jarrod is the son of Don & Tammy Tuinstra; and brother to Kendra, Marisa, and Nate. During high school, Jarrod enjoyed running, cross-country, track, wrestling, and fishing. He was also an active part of Sonseekers and went on 4 mission trips. In the fall, Jarrod will be attending Grand Rapids Community College for Physical Education.

Samantha Voet: Hudsonville High School

Samantha is the daughter of Greg & Lisa Voet; and sister to Travis. During high school, she was involved in volleyball (freshman), track & field (all 4 years), Sonseekers, and mission trips (Tennessee, Georgia, NYC, and upcoming trip to Chicago). In the fall, she will be attending Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in Education.



Karsten Weeldreyer: Jenison High School

Karsten is the son of Dirk & Sarah Weeldreyer; and brother to Hannah, Grace, and Jorin. During high school, he was involved in Jenison soccer, golf, basketball, and marching band. He is also a drummer for our praise teams at JRC. His future plans include attending Hope College in the fall.

Community Announcements

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE SPACES AVAILABLE AT PEACE CHURCH: The Bluff Lakes' Garage Sale will be Wed., April 24 (8-5) and Thurs., April 25 (8-Noon). Each parking spot (line-to-line) is \$10 for vendors, crafters or other individuals who want a great opportunity to sell garage sale items. IF YOU PAY FOR 2 SPOTS - you'll get the 3rd spot free for your vehicle. Please bring your own tables. The money raised from only the parking spot reservations will be donated to Aqua-Clara International who provide water wells to homes for orphans in third-world countries. Please contact Karen Naber (616) 772-0047 to reserve your spot!

Kids Day 2013 will take place on June 8 from 10:00am-3:00pm. The event will take place at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. Activities will be planned in the main buildings, so come rain or shine! Food, games, and entertainment are all planned for a great day.

City on a Hill is looking for a few café volunteers. Would you like to help with food prep on Tuesday mornings, the dishes on Tuesdays, or afternoon clean up on Thursdays? If you are able to help, please contact Donna at 748-6005.

Host Families are needed for 4 or 5 weeks this summer for students ages 12-18 from Spain who are coming to this area to practice their (already good) English. The 4-week program is June 26-July 24, and the students attend activities every Tue/Thu out of Hudsonville. The 5-week program is June 27-August 4, and these students do not attend any activities but only live with the host family. Both programs are flexible and students may go on vacation or to summer camp with you. Students come fully insured and with their own spending money. Host Families are also needed for the school year for public or private high schools. Please contact Christy Tripp at christytripp@sbcglobal.net or 662-2015 for more information.

Soup Supper to benefit the Kenneth Plaisier Christian Academy in Liberia: Several years ago, Roger Sackey and his family came to Hudsonville as refugees from Liberia. Over the past few years, Roger has been in the process of building a new Christian School in Liberia, to be called the Kenneth Plaisier Christian Academy. In June, 2013, members from Jamestown CRC and others will travel to Liberia along with the Sackey family for the grand opening of the school. Proceeds from this soup supper will benefit the school, purchase rice for Liberian families, and buy school supplies. Join us for homemade soups, salad bar, hot dogs, ice cream, and more. Contact Heidi (644-7841) or Lynn (896-0050) with questions. Please consider taking the night off from cooking and join us!

WHEN: Monday, March 25, 5 – 7 PM

WHERE: Jamestown Christian Reformed Church basement (1653 Riley St)

Jehovah Jireh Ministries is planning to hold its third annual KIDS DAY event at the Hudsonville Fair Grounds on June 9 this year. This day is intended to be a family day full of games and activities for the young, and food and entertainment for everyone. This game and food-filled day serves not only as a fundraiser for Jehovah Jireh Ministries, but also as a community outreach event. The event will run from 10am to 3pm. The buildings on the fairgrounds are rented, so the event will function rain or shine.

Recovery Conference – led by **Dr. Neil Anderson** on Monday, April 29, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Calvary CRC (3500 Byron Center Ave. in Wyoming). This conference is designed for those who are struggling with addictive behavior or those who are ministering to them. You can pre-register on line at www.setfreeministries.com or by phone at 726-5400. The cost is \$25.00 and includes materials and lunch.



JRC Small Group Ministry

As spring turns into summer, many small groups find it harder to meet on a regular basis. Although continuing to meet to study the Bible and grow in Christ is still important in the summer, it is also good to spend time together serving and having fun with your families.

Below is a short list of activities that you can do with your small group this summer. Some are great serving opportunities, while others are family fun activities. We hope that you use this list as inspiration for planning your summer activities with your small group.

Serving Opportunities

Church

- Celebrate! Community (Memorial Day)
- Church cleanup (May)
- Painting Classrooms (Summer)
- Praise Team/Sound/Video
- Vacation Bible School

Local Missions

- Degage
- God's kitchen
- Love Inc.
- Holland Rescue Mission
- Women at Risk
- Mel Trotter

In your neighborhood

- Spring cleanup (elderly)
- Meals to those needing it
- Mowing lawns

Family Activities

- White Caps/Tigers game
- Camping
- Ice Cream Socials
- Camp fires/S'mores
- Beach picnic

CELEBRATE! Community

CELEBRATE! Community 2013 is scheduled for Memorial Day, May 27th, and will take place directly after the parade through Jamestown. As in years past, we expect a large crowd from our local community to join us in games, food, fun, and fellowship. This event offers something for all ages, from kids who play games and win prizes to adults that participate in the balloon toss. When else during the year do we get this type of opportunity to interact with our community on such a large scale?



SPONSORS - As in year's past, we've partnered with many local businesses and individuals to help keep CELEBRATE! Community a low cost and family friendly event for our community. If you know a local business or individuals that may be interested in donating raffle items or sponsoring the event through a cash donation, please contact a CELEBRATE! committee member or pick up a sponsor packet in the church office. With their tax-deductible donation, sponsors will have the opportunity to include their name or logo on the youth t-shirt, event banners, and our Facebook site; among other benefits. Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEERS - For all the fun that is planned, we cannot host this community outreach event without your support. CELEBRATE! Community has always been supported 100% by volunteers. We are hoping that this year won't be any different. We are asking that you prayerfully consider donating an hour of your time to help make this event successful. We not only want your help, but your participation in this event as well. Take the other hour to have fun and fellowship with others in your community! Starting this month, there will be volunteer sign up sheets available. You will have the opportunity to sign up during an hour window in the event of your choice; a kids game, food tent, setup, and more.

FACEBOOK - CELEBRATE! Community has a Facebook page. Search "celebrate! community" and "like" us on Facebook to find out more about this year's new activities and games.

Thanks again for all your continued support,

Planning Committee - Keith Wolters (keith.wolters@hotmail.com), Luke Rodenhouse, Shawn VanPortfliet, and Cope Oskin



APRIL SCHEDULE

Children & Worship Schedule

April 7: Amy Kruithoff, Carolyn Slattery

April 14: Sarah Weeldreyer, Kaylie Ykema

April 21: Lisa Voet, Max Niemann

April 28: Emily Ellens, Nick Biesbrock

Little Lambs Schedule

April 7: Becky Dawson, Kehan Batt

April 14: Sara Gardner, Sam Harkema

April 21: Lisa Boogaard, Jorin Weeldreyer

April 28: Laura Kruisenga, Heather Slattery

Valet Parking

April 7: Ed Berghorst

April 14: Jon Huyser

April 21: Terry Van Order

April 28: Steve Fifer

Greeting Schedule

April 7: Eric and Mary Hammersmith

April 14: Tom and Becky Dawson

April 21: Brian and Jayne Mast

April 28: Richard and Holly Van Klompenberg

Nursery Schedule

April 7: Linda Vis, Sherri Van Order, Annette Bos, Hannah Weeldreyer

April 14: Anne Brouwer, Holly Van Klompenberg, Mary Hammersmith, Sam Voet

April 21: Stacy Van Portfliet, Janet Oskin, Peggy Slattery, Kourtney Ykema

April 28: Marcy Postma, Katie Henry, Leah Vander Lugt, Marissa Hammersmith

Children & Worship Schedule

May 5: Angela Rodenhouse, Tyler Van Order

May 12: Jen Huyser, Trevor Johanson

May 19: Magda Batt, Leah Huyser

May 26: Amy Kruithoff, Carolyn Slattery

Little Lambs Schedule

May 5: Trisha Bassler, Grace Weeldreyer

May 12: Sara Holwerda, Sam Postma

May 19: Katie Biesbrock, Abby Boogaard

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May 12: Tara Johanson, Bonnie Mast, Margi Biladeau, Anny Huyser

May 19: Julie Biesbrock, Diane Gerrits, Becky Coffman, Nikki Mast

May 26: Chris Butkus, Teri Hubach, Linda Lamers, Allison Slattery

MAY SCHEDULES

Hannah Prays for a Son

And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." 1 Samuel 1:11 (NIV)



Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

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children

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prayer
give

priest
morning

family
birth

April Worship Schedule

- April 14: Pastor André
Church: A Hands-off Approach
Genesis 28:10-22
- April 21: Sherri Harsay
Youth Sunday
- April 28: Pastor André



Thank You's

Shoe box friends,

National collection week is now behind us and I wanted to thank you for being a part of this monumental year as the 100 millionth shoe box gift was collected and delivered to a sweet little girl named Brenda in the Dominican Republic.

There were 21,470 shoe boxes collected in West MI and they were all trucked to the processing center in Minneapolis to be inspected and loaded onto sea cartons to make the long journey into the hands of children who need to hear of God's love. Our family had the privilege of working at the processing center for a few days in December and it was incredible to be part of the next "leg" of the shoe box journey.



Many shoe box packers from our area "followed their boxes" online this year and most of the boxes from Western MI went to Rwanda, Colombia, Niger, Togo, Uganda or Kenya.

The final collection numbers just came out this week. . 9,039,060 children and their families will have the opportunity to experience the love of Christ because of a simple gift-filled box.

Thank you for being a part of those 9 million shoe boxes!

Blessings,

Jennie Nichols
Church Relations Coordinator
Operation Christmas Child
616.550.0337

The Power of a Simple Gift

Hi,

I wanted to thank you for all your staff did to make our wedding "the day [my daughter] had always dreamed of." The church was beautiful, but your staff made all the difference in the world – you were all so flexible and easy to work with – from your precious Pastor, your custodial staff, and the lady that treated us like Royalty on the wedding day. It was a wonderful experience thanks to all of you – and it added to the testimony that God is building in their marriage.

God bless you all, Mary Bremer

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