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MISSION CONNECTIONS

LETTER FROM THE HUDSON'S IN INDIA



The Hudson family had a course in 'patience training' while waiting several months for renewal of their visas to return to India. In September Mary, a high school senior, received a student visa which allowed her to return to Delhi by herself to continue her academic coursework. She lived with friends until joined by her mom, Sue, in mid-October.

Sue continues as regional liaison where her job is to build relationships. "I'm committed to strengthening relationships between the PC(USA) and our partner churches in South Asia, where Christians are minority communities. That includes the Church of North India, the Church of South India and the Presbyterian Church of North India.

David was appointed area coordinator for Asia and the Pacific for the PC(USA)'s World Mission program. He took a month long trip in East Asia and the Pacific where the previous coordinator introduced him to church partners in the region. Their travels took them to Philippines, Thailand, Japan and China, and Korea.

The work of missionaries in 2008, supported by the PC(USA), is different from the way many of us think missionaries do their job. Most of the responsibilities are to teach/train native Christians to work with their own people. In many countries foreign missionaries are forbidden to teach/speak of their faith; they may do so only if asked.

Do keep these workers for Jesus Christ in your prayers as we continue to send funds monthly to help with their support.

The Witness & Benevolence Committee

The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the I I am worship service on November 23rd. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and take action on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report

October 2008

	<u>Jan-Oct. 08</u>	<u>Jan-Oct. 07</u>
Income		
Operating Income	<u>366,772</u>	<u>386,134</u>
Total Income	366,772	386,134
Expense		
Witness	25,876	22,671
Administration	194,705	195,695
Property	166,231	112,431
Worship	5,485	5,008
Christian Education	12,869	14,872
Congregational Care	2,339	1,259
New Membership	0	86
Stewardship	645	1,212
Building Loan Payment	<u>22,969</u>	<u>68,911</u>
Total Expenses	431,119	422,145
Net Income	(64,347)	(36,011)

Financial Update

"It's Time to Be Mortgage Free" Status (through 9-30-08)

Pledged:	\$270,413.56
Collected:	\$385,609.84
Match Received:	\$348,064.68
Paid Against Loan Principal:	\$769,825.20
Mortgage Balance:	\$469,107.73

Please note that although October is usually a month when income exceeds expenses, it certainly was not true this year as we showed a deficit of \$6,113. We are working to cut expenses for the remainder of the year. Lets do all we can to keep our building in operating condition and our mission, benevolence, youth and education programs effective.



Soup Cook Off

The Sr. High Youth are sponsoring a soup cook off on Sunday, November 23rd after the 11am worship service. We have a lot of entries so far, and we are counting on everyone's support to come to the Harper Center on Sunday, November 23rd, to sample the different soups. The youth will be selling grilled cheese sandwiches. The money raised will be used to help fund our summer mission trip. We need everyone's help to make this fundraiser a success. If you have not entered your special soup recipe and you would like to, please call the church office, 775-5216, to enter. We hope to see you on November 23rd. Come hungry!!



Christmas Program

The First Presbyterian Christmas program will be Sunday, December 14th at 3pm in the Harper Center. Refreshments will be served after the program. The Live Nativity will follow the program at 4:30pm in the parking lot behind the Harper Center. This program will include the children as well as adults. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an afternoon of celebration and fellowship.

Adopt An Angel



The Salvation Army has requested our church's help in providing Christmas gifts to needy children. If you, your Sunday School Class, Committee, group of friends, etc. would like to adopt a child or children, please call Lori in the church office, 775-5216. Our church is responsible for 25 children. Please take this opportunity to help these less fortunate children have a special Christmas.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOG

While preparing for Christmas, the Birth of our Savior, use the Alternative Christmas Gift Catalog to remember family and friends by giving gifts in their name to those in need.

The Witness Committee

20 Things You Can Do For Peace In Your World

6. Put forgiveness into practice by giving a good gift to someone who has wronged you, whether or not they've apologized.

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this year's Halloween Carnival a smashing success! All of the children had a great time masquerading in their Halloween costumes and playing lots of fun games. The hot dog dinner was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who brought cupcakes, brownies and cookies for the cake walk. A shout out to all the youth who set up and worked the games: Taylor Davenport, Olivia Foushee, Hamilton James, Rhonda Lemon, Logan Woodell, Matthew Davenport, Luke

Foushee, Samantha Morgan, Duncan Riddle, Marissa Silva, Elizabeth Terrell, Ann Walker, Cameron Wilson and Garrett Wilson. They did a great job! A very special thanks goes to Tommy Mann, Sr., Scott Kimble, Bill Miller, David Miller, Susan Silva, Leah Terrell, Wanda Wazenegger, and Mark & Rhonda Woodell. We would like to extend a special get well wish to Maxine Auman (we missed you). Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We pray for your speedy recovery!



The annual Keenager Banquet will be held Wednesday, December 3rd at 6pm in the Harper Center. If you are 60+, please call the church office, 775-5216, to make your reservation no later than Wednesday, November 26th.

To My Church Family,

It is with great humility that I express my gratitude to each of you for your prayers and the many other things you did for me during my illness. Never have I felt such an outpouring of kindness and thoughtfulness.

Frances Smith

OFFICER TRAINING

**All new and returning officers,
make plans to attend Officer Training:**

Sunday, November 16th

Sunday, November 23rd

from 2 - 5pm in the Harper Center

PW Fall Gathering

All ladies are invited to attend the Fall Gathering on Monday, November 17th at 3:45pm in the Harper Center. Following refreshments and fellowship, new officers will be installed and the life membership will be awarded. Betty Sherrod will introduce the Bible study for 2009.

PW Training Session

The training session for Presbyterian Women will be held on Monday, November 24th at 6pm in the Harper Center. New officers, Circle Chairmen/Co-Chairmen are urged to attend. Following a light supper, plans for the upcoming year will be made.

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What's Happening in November???

Sun., Nov. 16 - 8am
MOC Breakfast; 9am Con-
temporary Service; 9:45am
Sunday School; 11am Wor-
ship; 2pm Officer Training;
5pm Stephen Ministers/
Leaders Meet; 6pm Youth

Mon., Nov. 17 - 3:45pm
PW Fall Gathering

Tues., Nov. 18 - 6pm
Cardio./Sculpting; 7pm Bi-
ble Study

Wed., Nov. 19 - 12pm
Singles' Luncheon; 6:30pm
Contemporary Choir;
7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs., Nov. 20 - 6pm
Cardio./Sculpting

Fri., Nov. 21 - 9:30am
Staff Meeting

Sun., Nov. 23 - 9am Con-
temporary Service; 9:45am
Sunday School; 11am Wor-

ship; Congregational
Meeting; 12pm Soup
Cook Off; 2pm Officer
Training; 4pm Witness
Comm.; Congregational
Care Comm.; 4:30pm
Christian Ed. Comm.;
7pm Community
Thanksgiving Service -
Trinity Lutheran
Church; 7:30pm Com-
mittees Meet

Mon., Nov. 24 - 10am
Bible Study; 6pm PW
Officer Training

Tues., Nov. 25 - 6pm
Cardio./Sculpting; 7pm
Bible Study

Wed., Nov. 26 -
6:30pm Contemporary
Choir; 7:30pm Choir
Practice

Thurs., Nov. 27 -
Thanksgiving Day;
Church Office Closed;
CDC Closed

Fri., Nov. 28 - Church
Office Closed; CDC
Closed

Sun., Nov. 30 - 9am
Contemporary Service;
9:45am Sunday School;
11am Worship