

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Report from Cindy Robinson at Namwianga Mission, Zambia

Dear Lovers of Jesus,

On April 22, more than 4,000 women from all over Zambia are expected to arrive at Namwianga for a women's conference on faith. These women will stay until April 26. How will everyone manage? The young men are putting up a grass fence enclosing a football sized field between the Center of Excellence and the administrative offices. Many of the women coming will sleep within the grass enclosure because there isn't enough housing for everyone. Every woman around here is required to bring two bundles of elephant grass for the fence. Ba Halale told me that I also needed to bring grass for the fence.....two bundles..sheaves...tied with tree bark. Most of the women put the two bundles on their heads and walk, bringing them to the mission. I will ask Margret Namuswa to give me a lesson on grass cutting and balancing the bundles on my head. Being a Zambian woman here is hard work.

The men are cooking breakfast, lunch, and supper for four thousand women for five days. That is a huge sacrifice of service in the Zambian culture where the Zambian male is so dominant and the woman is expected to be submissive. It will be a sight to behold. I can't even imagine how many 50 kg sacks of mealie meal are needed to feed four thousand women three meals a day for five days. Whew!

Thinking about 4000 female guests boggles my mind, but then I remember the 85 welcoming ladies last Saturday at Gowell Church of Christ and my tension eases. These ladies didn't mind eating lunch after three o'clock in the afternoon. They had been sleeping outside for three nights in order to be able to listen to God's word during the day. They laughed, talked, and sang while sitting on the dirt under a shady tree waiting for the lesson to begin. These women were waiting for the words of life which had more pull on them than physical food. Ages of the women ranged from fifteen to sixty-five. An image that is stamped deeply in my brain that will never leave is when I turned around after the lesson at least ten old women down on their knees in front of me begging for a Bible. The three pair of reading glasses were given away quickly, and the twenty women receiving Bibles promised out loud in Tonga that they would read the Bible every day to their children and family.

The Zambian women of all ages hunger for the Living Bread, and it doesn't matter if the crowd is massive or relatively small. They want the Sustenance that will truly fill them.

Blessings from the little house in the bush,
Cindy

Hillcrest Today

Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Visitor card and place in the collection plate. Go by our Information Area on the right side of the Worship Center for materials that will better acquaint you with Hillcrest.

For your convenience, the staffed nursery for children 2 months to 24 months is available. Check-in is in the foyer. The parents' nursery & training area is available to parents and children. Enter at the back of the Worship Center.

Bible Classes for All Ages

Baby Bunch in Nursery

Age 2..... Room 100	Gr 1Room 121
Age 3..... Room 106	Gr 2Room 117
Age 4..... Room 107	Gr 3Room 120
Pre-K..... Room 110	Gr 4Room 213
K..... Room 118	Gr 5Room 209

Young Adult Classes

Middle School	Room 204
High School	Room 200
University	Room 17

Adult Classes

Sonrise (all ages) (8:00).....	Room 14
Upward Bound (all ages).....	Room 10
Y/O (all ages)	Room 11
Welcome (all ages).....	Room 12
Families for Christ (all ages).....	Room 14
Common Ground (30s & 40s).....	Room 16
H.O.P.E. (all ages).....	Room 21
Travelers (all ages)	Room 30
Christ in Action (all ages)	Room 52
Young Professionals..(20s).....	Room 212
F.U.N. (all ages)	Room 219
Generations (all ages).....	Chapel

Worship Times

Morning Worship.....	9 a.m.
Bible Classes	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7 p.m.

Glorifying God May 3, 2015

Worship Leader Dik Pittman
Hymn: #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine
Welcome Dave Copeland

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #615 He Keeps Me Singing
Hymn: #979 I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Hymn: #398 Surely the Presence of the Lord

Choose to Serve the Lord

Joshua 24:14-15, 24-28..... Tyler Merritt
2 Timothy 1:1-7 Tyler Merritt
Prayer Matt Merritt

The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #364 Come, Share the Lord
Communion Meditation Jacob Dye & Ryan Woods

Offering

Prayer Jacob Dye & Ryan Woods
Hymn: #64 I Worship You

"Living the Jesus Touch" Mark 1:35-45

Hymn: #801 Where No One Stands Alone
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)
Message Phil Ware
Hymn: #660 People Need the Lord

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Lynn Luttrell
Hymn: #517 Heaven Came Down
Elder Blessing..... Gary Varner

The Hillcrest family is led by the Holy Spirit to glorify God, proclaim the truth of Christ which transforms lives, and encourage one another toward faithful service and maturity.

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Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. – Phil Ware
P.M. – Care Groups – Travelers Class will be leading the chapel service.

New Members

- Mary Jo Crowder
- Scott & Rebecca Corley
- Cody & Megan Forsberg, Addison & Cloe

Labor for Your Neighbor

There are still quite a few jobs remaining on the table at the side of the worship center. If you have a little time this week, please consider signing up and doing a job. Remember to call before you go and be sure to prayer with them before you leave.

Couples Shower – Today, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Caleb Calari & Vanessa Whitt, 1221 Chariot Circle. Selections at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target and Wanderable.com.

Men's Softball – Monday, April 28

The Hillcrest softball team will play a double header at 7 p.m. and possibly 8 p.m. at Nelson Park.

Tuesday Ladies Class – May 5, 10 a.m.

Combined class – Betty Davis
Salad Luncheon following at the home of Donna Wilson, 1949 Benz Dr.

Senior Sunday – May 17

Below is a list of Hillcrest students in the 2015 graduating class. In the hallway across from the MPR, tables are currently set up with the names and pictures of our graduates. You are invited to place gifts or cards in buckets underneath the tables. This is just one way that the Hillcrest family chooses to honor our graduating students and celebrate this milestone in their life.

Martha Coates	Clay Meyer
Tida Dam	Champ
Baylee Hancock	Mongkonatasan
Adam Holland	Kimery Oliver
Molly Holland	Jessica Price
Jessica Ivey	Ben Riddle
Macy McClung	Sara Roibal
Miranda McClung	Colton Rosseau
Bailey McCorkle	Carly Smith
Darby McGee	Catherine Swedlund
Rachel McMillan	Rylee Ware
	Annelise White

VBS Volunteers - "Christian Academy" - June 21-24

Ages 4 yr. to 5th grade. Please sign up to volunteer in the VBS needs request email sent on April 8, or on the wall in the bin area close to the teacher workroom. Registration forms will soon be on the church's website and on the desk in the children's wing.

VIP Camp - "Move"- July 19-22

For children 1st grade to 5th grade as of January 2015. Registration forms will be mailed to the children.

Children's Ministry Need

Please begin collecting empty paper towel rolls for VBS and empty cereal boxes (not the tiny size) for VIP Camp. A designated bin is in the hall for your convenience.

Missions and Faith Sharing

From Jeremy Davis (Brian's nephew who served with us in Mumena for two years):

Things are going great here at the Mumena Servanthood Bible Seminar. We have 20 men from 10 different congregations. We provided transport for no one, except two church leaders from the United Nations Refugee Camp at Meheba. It was going to cost them \$60 to get here. We have had a great week of lessons and they are enjoying making connections with the Old Testament stories all the way to the New Testament study of Philipians.

The men are doing great at organizing everything. I have not even held any keys. They have helped each other get settled into their rooms, and there have been very little complaints. Jikaata returned from surgery in time to join us and he is doing well.

Thanks Hillcrest for setting us up here in the house with the resources to get the job done! We've been in good hands with Ellie Rodriguez preparing our meals. I think she puts butter and sugar on everything so it's all good. It has been great to be back here, especially with Sam and Ellie (former missionaries to Mumena from the Cedar Hill congregation). It's not the same without our whole team, but it is good to see how the leaders are taking charge. They are already making plans for the next Muzha and have invited Kevin Lee (a deacon from East Brainerd in Chattanooga: Jeremy's supporting congregation) back to speak! He's doing a great job. They named him "Montgomery 2" because of his loud voice. - **Jeremy Davis**

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)

Training and Learning for Children: (Ages 2-4)

Parents may escort their children to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

Bible Hour – No Bible Hour tonight. Enjoy your Care Group.

HYG - Youth

Today - Huddles at 6 p.m. Freshmen Huddles will not meet.

Wednesday - Tutoring at 6:15 p.m. Class at 7 p.m.

Thursday - Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A North.

Friday - South-side Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A South (on Southwest Dr.).

Sign up for HYG summer events - Sign up online at hillcrestonline.com or through links in HYG newsletters.

HillcrestU - University

Tonight

Graduate Celebration! We are graduating 11 seniors this year! Come help us celebrate them tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the backyard of Neal and Cynthia Coates! 1726 Cedar Crest.

Jaclyn Barker, Janessa Beach, Angela Conway, Brantly Houston, Shelby Lastly, Ryne Lucas, Mat Molina, Amy Taylor, Linsey Thut, Lyndi Trammel, Aubrey White.

Wednesday

Final Lift at 7 p.m.

Thursday

No small group chapel.

Have a great summer!

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly 642
Bible Class 660
Membership 956

Offering \$21,829
Weekly Budget..... \$25,000

Sunday Evening

Auditorium 39
Bible Hour 29
University 62
Life Groups 171

Wednesday Evening
Classes 333

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes. Our series on Jesus' "signs" in the book of John continues this morning with the miraculous feeding of the multitude. Next Sunday's lesson will be about the man born blind!

Wednesday Evening Classes.

- **Large Lecture Class** (Room 10/11). A new series begins this Wednesday. Terry Brown will be the teacher for the month of May!
- **Women's Class.** Looking for an in-depth Bible study? Well, it is not too late to join in a study of I and II Thessalonians.
- **Renew** (Room 30). Need your "battery recharged" in the middle of a busy week? Why not try out this class? It is a "quiet time" of reflection and worship led by Yancey House.

Family Ministry

Sunday - Single and Parenting - 6 p.m. – Room 14-15

The Single and Parenting Life Group is taking a break for the summer and will resume again in the Fall. Darrin Cox & Summer Anders facilitate this group.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Room 14-15

Family/Group Bible Study on Baptism. If your kids are at "that age" and beginning to ask about baptism, or you have friends you would like to study with about becoming a Christian, but don't know how, or you would like to study about baptism in a small group, this class is for you. Each week families or small groups will go through a guided study on what baptism is and why it is so important, in a relaxed atmosphere. Please RSVP to the office at 691-4200.

Divorce Care – Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Room 52

The Divorce Care class will take a break for the summer and will begin again in the fall.

Calendar of Events

May 3..... Care Group
May 5..... Ladies Class Salad Luncheon
May 17..... Senior Sunday
June 14 Care Group
June 21-24 VBS
July 4..... Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade
Julv 19-22 VIP Camp