

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Blessed at Hillcrest: Haiti Medical Mission with LiveBeyond

I have been on eight Medical Mission trips with your help through "Send the Light". Four were with the Zambia Medical Mission and I have now been to Haiti four times with LiveBeyond. Medical missions are a way that I believe God can use me to minister to those in need using my nursing degree.

Haitian women have a difficult life with many pregnancies, some resulting in births and some in miscarriage. They deliver their babies on dirt floors and cut the umbilical cord with rocks. The babies are often underweight and some die during birth along with their mothers. The living conditions are very poor with most living in huts made from branches, with dirt floors, and (hopefully) a tin roof. Others may live in a tiny concrete building – these are the nice homes. These women have very little help caring for their babies and other children, and little to feed them. But with the LiveBeyond Maternal Health Clinic, now these women are being fed, receiving food for their children, prenatal vitamins, obstetric care, and the perinatal mortality rate has decreased by more than 66 percent.

I have worked in Maternal Health a couple of days on each of my trips. Here I have an opportunity to talk one on one with each of these women while I am taking their blood pressure and recording their weight. As you can probably guess, most of these mothers do not have basics such as clean water, a blanket, or even a clean cloth to wipe their baby's bottom readily available to them. As I visit with them, I try to find out their needs and what we can do to help them obtain these basic items to care for their newborn. I also try my best to look each mother in the eye and tell them that God loves them and their babies.

One morning, I looked down and saw what I thought was a doll in one mother's lap... but then she moved. I was shocked that this was a baby, the tiniest one that I had ever laid eyes on. Edna was her name and she was born two months early. Her 19-year-old mother died while giving birth, so Edna's aunt had taken her in and was keeping her alive by feeding her goat's milk. This was the first time Edna had been brought to the clinic; she was 22-days-old and weighed 2 lbs. 13.5 oz. We took the aunt and baby Edna to Dr. Vanderpool who remembered that one of the nurses, Erin VanZandt, was a NICU nurse (God's providence). The aunt continued to bring Edna to the clinic every day and Erin showed her how to care for this tiny one, while we were taking turns caring for and feeding her.

There are other areas of the medical mission and I love ministering in each one. However, this year the Maternal Health Clinic, baby Edna and God's providence ministered to my heart as well.

Blessings,

Anne Reno, RN

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

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| Nursery..... | 2-24 mo. |
| Age 2 | Room 100 Gr 1.....Room 121 |
| Age 3 | Room 106 Gr 2.....Room 117 |
| Age 4 | Room 107 Gr 3.....Room 120 |
| Pre-K..... | Room 110 Gr 4.....Room 213 |
| K..... | Room 118 Gr 5.....Room 209 |

Young Adult Classes

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| Middle School | Room 204 |
| High School | Room 200 |
| University | Room 17 |

Adult Classes

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| Sonrise (all ages) (8:00) | Room 14 |
| Y/O (all ages) | Room 10/11 |
| Welcome (all ages) | Room 12 |
| Soulful Filling (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 16 |
| F.U.N. (all ages) | Room 219 |
| Generations (all ages) | Chapel |

Worship Times

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

Glorifying God

October 8, 2017

Worship Leader Lance Parrish
Hymn: #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Welcome Terry Brown
Prayer Justin Walker

Songs of Praise

Hymn No Other God's
Hymn: #226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Hymn One Thing Remains

Love Your Neighbor

Leviticus 19:11-19..... Rick Diaz
Matthew 5:31-32..... Rick Diaz
Hymn: #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
Hymn: #18 Faithful Love

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn In Christ Alone
Communion Meditation..... Ryan Jessup
Hymn: #66 Doxology

Offering

Prayer Ryan Jessup
Hymn: #662 All to Jesus I Surrender
Hymn: #309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"Breaking the Cycle of Ruptured Relationships"

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #790 Lord, Take Control
Hymn: #57 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Responses

Family News Kyle McAlister
Hymn Shout Hallelujah
Elder Blessing..... Phil Vardiman
(*Children's Song of the Month)

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Bible Class Fellowship - The Youth Group will read the Sermon on the Mount in its entirety in the chapel.

Sympathy

The memorial service for Lottie E. Novak is this Thursday Oct. 12, at 1 p.m. here at Hillcrest in the Worship Center.

Men's Softball

Tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 9, we will play at 8 p.m. on field 2 against Pioneer Drive Baptist - Blue.

60th Wedding Anniversary - Oct. 15, 2-4 p.m., Rm 10 - 12

Please join us in celebrating with Marion & Eunice Eversdyk. Your prayers and presence are worth much more than gifts, but if you must give, we ask that you make a donation to the National Neimann-Pick Disease Foundation, NNPDF, PO Box 49, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0049, or to Disability Resources Inc., 3602 N. Clack, Abilene, TX 79601, in honor of Dennis & Cindy Eversdyk.

Trunk Party - Tues., Oct. 31, 6 - 8 p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the classes today! Volunteer to provide a decorated car trunk with candy, donate candy in the candy bins in the halls, bake muffins, and help clean up afterwards! This is a community outreach, so we need to all pitch in and make this a memorable evening.

Book Bags

There are bags filled with biblical children's books for your child's use during the services. They are hanging on racks near the rear of the auditorium. Please take good care of the books and return the bags and contents before leaving for class time! Thank you!

Hillcrest Wireless Network

We have updated our wireless network for security reasons. If you need to access the HC-Guest-Member network, please ask an usher for a card or call the church office for the password.

Connecting to the Community Series

This Wednesday evening, October 11, Mayor Anthony Williams will lead off our "Connecting to the Community" speakers' series. He will discuss issues facing families and children in our community - and how churches can partner with the City of Abilene in addressing some of these issues. Please join us in the Chapel for this informative talk. Let's live out the slogan "God loves Abilene, and so do we!"

Missions and Faith Sharing

Tree of Mercy Dinner - Oct. 28, 6 p.m., MPR

Tickets (no cost) are now available for the Oct. 28, Tree of Mercy Dinner benefiting the hospital and medical efforts at Namwianga, Zambia. See the missions bulletin board or contact Ellie Hamby for more information.

Mumena Dinner - Thur., Nov. 9, 6 p.m. - MPR

Please register for tickets or reserve a table by contacting the Church Office. All gifts will go towards the Hillcrest sponsored Mumena Mission and will help senior high school students with their trip costs. Items for the silent auction are now being collected at the Office or call Cam Hurst at 370-5795 or Kevin Batten at 864-3067.

World Christian Broadcasting

World Christian Broadcasting operates short-wave radio stations in Alaska and Madagascar that beam the Gospel to the world. Christians everywhere are asked to participate this October in a collection for additional language programming staff. If you would like to donate, the Missions Team has put donation envelopes on the missions bulletin board in the large hallway.

HillcrestU

Tonight - 6:30 p.m. - All LIFE groups will meet together tonight, at 310 E. Ambler for pizza, games and an outdoor movie night! Please bring, bug spray, blankets or lawn chairs.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Share your story in room 17.

Thursday - 11 a.m.

Small group prayer chapel in BSB 104.

REACH - 4-5:30 p.m. - Canterbury Apartments

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 26-29 - FALL BREAK MISSION TRIP - Instead of going on a Fall Break retreat, we are planning to take a group to provide disaster relief work for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. If you are interested in joining us, please visit hillcrestonline.com/harveyrelief and fill out the survey.

| Calendar of Events | |
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| October 8..... | Bible Class Fellowship |
| October 26-29..... | Fall Mission Trip |
| October 28..... | Tree of Mercy Dinner |
| October 31..... | Hilltoppers Luncheon |
| October 31..... | Trunk Party |
| November 3..... | Hillcrest Singing |
| November 9..... | Mumena Dinner |
| November 12..... | Light on the Hill Sunday |
| November 12..... | Bible Class Fellowship |
| November 15..... | Loaves & Fishes Fellowship |

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

Training & Learning for Children (Children's Church ages 2-4) Parents may escort their child to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

Bibles for Eastern Europe - Our children will be raising funds for Bibles to be printed and distributed in Eastern Europe. Through the end of the last Sunday of October, a money jar will be on the children's desk in the children's wing. So far, \$110.69 has been raised, enough to print 22 Bibles.

HYG - Youth

Today - Join us after worship for Bible class! We will gather in the HS Bible class room for morning announcements and a prayer. After the prayer, we will send the middle school students to the middle school room for Bible class, and the high schoolers will have high school Bible class.

Tonight - There will be no Huddle meetings or Middle School Madness tonight. Instead, we want to invite all of our students and their families to join us in the chapel at 6 p.m. as the young men from the youth group help lead that service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tonight - Dittos for Kiddos & Pizza

Immediately following tonight's chapel service, the student ministry will be in the gym for a service project of sorting clothes for Dittos for Kiddos. All of our students are invited to help sort clothes. For those who stay we will order pizza. We'll start in the gym around 7:00 p.m., and be through no later than 8:30 p.m.

Tonight - "Midnight" Movie

Tonight, after the Dittos for Kiddos service project, all 6th - 12th grade students that do not have school tomorrow morning due to the Columbus Day holiday are invited to join us for a "midnight" movie here at Hillcrest. We will gather in the high school youth room at 9 p.m. for the movie. We should be through no later than 11 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - This Wednesday, join us in the HS Youth room for a fun game and devotional! Bring a friend and we'll see you there!

Prayer Breakfast - Thurs., 7 a.m. - All students are welcome to join us at Whataburger on E. Hwy 80 for prayer breakfast this Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Parents who can help give rides to school are encouraged to attend as well.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Today we continue a 4-week study of the book of Ruth.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - October 10

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: Teacher, Judy Reeves - (Matt. 9:16-17, Mk 2:21-22, Lk 5:36-38) New cloth on an old coat & new wine in old wineskins.

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Glenn Rogers will be speaking on the book of 1 John.
- Rm 16 - Congregational Singing: Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- Rm 34 - ESL Class
- Rm 51 - Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 - Divorce Care
- Rm 219 - Women's Bible Class: Various speakers. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

Wednesday Night Class - 7 p.m., Rm 14/15

We will meet in the chapel for the Wednesday night series on community. Take this opportunity to build relationships with those around you who you don't know, and form some partnerships that will help you find ways to serve our community together.

Faith at Home Sunday - October 29

Theme: Community Doesn't Happen Without "U" and "I"

On the next Faith at Home Sunday, we will focus on ways that your family can get involved together in our community through service. Our worship time will focus on the commands of "unity within our community", and we will then have an optional community fair (during and after bible class time) in the MPR of various organizations looking for volunteers like you and your family. This will be a great opportunity to see the many ways your family can get involved in service throughout our community!

If your family has been looking for service projects to do together, don't miss this Sunday to hear of ways to get involved!

| For the Record | |
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| Sunday Morning | Sunday Evening |
| A.M. Assembly 721 | Chapel 38 |
| Bible Class 716 | |
| Membership 892 | Wed 335 |
| Sept. Offering \$85,753 | |