

Hillcrest Encouragement

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From A to Z: Abilene to Zambia

Last year I decided to spend half of my summer in Mumena, Zambia helping minister to the people encouraging a new sustainable lifestyle that so many Zambians try to reach. What I initially felt before I left would soon be flipped completely upside down. When I hear of a 3rd world country, I immediately get this idealized view of a poverty-stricken shanty town. Boy was I wrong. Upon arrival, I experienced what we call “culture shock.” The sights and sounds of what I was seeing was not anything I have ever experienced. The raw smells of dirt and dust, and the scenery of the African bush recalled images of *National Geographic* magazine.

The next day we met with Chief Mumena, who ruled one of the largest chieftaincies in Zambia, and were told of the needs of the community. Some families had babies with malaria who needed urgent attention, some had little to no food, and some were without any extra clothes. I expected these types of problems but seeing them firsthand hit me harder than I thought. I found myself increasingly susceptible to the wants of the children, realizing I had given half of my clothes away to kids who came tugging on my shirts and pants. I soon realized the way I was approaching that problem was incorrect. I was not supposed to look like someone the people can rely on to get free clothes. My job was to enforce sustainability and establish a way for the people to have hope for a future. Yet in some cases the help we were providing didn't fix the magnitude of the situation.

A specific event unfolded at a clinic we were hosting; a man needed four of his teeth removed. I worked with the dentist on this man, and as much as he wanted us to pull his teeth we could not do it. By pulling four of his teeth the swelling would temporarily prevent him from eating for at least a few days, and he could potentially die without necessary food. The confused man didn't understand the dangers of pulling four teeth; yet despite our efforts to explain this danger to him he still insisted. It was a hard decision because if the teeth were not pulled it could be years before he would see a dentist in the city, but risking the health of the man was not worth it. Several dilemmas like this one showed me that, although I thought I came to solve problems and have solutions, I sometimes had to opt for a viable, rather than ideal solution.

I came back to the United States knowing that I want to be a catalyst that can help this problem; it changed my perspective and sense of responsibility, and ultimately changed where I want to go with my life. I want to help people to make a change for the better. The impact of this trip has opened my eyes beyond the needs and wants of my life, to the needs of others around me in a global perspective. Little things I take for granted, like fresh running water, remind me that those who are blessed with more should give more back. I'm planning on reboarding that plane to Africa next summer with a strengthened commitment to the people of Mumena, Zambia.

Drew Longoria

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

Young Adult Classes

Middle School	Room 204
High School	Room 200
University	Room 17

Adult Classes

Sonrise (all ages) (8:00)	Room 14
Y/O (all ages)	Room 10/11
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

October 9, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #303.....O worship the King*
Welcome..... John Barton

What Is Authority

Psalm 2.....Chris Pettijohn
Matthew 21:23-32..... Reese Pettijohn
Prayer..... J Sanders

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #238..... You Are the Song That I Sing
Hymn: #560..... Living By Faith
Hymn..... Faithful
Hymn..... Because We Believe

The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #350..... When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
Communion Meditation..... David Perkins
Hymn: #469..... Faith Is the Victory

Offering

Prayer..... David Perkins
Hymn: #736..... To Christ Be True
Hymn: #412..... Jesus, Hold My Hand
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

“Antagonisms Met By Jesus”

Message..... Everett Ferguson
Hymn: #948..... I Am Resolved

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Kilnam Cha
Hymn: #538..... My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Elder Blessing..... Gary Varner
(Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Everett Ferguson

P.M. - Care Group: The Generations class will lead the service in the Chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Sympathy to B. Jack Williams and Larry and Mary Kay Knight on the loss of Modene Williams.

Congratulations to Doug and Anne Reno on the birth of a granddaughter, Harper Rose. Parents are Michael and Michelle Reno. Great grandparents are Jimmy and Dot McNeil.

New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures

Think your appearance hasn't changed much since the last directory pictures were taken in 2011? Take a look at Hillcrest Connect www.hillcrest.ccbchurch.com. Do you have more children or have they grown more than 8 inches? Are you pictured at all? Time for a new picture! Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center today after worship.

Life Groups

If you would like to join a Life Group, contact Alan Clute or the church office.

Men's Softball - Tomorrow, 8 p.m.

The team will play tomorrow on Field 1 against Pioneer Drive Baptist Blue. Come cheer them on!

Caterpillars and Butterflies - Tues., 4:30 p.m., Rm 10

Caterpillars and Butterflies is for girls in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, 4th grade and older girls are helpers. Please come in the kitchen door. We will enjoy refreshments and Connie Adams will teach the girls about the "Bread of Life." If you have questions or need transportation contact Morene Tuttle.

A Hillcrest Singing - Oct. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rm 10/11

Come join us as we learn new songs and sing old hymns, have delightful conversation, and enjoy games and snacks together.

Trunk Party - Monday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.

Come trick-or-treat at the cars in our parking lot! A carnival with air castles, cake walk, and a dunking booth will be in the MPR. Invite your friends! Bins are in the church entrances for candy collection. Sign up to help in your classroom.

Mumena Dinner and Auction - Thursday, November 3

The annual Mumena Dinner and Auction is coming up soon! If you have any items or services that you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Taylor Cockrell. All proceeds from the auction will help to fund the Hillcrest students participating in this summer's campaign. Tickets and table sponsorships are also available for the dinner and auction. Please RSVP by Oct. 27 in the Hillcrest Office or to Cam Hurst. The Mumena mission site is one of Hillcrest's main mission efforts.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Send the Light trips continue during 2016. During October, Susan Green will be serving in Brazil for Continent Care Connection, and Anne Reno will work as a nurse in Haiti during a Live Beyond Medical Mission. In November, Phil and Paula Sullivan and Tommie Ellis will go to Costa Rica for a Let's Start Talking campaign. In December, Matt, Cheryl, and Tyler Merritt will travel to India to work at Sanctuary Ministries.

Tickets are now available for the Oct. 21 Tree of Mercy Luncheon benefiting the hospital and medical efforts at Namwianga, Zambia. See the missions bulletin board or contact Ellie Hamby for more information.

Prison Ministry - There were 70 baptisms in the month of September. The total for the year is 743.

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 and generator fuel. If you would like to donate, the Missions Team has put donation envelopes on the missions bulletin board in the large hallway.

Calendar of Events

October 9.....	Care Group
October 14.....	A Hillcrest Singing
October 21.....	Tree of Mercy Luncheon
October 25.....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
October 30.....	Faith at Home
October 31.....	Trunk Party
November 3.....	Mumena Dinner
November 6.....	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 13.....	Care Group
November 13.....	Light on the Hill Contribution
November 17.....	Thanksgiving LAFF

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

Training and 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.

Bible Hour Tonight – No Bible Hour Tonight. Enjoy your Care Group!

Eastern European Missions: Our kids have now raised a total of \$53.22 which is enough to print 10 Bibles. These Bibles will be placed in a school in Eastern Europe. The final day to make a contribution is Sunday, October 30. A collection jar is on the desk in the children's wing.

HYG – Youth

Today - Service project this afternoon! Meet at 2010 Collins Ave. from 1:30-3:30. Dress accordingly. Only the Junior and Senior Huddles will meet this evening. 6-7 pm

Wednesday – 7 p.m. Class

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

TNT - No TNT this week.

High School Students - Sign up for the HS Retreat.

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Tonight – All LIFE groups meet together, details in class.

Wednesday Class – 7 p.m. - LIFT Come Share YOUR Story.

Thursday - 11 a.m. - Prayer chapel at Jacob's Dream

Thursday - 4-5:30 p.m. - Reach: Canterbury Crossing Apts.

Mark your calendars! October 28-30 - Fall Break Retreat Make plans now to attend our Fall retreat focused on Spiritual Disciplines! The cost is only \$30!



www.hillcrestonline.com/members/search

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Have you ever wondered how God changes people? The first series of the fall focuses on the spiritual disciplines. Today, we will explore "Submission & Humility." Check the Adult Education ministry page to see lessons added weekly. www.hillcrestonline.com/ministries/adult/

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Oct. 4: "Faithfulness in Marriage and Speech" Matt. 5:31-37, 19:3-9. Teacher Jackie Vardiman.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** - Houston Heflin continues his series titled, "Who is this? Jesus in Mark 1-8."
- **Rm 12 - Hillcrest 101**
- **Rm 30 - ESL Class**
- **Rm 16 - Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 52 - Divorce Care**
- **Rm 219 - Women's Class: Living Stones** by Casandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

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

Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right

This eight week series is for anyone who wants to have a practical strategy for positive parenting! Topics include parenting with a purpose, meeting needs, having a plan, the importance of a kind heart, having passion, parenting by example, parenting with courage, and parenting by grace.

Coming on October 30 - Faith at Home Weekend

"Taking the Mask Off of Depression" Our worship time will focus on learning to rely on God a times where things seem hopeless, and how we can combat spiritual depression in our lives. We will also have a workshop in the auditorium during bible classes on "What do I do with Depression?" with some local experts. Don't miss it!

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 637	Chapel..... 50
Classes..... 524	
Membership..... 864	Wednesday..... 367
Sept. Offering \$91,163	