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STORY

Refining How We Do What We Do

If you really want to make Pastor Chuck's day, what is the main response he really wants to hear you say when he walks up to you and asks, "What are you doing?" If you've been around Country Bible Church for awhile, you know Chuck really wants to hear you say, "Making disciples!"

The great task entrusted to the Church of Jesus Christ, and therefore entrusted to us, is the task of making disciples. Pastor Chuck and the elders remind us that this task is not just about seeing people believe in Jesus. According to the New Testament, a disciple (student) of Jesus is actively moving through a process of:

1. Loving God and God's people by believing in God and worshipping Him with His people, and by ...
2. Learning more from God and God's people by deciding to actively belong to a church and seeking opportunities to grow in God's word, and by ...

3. Living for God and God's people by understanding the unique person God created them to be so they can effectively fit into the local church and go about doing the ministry God has called them to do.

Over the last year the Country Bible Church elders and pastors have carefully worked through the details of the surveys which occurred in the fall of 2009. At the same time, the elders also reviewed the New Testament teachings regarding what the church is called to be and to do. From this detailed review of what CBC should be and do, and what we are doing, the elders have prepared a ministry statement to give guidance and direction to the pastoral staff and ministry leaders regarding our mission to "make disciples."

Now the fun work has begun! Since September 2010, 60+ ministry leaders from all areas of ministry at CBC have been praying, meeting, planning and discussing how to refine our process for making disciples. We expect to continue this phase of planning through the

New Year and into the first quarter of 2011. Lord willing, the goal is to present a revised process for making disciples at CBC to the elders in February or March 2011.

Please, please, please be praying for God's guidance, direction and blessing upon our humble efforts! For 2,000 years the primary task of the Church has been making disciples. Not just believers in Jesus, but growing, maturing, serving children of God who will impact their corner of the planet for years to come.

The task to "make disciples" is critical, and sometimes daunting, but not for our great God! With His hand of blessing, if we are faithful to His word, the process is really quite simple. And even though life can become complicated, it should be our desire to keep our spiritual journey simple ... walking with Jesus as we Love, Learn and Live!

**The story continues-
"WALK THE WALK"**

"LOVE-LEARN-LIVE"

What do these words mean?
How do we LOVE God and others?
How do we LEARN from God and others?
How do we LIVE for God and others?
Please join us beginning Sunday January 2, 2011 as we learn the joys of walking the walk as Senior Pastor Chuck Larsen introduces a new sermon series from the book of Proverbs.

GIRLFRIENDS UNLIMITED

All ladies are invited to come relax, refresh and recover from all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season at the second annual SpaLaLa on Thursday, January 13, 2011 from 7-9 p.m. at Country Bible Church. Bring a friend and come ready for pampering of the body and spirit. Child care will be provided. Sign up at the Ministry Center.

Girlfriends Unlimited is also sponsoring 2 new Bible Studies beginning Thursdays 1/20/11 – 4/21/11. Mornings/

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM & Evenings/6:45 PM – 8:30 PM. ***Growing in Christ***, designed to help master the fundamentals of the Christian life and teach how to establish a firm scriptural foundation for your life.

Perplexing Proverbs for Women, Susan Scheppmann applies the wisdom of the book of the Proverbs to the primary concerns women face and directs them to God's answers for daily decisions. Child care available for all classes. Watch our CBC weekly bulletin for sign up info.

MEN'S

Men's Bible Study meets in the CBC Fellowship Hall on Tuesday mornings from 6:30-7:30 and is taught by Phil Green. We will be 'pushing the pause button' on the Old Testament Survey study and for the next few weeks turn our attention to Teaching the 'First Principles' – A review of the First Principles material from BILD and see how this material might be used at CBC to lay a solid foundation as we make disciples.

**CBC
Pastors &
Directors**



Chuck Larsen
Senior Pastor



Kevin Shultz
Executive Pastor



Glen Hudson
Pastor of
Congregational Care



Derek Davis
Director of
Creative Arts



Clay Wakefield
Director of
Student Ministries



Laura Hendrickson
Director of
Children's Ministry

CBC HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours the week between Christmas and New Year's (12/27-12/31) will be 9AM-1PM. If you have an end-of-year financial donation to make, you may drop it off during office hours by Friday, 12/31 or mail it to: CBC, PO Box 219, Blair. (An important reminder - to be considered as a 2010 donation, envelope must be postmarked by 12/31/2010.)

CBC WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When Blair Schools are cancelled due to the weather, all Country Bible Church activities are also cancelled.

CBC Elders



Russ Cowley



Dave Jensen



Ron Livermore



Joe McBride



Tom Morrison



Bob Sweeney

UPDATE: ADOPT A FAMILY THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Our Adopt a Family Thanksgiving outreach was a huge success again this year. Because of all our CBC family stepping up and volunteering we had approximately 26 CBC families help shop for the food & approximately 37 CBC families deliver 41 meal baskets to needy families in the community referred to us by our church family (35 Blair, 3 Fort Calhoun, 1 Kennard, 1 Herman & 1 Logan, IA). We also had approximately 28 CBC families serve the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Francis Borgia's Catholic Church on Thanksgiving Day. And because of all of our generous donators we had enough funds left over to give a donation of \$1465.00 to the Washington County Food Pantry for Christmas meals.

Here is what some of the thank you letters we received had to say.....

"Thank you for the makings for the Thanksgiving Dinner. I shared it with my family. Thank you for thinking of me. The Father God has really been taking care of me for 2 years."

"Thank you for the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner in our time of need. May God bless you all."

"Thank you for the turkey and

fixin's. It was such a nice thing for you to do and I truly appreciated it."

CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING

A note from the Elders: As a church family, Christmas is the time of year we set aside to express our deep appreciation to our Pastors and their families. If you would like to participate in this financial gift of love, please stop by the Ministry Center outside the Fellowship Hall and drop your gift in the special red container. Thank you! (If you are writing a check, please make it out to 'Country Bible Church'.)

3RD ANNUAL ART CONTEST

This art contest will be based on the book of Proverbs and the theme of "The Story, walk the walk". Categories will be painting, drawing, photography and digital media. Artwork will be accepted Sunday, January 23rd from 8am - noon & Monday 24th - Thursday 27th from 9 - 5pm, and will be judged and hung on January 30th with winners announced. Details and entry form can be found on our website, www.countrybible.org

YOUTH

Proverb, become aware of its implications, and identify ways for it to be applied to the every day life of a student.

CBC Youth Services are held each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Atrium. The Youth Home Groups meet Wednesday nights at 7:00 at the houses of various Home Group Leaders. If you would like more information or to get connected to the CBC Youth Ministries visit countrybible.org, or contact Clay Wakefield at (402)660-3094, or Taylor Venema at (402)943-7317.



PRAYER NEEDS & UPDATES

... The **prayer** of a **righteous** man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

CBC PRAYER CHAIN HIGHLIGHTS

CBC PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to become a Prayer Partner please log on to miCBC; click on FORMS; scroll down the forms list and click on "Prayer Chain Sign-up".

Prayer Chain



To submit requests, feel free to fill out a prayer card or contact Pastor Glen Hudson.

RYAN DAVID ROTHANZL



Ryan David Rothanzl was born September 28 2010 at 1:49 pm weighing 11lb 11 oz and measuring 12-3/4" long. Ryan was born at 26 weeks, which is 14 weeks early. During the entire process we have been most appreciative of God, family, Church family, and friends. The overwhelming support in the form of meals and prayers has helped give Teresa and me a sense of humility. Teresa and I have adopted the verse Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". I cannot tell you how many times Teresa and I have used this verse to reassure each other. Barring a three week period where Ryan was having issues with development of his lungs, we are happy to say he has really made great strides in his development and growth. He now weighs 5 lbs 9

oz and measures 17-1/4" long. He has been both a blessing and a living testimony of the power of prayer. I have had many opportunities to speak of the blessings that God has given us with believers and non believers. Teresa and I both hope that through Ryan's life we will have many opportunities to share the success story of how God has worked in us and given us many opportunities to speak of both God's sovereignty and the Power of Prayer. In closing I would ask for continued prayers for our family as we prepare over the next couple of weeks for Ryan to come home as he will be coming home with oxygen support. Also, continued prayers for the many Doctors, Nurses, and Specialists that are helping in the care of our son. Below is the Caring Bridge link we have created with updates and pictures of our son.



<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ryandavidrothanzl>

HELEN GOSKER



Helen Gosker has been a faithful member of CBC for over 20 years. Her love for God and her sweet spirit make Helen one of those people others love to be around. For many years you could count on her to be in her favorite spot in the 8 A.M. worship service, enjoying the snacks in the Fellowship Hall and sharing the devotion at the Silver Chord's meetings. In April of this year Helen was taken to Memorial Community Hospital in Blair with severe stomach discomfort. The following day they transferred her to Omaha where she spent the next 6 weeks receiving medical care.

Helen celebrated her 92nd Birthday on May 11, 2010. She was blessed with several visitors, some very nice flowers and gifts and over 100 cards. Helen had another hospital stay this fall but is now back in her room at Crowell Memorial Home in Blair. She loves and misses all of her friends at CBC but has not regained the strength needed to attend services. She takes comfort in knowing that we are praying for her and always wants to get the latest update on the happenings at Country Bible Church.

STEVE & LINDA ROSENGREN NTMC (New Tribes Mission) Indonesia Church Planters

November, 2010

Dear Family and Friends,

First off, I want to thank all of you who have prayed for my trip to Indonesia as we realize it is your prayers that carry us through in this work of the Lord Jesus Christ. I was very encouraged by what I saw and the response of the believers in the Wana tribe, remember that it is God that gives the increase of what has been planted in their hearts.

I arrived at about 2am on the 8th of October into Bali. So I had the daylight hours of the 8th and 9th to get out and walk the streets and get lost. :) The streets are not laid out in squares so I didn't know where I was going to end up. I could have taken a taxi back to the hotel, but I figured I needed the exercise even though the heat was a bit intense.

I flew up to Palu on the 10th and made it to church on time, planning to fly into the Wana village on the 11th. That didn't work out so Ed and I had a week in town to visit the new families and see how they were doing. Ed is on the area leadership so is responsible to help them any way he can. The helicopter was needing repairs so that is the reason we didn't get interior as planned, but the Lord had other plans for us. We did finally get interior on the next weekend.

We had four full days in the Wana area teaching Hebrews chapters 4,5, and 6 and discussing church outreach. They have 7 areas now asking for teaching. It was so exciting to hear that many of those places which were closed to teaching previously are now asking for help. Now the problem is finding those willing to give up their time and lives to see these people taught the word of God. Pray for the Lord to be raising up teachers from among

the Wana to see these new areas reached with the gospel of Christ. We were able to visit for an hour with the 30 new believers in the Kawedo area. One lady met us saying, "I am now the new Indo Dian." What a joy to hear that! A wonderful change in her heart and she knows it. Finally after years of resistance to the word of God, now they are embracing it.

Ed was needing to visit the new outreach area where we have 3 Wana families and a German girl working to learn a new language and culture so they can teach the word of God. How will they do with the differences in culture? Wana culture and German culture needing to be a team together for reaching people of another culture with the gospel of Christ. The Lord can do it even if there are some rough spots. Pray for this team as the Lord works in them and through them.

After two days at that place, we flew to another tribe where new missionaries are working with an older work to see the translation done and teaching material developed. There is only one couple working in there at the present time learning language and culture. It was good to see them settled in and making progress in the language and culture. They appeared to be excited and encouraged with the work the Lord has given them.

We had taken two Wana elders along with us to visit these other areas as they can normally learn things that we cannot. We are also trusting the Lord to use them in encouraging the other churches and taking responsibility for helping others even in the other language groups. These two elders and Ed and I did do some teaching in their church meetings even though we had to use the Indonesian language and then the ones knowing some Indonesian translated for the other people to understand. Not the best way to go about it, but the best we

could do for that short time. How much better it will be when the missionaries have the language and culture and can clearly teach these believers.

Again, thank you for your remembering us in this ministry as we wait patiently for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and His appearing in the clouds of heaven.

Church planting together with God. (1Cor.3:7)

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CANADA

October trip to Indonesia. Just a few pictures for you.



The lady in the middle is the new Indo Dian having become a believer.



Doni in the light blue was used of the Lord to reach 30 new believers



Taking church elders along to other areas for training.

ISRAEL

On **June 7-17, 2011**, Pastor Chuck and Kathy Larsen will lead you on a biblical adventure that promises to strengthen your biblical knowledge and stimulate your walk with Jesus Christ. Join with others in our church family as we set out on this once-in-a-lifetime journey. Brochures with the trip itinerary and all-inclusive cost are available at our Ministry Center (located just outside the Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY CLASSES

Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

In the Fellowship Hall, December 12th – February 27th Bob Sweeney will be teaching on what history tells us about the twelve apostles, their travels and their martyrdom.

In East-Wing Classroom #7, December 12th – February 27th Perly Schoville will be teaching on Ezra & Nehemiah.

EL GORRION CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Your family could forever change the life of a child in El Gorrion, Guatemala. Sponsoring a child for just \$35/month will provide the child with health and dental care, two pairs of shoes/year, a school uniform, a birthday and Christmas present as well as a food basket for their family at Christmas. For more information and photos, check out the bulletin board across from the Ministry Center and contact Laura Hendrickson at 426-5592 or laura@countrybible.org for more information.



AWANA LEADERS OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for some energetic and caring adults for the AWANA ministry. We meet on Wednesday nights at the church from 6 to 8. It's a fun way to minister to the youth of our church and community (ages Kindergarten - 6th Grade). For more information contact Clay or Rebecca Bockart at 426-8528.

NURSERY OPENINGS AVAILABLE

There are several opportunities open in our nursery department at both the 9:30 and 11am services for volunteers to care for infants and toddlers. If you love babies and small children and would like to serve CBC in this way, please see Laura Hendrickson or pick up an application form at the nursery check-in desk in the West Wing on Sunday morning. You may also e-mail her at laura@countrybible.org.

BAPTISMS

We are planning to have Baptisms on Sunday, February 6th. If you are interested please sign up by visiting miCBC and going to the 'forms' section or stop by the Ministry Desk outside the Fellowship Hall.

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the BANK family

...A SNAP SHOT OF;

August - December



Greetings from Dallas, Texas!

After a whirlwind move to Dallas in early August, we settled into our apartment with the help of Nick's mom and dad. After dropping them off at the airport we watched the rear view mirror as 'Love-Field' airport began to fade out of sight. All of a sudden the reality of our new mission for Country Bible church, and life in Texas became all the more real.

We were first greeted with three weeks of 100 degree weather, as Nick began part-time work at 'Aqua-Care' Pool Service.

School quickly began, and with it, the 'break-neck' pace of our new life in the 'Lone Star State.' After the first day of orientation at Dallas Theological Seminary, Nick came home with his head reeling from all the Syllabi for his classes. These include: Systematic Theology, Bible Study Methods & Hermeneutics, Spiritual Life, Evangelism, Spiritual Formation,

& Koine Greek Grammar.

Nick is physically in class 24 hours a week, plus 1-3 hours of study-time per class when he's not servicing pools (which ranges from 20-30 hrs. a week.)

Each morning begins at five a.m. sharp, where Nick either hits the gym (required for Spiritual Life class) or heads to work.

We are now attending North-West Bible church here in Dallas as well. Kellie helps out with the Mothers of Preschoolers, and Ahriana has begun attending the children's nursery on Sunday mornings, where she gets to play and learn about Jesus with other kids her age.

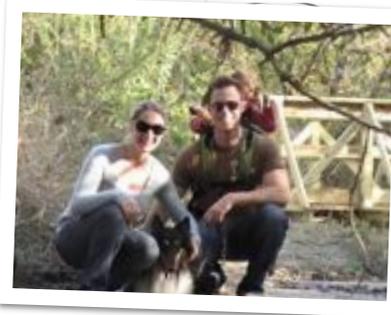
We have our two pets with us as well... Our 65 lb. Collie named 'Cammie' and our Rag-Doll feline; 'Nibbers.' They are a comforting piece of the puzzle in our new life, as we are so far from you all!



Ahriana is now two and a half years old and growing up fast! She loves 'Dora' the explorer, and is learning her abc's and 123's with Kellie who stays home to take care of her. This was an important decision for us, as we

wanted to set a strong foundation for her while she's young. It's been difficult to do this on one income at only part-time hours, but we're getting by. Getting the daily one-on-one attention & direction from her

mother is priceless for us, and it has been wonderful to watch her blossom because of it. She surprises us daily with her vocabulary, quick wit, and energetic personality! What a privilege it is to raise a child!



Over Thanksgiving break we took a day and visited a nature preserve inside Dallas city limits. It gave us all a chance to reconnect, and let Cammie get some much needed exercise -

Kellie's parents are helping us out so that we will be able to come home for a brief visit at Christmas. We will leave on the 21st of Dec. but head back as soon as the 27th as Nick has to be back to work on the 28th.

Our experience here so far has been the most challenging endeavor of our lives to date. Nevertheless Nick is doing well in his classes and already preparing for 2nd Semester. Here are some praises and upcoming challenges that'd we'd also like share before we 'sign off' ...

Praises:

Nick's boss at 'Aqua-Care' has agreed to allow us to come back to CBC every summer, and hire him back every fall, just as the church had requested! This is a rare and phenomenal-providence of God, and we are very thankful for this arrangement!

Nick's parents get to visit us in Dallas over the New Year, which will be a great treat for us and Ahriana, so please pray for good travel conditions.

Challenges:

As the 2nd Semester approaches we are scrambling to find a way to be able to pay for Nick's books - some



people from CBC have been kind enough to send us some support which we are trying to save and put towards this expense, but it remains to be seen if it will cover the cost.

Finally just being so far away from all of you is the hardest part of being here in Dallas. We miss our families, & CBC so much! We covet your prayers as we continue on in this work on behalf of CBC's future - We count it a great opportunity & privilege to be here - but definitely need lifted up in prayer as the work-load, academic rigor, and demands of family-life challenge us daily. We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

- Love, Nick, Kellie, & Ahriana

If you would, at any time, like to be involved with any CBC ministry, please contact the church office (402.426.5592), log in to miCBC, or pick up our 'Ministry Directory' (including contact information) at the CBC Guest Information Center.

CBC MINISTRIES

