

EMC Missions Has Reached Our 2010 Goal!

God is indeed a God of miracles! Just a year ago, the Kumi Mission Team went to Uganda and worked alongside YCVM in ministry and in building a school. We came back tired, but with our eyes opened wide to the tremendous needs of people struggling to recover from the years of civil strife and unjust dictators. After visiting village children in Kumi, the need to complete the school, which had been on hold for a couple of years, became more urgent. So the Team set the goal of \$40,000 to raise for this year, which would get half of the school built.



With some trepidation, we planned our first ever Benefit Dinner, not really knowing what would happen. After months of prayer, planning, working, soliciting ticket sales, and a fair amount of anxiety, God amazed us with proceeds totaling \$15,000. Since we had \$15,000 in our accounts left from the previous year's donations, we now had \$30,000 and needed only \$10,000 more.

But truthfully, we were all a little exhausted from the frenzy of putting on the Benefit, and since April, it's been a kind of "down" time of reflecting and wondering what to do next. But God was not resting. Within the last two weeks, a miracle happened: two donations of \$5,000 each were received. We have reached our 2010 goal! Praise God for the stirring of hearts to give generously in support of the school for Kumi. Please join the Team in giving thanks and praying for the next steps which will make this dream a reality.

Worship with us Next Sunday

June 20th 2010 for a JOINT Service beginning at 10:00AM

Greeters: Adrienne and Rich

Scriptures: Burt

Prayer: Becky

Sound Techs: Rudy

Hospitality: Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Peter and family



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Gathering & Centering

- Welcome & announcements
- Call to worship
- Opening hymns
- Opening prayer

Hearing & Reflecting on the Word

- Scripture reading
- Hymn of preparation –
What Does the Lord Require?
- Sermon
- Special Music Offering

Responding to the Word

- Passing of the Peace
- Celebrating Sunday School
- Prayers of the people
- Offering + Prayer of
Thanksgiving

Sending Out

- Closing Hymn
- Benediction

"Choose Justice"

Rebecca Wong

Certified Lay Speaker

1 Kings 21: 1-21



Great Thanks to worship
participants this morning:
Michael, Jenny, Rudy, Derek, Burt,
Matthew, and Charlie
Greeters: Brenda & Jane
Hospitality: YAF BBQ

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother/God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

View from the EMC Chair
By Derek Lang



Today's scripture passage on Samaritan King Ahab taking Naboth the Jezreelite's vineyard is the classic story of greed, justice, and human capacity to do good or evil. We see that often in today's society: BP and the Gulf oil spill; the trail of BART police Officer Johannes Mehserle for the killing of Oscar Grant; the apprehension by Israeli military forces of Turkish boats carrying aid to Gaza. Sometimes good and evil are clearly delineated. Other times we just know there is something wrong and can only shake our heads in sadness as we watch the effects.

The case of King Ahab is interesting in that Ahab was not immediately punished by God for his transgression. He humbled himself before God, and as a result he was not directly punished. However, the damage was done and God would punish his descendants. The message seems to be that even though there can be repentance and forgiveness, it is better not to have sinned in the first place. Of course, given the option of sinning versus not sinning, the logical answer is not to sin. Notice however that Ahab never gave the order to kill Naboth; rather his wife took his words and acted in his interest. Just his tone, his words, and his attitude set off a series of events leading to his demise.

How often is it the case that when we get into heated moments, we say things or do things that hurt instead of help? We don't even think about it and it happens. There are lots of times on the road for example when someone will cut me off and a slew of bad thoughts will arise about how to get even. Or in a debate at one of our committee meetings, I may say something to make a point in effort to win an argument.

Last week, Pastor Emily asked us at one of our meetings to each pause before we spoke and ask ourselves of the comment we were about to make, "Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?" This discipline seems very mechanical and cumbersome, but it helps us before we make a mistake or make that decision which could lead to injustice, hurt, or put our interest above another's. It is challenging to say the right thing all the time. We might wonder why cannot we just be who we are and say what we feel. Yet how much more challenging is it to deal with the consequences later – for us or the other person.

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules: Do Good; Do no Evil; and Stay in Love with God.

Upcoming News and Notes:

Giving Thanks

We give great thanks and appreciation to our faithful team of teachers during Sunday School this past year: **Leily** and **Jane** who taught our youngest ones, **Donna** and **Derek** who taught our older ones, **Becky** who lead our gathering time, and **Charlie** who provided coordination to our oldest ones. Participating in this ministry is an incredible gift of time, effort, presence and energy and we are thankful. As we look towards the summer, may it be a time where we might (re)connect to our Christian Education ministry here at CCUMC. Please also be in prayerful discernment about your own call to the teaching ministry team!

Pastoral Transitions

Please keep the current pastoral transitions in your constant prayers: for Pastor Peter and Jasmine as they prepare themselves for a new appointment at New Vision UMC, Millbrae; for Pastor Samuel Ng as he prepares to take on the role as Assistant Pastor here; for Pastor Emily as she prepares to go full time in the role of Lead Pastor; for our brothers and sisters in the Chinese-language ministry; for ourselves.

Please note that Pastor Emily and Pastor Peter will be in Sacramento for Annual Conference beginning Tuesday, June 15th through June 19th. In case of any pastoral needs or emergencies, please call Pastor Emily's cell phone.



Sunday, June 20th is the day our church family will celebrate Pastor Peter and Jasmine's 17 years of steadfast ministry at CCUMC. The day will begin with a ***special combined worship service at 10AM***. This will be a time of joyful celebration and reflection upon their journey of faithfulness and generosity to minister and equip us at CCUMC and beyond. We praise God for the gift of the Laus who truly embody the love of Christ in all they do.

Immediately following the worship service, all are invited to a luncheon and program to continue to fellowship with one another. We look forward to marking this important occasion. We welcome and encourage you to RSVP to Jane Yin or Ulander Pang by Wednesday, June 16th. We welcome everyone!

Wesley will also be present to join in the festivities.