

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

This week we pray for Bolivia, Chile, Peru

Week of 27 June - 3 July 2010

INTERCESSIONS

Give thanks for:

- Those who feed the poor, even when they do not have much themselves.
- Charangos, pan pipes and drums, sounds which give glory to God.
- Liberation theology and those who put it into practice by working for social justice with and for the poor.
- Saint Martin de Porres, the first black Catholic saint from Latin America, who spent his life caring for the poor of Lima.
- Languages and cultures which try to retain an old identity while coming to terms with the modern world.
- Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, and the Andes.



Pray for:

- The rights of indigenous and mestizo (mixed race) peoples in these countries.
- Social, economic, and political reforms, that they bring justice for all.
- Economic improvement in Bolivia so that people do not need to migrate in order to send their children to school, to buy medicine for their grandparents, or to feed those left behind.
- Those whose loved ones have been killed or disappeared under repressive regimes.
- A healing of all the wounds that people have had to endure.
- An end to drug trafficking throughout the region, and the availability of other economic means of support.
- The impoverished and oppressed.



THE MESSENGER

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June 27, 2010

Pentecost 6

✠ Gathering & Centering

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

✠ Hearing & Reflecting on the Word

- *Scripture reading*
- *Hymn of preparation –
More Like You*

✠ Responding to the Word

- *Passing of the Peace*
- *Commissioning of Aeri*
- *Prayers of the people*
- *Offering + Prayer of
Thanksgiving*

✠ Sending Out

- *Closing Hymn*
- *Benediction*

“Picking up the Mantle”

Pastor Emily Lin

II Kings 2: 1-14



*Great Thanks to worship
participants this morning:
Aeri, Jenny, Kelvin, Donna and
Charlie*

*Greeters: Donna & Steve
Hospitality: Adrienne & Rich*

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.

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View from the EMC Chair
By Derek Lang



The door closed as he left, and then there was silence. Fear and aloneness set in. I froze. It was now all up to me, and everything I learned vanished from memory. “What do I do now?”

Life is full of transitions. People come and people go. Last week’s celebration for Pastor Peter and Jasmine was filled with the joy of their 17 years with us, but also sadness at seeing them moving on. I am sure that we have all experienced some form of transition as a teacher, a boss, or a leader moves on, leaving us to make this place our own. Or perhaps we are dropping off a close friend at the airport; our parents drop us off at our dorm and leave us at school to live on our own for the first time; or we have lost a loved one. There is that moment of aloneness and uncertainty about the future.

The story of Elijah leaving Elisha captures all those feelings for me. “I’m going to stick to you” and “Don’t leave me” are the cries of Elisha as his teacher and master prepares to ascend to Heaven. Elisha knew that he would eventually have to take the mantle from Elijah. How could he ever fill those shoes: call upon God’s power to start a fire, slay all Ahab’s prophets with a sword, part a river, and command fire to come down from heaven? Elisha was so fearful of losing the safety of his master that his condition to Elijah before Elijah could leave was not only that he could do whatever Elijah could do, but he asked for “double portions,” i.e., that he could do it twice as good. That way there would be no question that he could be successful at taking over this prophet gig. He held on tight to Elijah. But at some point, it was time – time for Elijah to leave and Elisha to take over. And indeed, Elisha parted the waters too.

As we step into a new phase in life, it is only natural to feel all the apprehensions of change. But let us be reminded that God always walks beside us and equips us to live out God’s plan for us.

Upcoming News and Notes:

Today, Sunday, June 27th, We will be celebrating **Pastor Emily’s Commissioning and appointment** as CCUMC’s lead pastor during the 10:30AM CMC hospitality time. Please join us in the annex before our 11:00AM worship!

Sending Aeri Off!

Today, we commission Aeri - once again - to her short term mission ministry in Uganda. Aeri will be leaving on early Monday, June 28th and returning on Aug. 2nd. During the month there, Aeri will be teaching at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Kampala as well as visiting YCVM staff in Kumi. Let us hold Aeri in our hearts and prayers during this month as well as all those with whom she will be in ministry. Aeri will be preaching about her time in Uganda at the Aug. 22nd worship.

***The Memory Book for the Lau's** is still in progress! If you have not yet gotten your page in, please do so immediately. If you need instructions or a page, please connect with Peggy or Donna! Thank you!

***Great thanks** to all who contributed to last Sunday's farewell worship and luncheon - from set-up, to food prep., to serving, to clean-up, and much, much more! Your energy and contributions are appreciated!

***Welcoming Pastor Samuel Ng** - We will be welcoming Pastor Samuel next Sunday, July 4th at a joint fellowship time. Please arrive promptly at 10:30 and go directly to the annex (through our 2nd gate). You are invited and welcomed to bring some refreshments to share. English worship will begin at 11:15 a.m.

Worship with us Next Sunday ~ July 3rd

Welcome Reception of Pastor Samuel Ng 10:30AM

Greeters: Frances and Charlie

Scriptures: Peggy

Prayer: Charlie

Sound Techs: Jenny and Janene

Hospitality: Eddie and Arlene

