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The Newsletter of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church

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UPDATE FROM JOEL MILLER

Hello everyone! To bring you up to date, currently four DMT students and I are living in El Higo, Veracruz. About two weeks ago, Steven and the other staff/DMT students drove north with their final destination being Dr. Arroyo. We also have some of our staff/DMT students living and working on the Island in Oaxaca with Lalo right now and so that brings us to the question: "who's the leader of this outfit?!?" I know that it seems crazy to have us spread all over the country, but we really felt that this was the Lord's leading and each of those areas have been seeing continued growth and blessing, so we agreed that this present plan would be the best.

Here in El Higo, we've begun giving The Fundamentals of the Faith teaching and we've seen more and more new faces showing up. This past Thursday we all crammed into the garage/church with brother Domingo's truck but we still enjoyed the teaching. We hope that after we leave they still have a hunger to learn. The teaching is the same one that Lalo and I developed for the church in Dr. Arroyo and with the positive response that we saw there and the spiritual growth in each of the believer's lives, we figured that it would be effective here too. So continue to pray for a desire to learn more of the Word.

Tomorrow Roger and some of the summer staff/Dayspring staff are coming down here for a few days where we'll build some benches for both the church here in town and also Pastor Narciso's church in La Palma. From here, mid-week, we're traveling south to the Island to visit and pick up the DMTer's and staff and then we travel back north to Alamo, Veracruz for a few days there with a few other churches that we have there. After all of that, we'll travel through La Haciendita (for Ruthy's b-day which is the 14th so send her lots of emails at: ruth_julio@hotmail.com) and then from there to Dr. Arroyo to finish out the summer groups. Come August 11, that's the official last day of this year's DMT training and everyone goes home...it'll be a sad day...but for Ruthy, it'll be a very good day because that means I will be coming home to La Haciendita!

It's crazy to think that we're heading down the last stretch already on this year's DMT and what a great year it has been! Sure we've seen some mishaps and some return home, but we've also seen many come to Christ and many miracles, so all in all it's really been another great

training for us here at Dayspring. I ask that you would continue to pray for the students that they could finish out strong and that when they go home, that God would open many new doors in their lives and that their hearts would lead them continually before His throne and His glory seeking His face.

As for me, once everyone has gone home, I celebrate my birthday, hopefully in La Haciendita, with Ruthy and her family, and then I begin to gear up and get ready for Ruthy and my wedding...wow. There is still a lot of work to do to get ready: I need my tux, she needs to get her dress' final fitting, all of the decorations, invitations and nervousness ran out (which has consistently been more Joel than Ruthy!) So please pray that I will be able to stay focused on the work that's at hand and to grow more and more in the Lord and His will for my life. Until next time!

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2009 OHIO RELIEF SALE

The Annual Ohio Relief Sale will be held this summer on Friday-Saturday, July 31-August 1, 2009.

Volunteers are needed yet to help with the Chicken BBQ (Saturday morning); and with parking (Friday/Saturday). If you would be willing to help in either of these areas, please contact Corrine Helmuth.

The annual Run for Relief 5K Race will be held on Saturday morning. Registration forms for this event are on the counter in the foyer.

USED BOOKS: Anyone who has used books to contribute to the Relief Sale, please bring them to Central Christian School between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Anyone who can help sort books please come Tuesday, July 28, 9-3 or anytime on Wednesday or Thursday.

NEEDED: Someone to be at Relief Sale Used Books 4:00 p.m. on Saturday to load up books to go to Christian Salvage Mission in Fowlerville, Michigan. and to take the books to Michigan. The formerly known as Christian Salvage Mission mends used Bibles and Bible related materials and sends them where needed.

Check out the improved Relief Sale website for additional information: www.ohiomccreliefsale/org. The list of sale items is updated regularly.

LIFE AT SONNENBERG

FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Do you wonder what "Mennonite Weekly..." reviews? It is now on our magazine shelf for your review.

NEWS & NOTES

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is blessed with the opportunity to welcome several students for the 2009-2010 school year from outside our community. These students wish to live with a Christian family and study at Central Christian School. Would you consider opening your heart and home to one of these students for the school year? Host families are compensated monthly. Please contact Doris Risser, enrollment director at Central Christian, at 330-857-7311 for more information.

CAMP LUZ will host two family friendly events on Saturday, August 15, 2009: A Bike-a-thon for all ages and skill levels; \$25/person, \$35/family. Luz Fest, a music festival celebrating great Christian music that is developing all around us. This will be a day full of fun activities and awesome worship! Tickets are \$10/person. For more information on both of these events, and for a printable registration form for the Bike-a-thon, please visit www.campluz.com, email campluz@zoominternet.net, or call 330-683-1246. All proceeds will benefit the Camper and Staff Scholarships of Camp Luz

175th ANNIVERSARY: Join with the church families of Martins Mennonite and Pleasant View Mennonite as they celebrate their 175th anniversary on Sunday, August 9. Activities begin at 5:00 p.m. with a carry-in picnic at Martins (14027 Church Rd., Orrville). Afterwards, we will caravan to Pleasant View (14795 Wooster St. NW, North Lawrence) for a time of sharing about our heritage and music by a bluegrass band. Please bring your lawn chairs. Everyone is welcome!

ORRVILLA COMMUNITY EVENT will be held at Maple Terrace on Sunday, July 26, 3:00 p.m., and will feature the Glick Family Singers. John and Lanette Glick of Massillon, along with their nine children, ages 5-26, will sing country and southern gospel music in four-part harmony and accompany themselves with guitar, violin, piano, mandolin, flute, guitar and banjo! CD's will be available. Everyone is invited – there is no admission fee. Refreshments will follow the program. For more information, call OrrVilla at 330-683-4455.

HOLMES-WAYNE POST-HI REUNION will be held today, July 19, 2:30-6:30 pm, at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, 14367 Hackett Rd., Kidron. Bring finger foods and chairs. Ice cream and drink will be provided. For more information call 330-674-2459. Pass the word along to those not in the area.

MCC LEARNING TOUR TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE:

The Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes Office is organizing a Learning Tour to Israel/Palestine to visit with MCC partners and learn about the work of MCC in that region. The tour is scheduled for November 14-25, 2009, and is limited to 14 participants. Information about the tour, including proposed schedule, application form, medical form, Memo of Understanding and a list of partners to be visited are all available at the MCC Great Lakes website mcc.org/greatlakes/events/learningtour.htm. Cost is around \$3,000. If interested, an application form with a \$500 deposit is due August 10, 2009. Contact person is Les Gustafson-Zook, 574-534-4133 or gg@mcc.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ReStore in Wooster is in great need of volunteers. Activities include accepting, sorting, repairing and displaying donations and helping customers in the ReStore. For more information, call 330-465-7569 or 220-263-1713.

RELIEF CANNING dates for this fall are October 19-22, 2009. Be sure to check out the table set up at the Relief Sale to learn more about Relief Canning. You can also learn more about Relief Canning at a workshop which will be held on August 20-21, 2009 at Carlisle Inn in Walnut Creek. Call 330/893-9412 or 330/763-3963 to register for this workshop or find out additional information. You can also check out the website: www.reliefcanningkidron.org for additional information.

If you have old pictures of any soap making or Relief Canning event, please send them to Tammi Rex at 54 Clay Street, Apple Creek, OH 44606. They are planning to create a notebook of pictures from soap making and Relief Canning over the years.

LAURELVILLE SEEKS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center is seeking a full-time administrative assistant immediately. This position requires a detail-oriented person with excellent computer skills for data entry, processing online registrations, spreadsheet entries, etc., and excellent front desk people skills. For more information, contact Laurelville at info@laurelville.org or call 800-839-1021. On-campus housing is available.

TOUR PLANNED TO NORTH CAROLINA visiting Old Salem (Moravian Settlement) in Winston Salem; Billy Graham Museum at Charlotte, the Billy Graham Cove, Asheville; Biltmore Estate, Asheville and Samaritan's Purse, Boone. If you are interested in this trip, call or e-mail Ruth Detweiler: 330/857-3151; Redetweiler@gmail.com. A copy of the itinerary is also posted on the bulletin board.

The next issue of Sojourns will be printed for Sunday, August 2, 2009. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, July 30, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!