

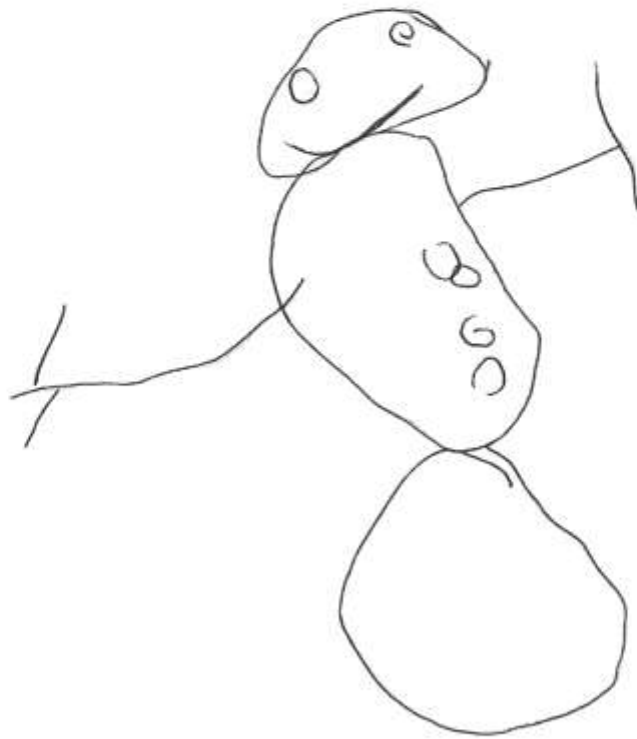
# NEW DANVILLE NEWSLETTER

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Let it snow



# SMILE

We started the new year with an informative talk on saving for our children's college education. Kelly Paul, from Rob McCord's Pennsylvania Treasury office, gave us information on 529 plans and how your money grows at the same rate as college tuition.

Jay was with us the second Tuesday starting a conversation about "Faith Expressing Itself Through Love", based on Paul's comment in Galatians 5:6. He is very good at guiding the discussion in a direction that touches what is relevant in the lives of those there.

Then on January 19 a representative from Clare House gave a presentation on what they do and how they help women and children who need a place to stay and a fresh start. For our part we were able to share a few cleaning supplies and books of bus passes containing over 100 tickets, for which they were very grateful. It was interesting to learn that Clare House was started by a church in Lancaster city to help women and children about the same time that our congregation started the SMILE program.

Bonnie Griener was with us the last Tuesday with a lively talk on "Organize, Declutter & Be Happy". Her talk jumped from organizing our homes and our closets to praying for our children. It was a fun morning to laugh at ourselves and hopefully to take home some tips as well.

~Ruth Ann Stoner

## Library News

"No time like snow time to check out a book!" Stop by the Library for some wintertime reading, relaxing music, or maybe even a puzzle for those long winter nights. Need help? Our librarians, Verna Leaman, Shirley Renno, and Shirley Warfel, will be glad to assist you.

## **Youth Group**

This month we had several youth group activities. The first was our belated Christmas party at the Dagen's house, where we had a gift exchange, played games, and ate delicious food. The following week, we had a Bible Study at Jared and Jacey Horst's house led by Duane and Vanessa Brubaker (from Mechanic Grove).

The 22nd through the 24th, the youth group went to Camp Hebron for the annual Lancaster Conference Youth Retreat. We enjoyed many activities and were also challenged by Gordon Douglas, who was our speaker for the weekend. I can't wait until next month.

Drew Sommerfeld



## Prayer Quotes

By: Martha Thomas

"God has designed PRAYER as a means of intimate and joyous fellowship between God and man." (Ole H. Hallesby)

"We must open the door of PRAYER with our focus on God... something supernatural transpires when we offer Him the sacrifice of praise from our hearts." (Sammy Tippit)

# Haiti Missions Trip

While the team was in Haiti, Merle Sollenberger sent these daily updates to the team's blog detailing their activities.

## Monday, January 18, 2010

### Today was an experience we will remember

We began our day with getting up at 1:00 AM in Santo Domingo after spending the night at the YWAM Base there. We started traveling at 3:30 AM in a supply caravan with World Vision. There was a container truck with supplies, and several other vehicles. We reached the border crossing around 8:30 AM and spent time moving our things from one bus to another for the rest of the trip. It was interesting seeing the flow of people and vehicles going both ways across the border. It seemed like mass confusion, but went smoothly. We expected to go directly to Saint Marc, but our driver had misunderstood instructions and instead of turning to go to Saint Marc, followed the caravan into Port Au Prince. We saw many collapsed buildings, tent cities at several areas, the collapsed Presidential Palace, and many people. When our driver received correct instructions we headed for Saint Marc, arriving at the YWAM base around 1:30 PM. At the base we met Terry Snow the director, his wife Ingvild, their sons, and several of the staff. Our group settled into the dorms and quickly started on some projects around the base. Later some of the group toured the base and then went to see a building that YWAM plans to turn into a medical clinic.

We enjoyed a supper of rice, beans and stew. Tonight we look forward to getting some rest and tomorrow working on various projects. We are very thankful for the safe and eventful travel.

It was an impactful experience today, seeing parts of the Dominican Republic and Haiti as we travelled for eight hours. Many people are living in homes that most of us wouldn't go camping in. Many others are living in tents, with no place to go home to and no idea how to rebuild their home that was damaged.

Arriving at the base in Saint Marc, we see people staying on the football field receiving medical attention and hospitality from the YWAM Staff here in Saint Marc.

## Tuesday, January 19, 2010

### It was an active day for the group

We learned today that our group is the first group here since the earthquake. The YWAM people are very glad we are here.

Today went very well for us. Our group was divided and performed several different functions. Michelle, Shirley and Sue helped provide medical assistance to the people in the compound that were injured in the quake. (Many of the injured asked for them to pray as they were being treated.) Paul and Matt were traveling with some YWAM people gathering supplies for the building projects. Darren, Mike, Matt, Duane Stoner, John and Ron worked at power washing a building that is intended to be a local hospital. Linford, Josh, and Duane Charles worked on the skid loaders and got them working better and then moved some piles of dirt to prepare for pouring concrete for a loading dock. Merle worked on cleaning out and organizing a storage trailer and the parts depot. Tom and Merle got pulled into meetings with Terry Snow, helping to strategize about how to get several thousand people from Port Au Prince to Saint Marc to stay with family or near by in local schools. We received and unloaded a truck loaded with supplies for various projects.

It has been amazing and sad, seeing how needy many people are. It has also been great to watch God at work through people. For the projects there are many needs-- needs for people, materials, prayer, and safety. The plans for moving many people from Port Au Prince involve a significant amount of resources and community involvement. The Haitian government is so weak that they are unable to adequately respond. It seems that the Christian aid organizations are the ones that are stepping up to the plate and organizing the relief efforts.

In the strategy meeting today we needed to think about:

1. How to get the people here. (Buses)
2. How to process those who come to be sure they have relatives or friends in Saint Marc that can help them. (YWAM is preparing a computer system)
3. Where they will stay in the community, (at a school or church or relative)
4. How they will be cared for with medical needs.
5. How to involve the local community leaders and enable their leadership in the project.
6. How to share the word of Jesus' love to the people.

Please pray for the people of Haiti, the people of YWAM as they work on these projects, and our team as we work to support the leadership of YWAM this week.

One thought, we see and experience this community these few days, but then we plan to go home. The local people will be dealing with the impact of so many homes being destroyed one week ago today. That process will take a long time. We are glad we came and can serve the people of Haiti. We have been blessed with our experience.

## Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Today we woke at 6:00 AM to a tremor. The dog had barked again from 10:30 PM until 4:00 AM, so we didn't get a great night of sleep. I was just waking up and it wasn't quite registering that we were experiencing a tremor until I realized that guys in the dorm were running to get out of the building. Later we learned it was a 5.9 aftershock with an epicenter near where it was last week. In a few seconds it was over, but when I went outside later it seemed like I could hear many people talking in the community. Can you imagine all of the people in the tent cities experiencing this after last week?, I'm sure they are very uneasy.

Today the ladies helped get the refugees that are staying on the base ready to be moved to another facility. They got them ready and on the bus and a couple hours later learned that the refugees were coming back soon. The place they were headed is in the mountains and the bus could not get through on the roads. The people are back in the arena here at the YWAM base tonight and I haven't heard where or when they may be going anywhere.

Tomorrow is when the YWAM staff were planning to use the arena as a registration area for the people coming from Port Au Prince. There could be hundreds of people coming tomorrow, and Terry Snow (the YWAM Director) also learned today that the local Civil Patrol, who is expected to feed the people, hasn't gotten prepared yet. Another challenge is that the school they were to go to is a two-story building and it is expected that many people will be fearful of going into a place like that due to their fears from the earthquake.

Today most of the guys worked at the

building that is planned to be set up as a hospital. Linford and Josh were running skid loaders most of the day, reshaping the terrain of the hospital grounds and digging a pit for an outhouse. John, Tom, and Merle went with some Haitian fellows to buy wood at a place in Saint Marc. Others took water and tools to the masons at the school and began painting the interior and gathered tools for us to start framing out the openings in the concrete walls for windows. The guys got many of the Haitian people who were there involved in painting and moving stuff. Imagine trying to saw lumber and fasten it to the window openings with a room full of 40 (Tom counted them at one point) curious teenagers and children. Also at the same time there were masons working on adding several partition walls inside and patching up the exterior.

Terry Snow mentioned again today that although the United Nations and other organizations are serving people in the wake of the disaster, the Christian organizations are the ones that are most proactive and doing the most to minister to all aspects of people's lives.

Terry shared today about the history of Haiti, including a part about in 1794 that a few Haitians used Voodoo and a pig sacrifice ceremony to create a pact with the Devil for 200 years in exchange for their freedom from France. Voodoo has played a large part in the culture of Haiti for many years, but now many Haitians are believing that the earthquake is God's judgment on them for Voodoo activities over the years. The Presidential palace collapsing is a strong image of the collapse of the government leadership, and with the palace containing many Voodoo activities over the years is also a sign to the people that God is sending his judgment.

All of our group is healthy and doing well, and very keenly aware of the needs in this area of the world. We thank you for your

prayers for us, but ask for your continued prayers for the people of Haiti.

## Thursday, January 21, 2010

### [Another interesting day in Saint Marc Haiti](#)

Today was hot and humid for us. The dog barked most of the night and we are all getting a bit weary. The need in the community compels us to be strong, and the YWAM people are so eager to be helpful in the community and the broader country that it is inspiring, but even they are feeling the effects of over a week of chaos. Today the victims from Port Au Prince began arriving in the arena for registration to stay in Saint Marc. I understand there may be 175 people that arrived, and we don't know how many may come yet. Terry Snow anticipates there could be many more coming, but one factor may be that some may not come because of jobs they may still have in Port Au Prince.

The ladies helped again with the medical needs of the people staying in the arena on the base. There was a different doctor there today that had a much better attitude toward the victims and after caring for many needs on-site, sent several orphan boys to a medical facility for stitches and x-rays. It is nine days after the earthquake and only now some people are getting needed medical attention. Some of the YWAM staff are becoming much more a part of the care process than was originally planned. However with the lack of local infrastructure in almost every way that we take for granted at home, people do not get cared for as is necessary. One YWAM woman's role in particular is heavy for her since she cares much for the people and is treating their wounds, and the local doctor seems to have an attitude of indifference.

Most of the guys were back working at the building that is to become a hospital. Today we worked again on getting it ready for installing doors and windows, and painting the interior. When we ran out of materials we picked up on another project at the YWAM base, mixing cement for a project on the base. Later in the day we learned that someone showed up at the hospital today, claiming they own the property and wanting to charge YWAM rent for using it. That happened yesterday also, and then it was a different person. This facility has sat unused for several years, and was known locally as the place people go to die. The vision with the YWAM people is that it gets known as a place of healing instead.

Tonight after supper we met as a group and considered the idea of several of the group remaining here for as much as an additional 7 days. We talked about the logistics of that and will decide tomorrow if any of our team stays longer, and if so, how much longer. Many are ready to head home as planned; others are willing to stay longer since the needs here are great and they could be helpful.

Thank you for your prayers. We are certain God is at work here. Please continue to pray as we work with the Haitian people and the YWAM people as they serve the community. Haiti is a nation in need, and God can use us in supplying resources to minister to those needs.

## **Friday, January 22, 2010**

Today was like the others in that it was very unique. Many of us worked in ways that were similar to other days. However, there were some differences that stand out and make the day unique. We had another night with many interruptions of sleep. Cells phones going off for the YWAM staff, dog's barking, people getting up to leave the base at 4:45 AM, Josh getting sick at 4:00 AM (He was feeling much

better this afternoon), some -one's radio playing for an hour in the middle of the night. We ALL look forward to the comforts of our own homes.

Instead of just reporting on who did what today, I asked each to share something that stood out to them since the beginning of the trip. This gives some of our group's thoughts.

Josh - We were there at the hospital after working all day, and the children suddenly surrounded us and wanted attention. They didn't speak English; we didn't speak Creole, but the energy and enthusiasm was there.

Michael - The children wanting attention, and visiting with the DTS people here.

Tom - You can smile at anyone and they always smile back.

Shirley - I will never complain about the health care system and the competent doctors we have at home. At home there is talk of health care reform, but we still have it SO much better than here in Haiti. It was also great to see people accepting Jesus and the healing power of prayer.

Sue - Also, so very thankful for the medical care we have at home. What we see here in Haiti is primitive at best. Watching these orphan children get their wounds dressed and stitches without anesthetic is hard to watch.

Ron - Today was part of registering 500 (Five HUNDRED) refugees that came to the base for processing to receive medical aid and food in the community. Prayer time this morning with injured people staying in the arena on the base was powerful.

Duane Charles - Over the last couple days, several people showed up at the hospital we were working on, claiming they owned it. Three of them were there at the one time, arguing they owned it. Ultimately they backed

off on their claim to the property for the good of the community.

Linford - It's very clear how much the YWAM Base is trying to do in the crisis. It's chaos for the YWAM people, but the money given to this organization is going to where the need is tremendous.

John - Expected to see and hear of violence and uprisings; pleased to not see it happening. Surprised with how clean the people appear in spite of the dirt and trash in the community.

Darren - Amazed with how poor the people are and how much they jump in to help us work at the hospital.

Matthew- Amazed with how much people jump and help as we work at the hospital.

Duane Stoner - Learning to trust God more, and in seeing God at work here.

Paul - Extreme poverty and dirtiness and trash everywhere, yet people are still generally happy, friendly and caring.

Michelle - Being here opens your eyes to how privileged we are at home. People here are living without sewer, running water, medical care, and other services we take for granted.

Merle - I am so glad to be where I am for right now. This group has such a great attitude as they come to the tasks at hand. The ladies are very stretched emotionally while caring for the medical needs of refugee people on the base. The guys are working physically in the hot sun for hours, coming back very dirty and tired. The YWAM staff on the base is working in a chaotic environment and is a GREAT asset to the local community and the Haiti nation.

Tomorrow we plan to continue to work on the school and take care of the refugees. Sunday we plan to rest and relax. Monday it's back to

work. Tuesday we plan to travel the 8 or 9 hours back to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, Wednesday we plan to fly home (unless some the group stays longer). There was a team of people scheduled to come in early February to work, but Terry Snow learned today that they may not be coming. They WILL loose out on a very powerful experience. I hope and pray that they forget about any danger they perceive and come. We've not felt threatened at all in our activities, but rather blessed by our experience.

Please pray for workers, the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. Some of our group may decide to stay a bit longer, to help with the need. Please pray for us as they consider this. There will be travel issues to figure out, people doing things at home that we would otherwise need to do, and extra expenses.

We are very grateful for the prayer support you have all given us while we are here. We will have much to share when we return.

## **Saturday, January 23, 2010**

We had another fine day in Saint Marc, Haiti. Darren, Josh and Linford worked on upgrading the rear entrance driveway to the base. They drove a skid loader south a mile or so to a quarry and loaded a dump truck hired by the base. The ladies were back to helping the medical needs of the refugees in the arena beside the cafeteria. Most of the guys were back to working on the hospital. Much of the painting is completed and we have wiring and lighting completed in a bit more than one-half of the building.

The flow of refugees to be registered continued and Ron helped with that again this morning. There are over 1,200 people that registered in the last three days. These people are staying in the Saint Marc area in churches, schools, and with family or friends. Saint

Marc seemed to be densely populated already, and this will stress the community more. Remember, there is not public sewer and water here, and the roads were paved years ago and not maintained much since. There are open sewers along the streets.

Tomorrow a group of doctors is expected to fly in and land in the bay at Saint Marc, bringing medical supplies and at least two surgeons. We hear there is some resistance to this from the local doctors and hospital administration which we don't understand. People are needing treatment, and have been waiting for a long time. The hospital in Saint Marc is overwhelmed and is sending patients to the YWAM base for treatment, even though they need x-rays and other care that requires much more than the "Angels of Mercy" have access to. Another nurse, Lori, arrived yesterday from California and is being very helpful to Audrey Martin and our crew.

Tomorrow it is planned that we go to the beach for the day, at a place not too far from here. We will all be glad for the break from the emotional and physical activity of the week. Tomorrow evening we have a worship time planned.

Everyone is doing well, and some of the group is still thinking about staying a few extra days. Monday we will need to make arrangements if some of us decide to stay. Monday we may be going to the Fifth Section to work on the project that we originally planned to work on. There are other projects that are closer to the base, but all are important and we will decide with YWAM staff. We'd like to see more of the country since some of the group has not been off of the base since we arrived on Monday at 1:30 PM.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti, specifically those being cared for in the arena on the base. They are sleeping on thin mattresses which are on reed mats on the

concrete floor, for over a week now. There are some tarps hung along the sides to shield them from the later day sun, but other than that they are in open air. These people are probably much more comfortable than those living in the tent cities in Port Au Prince, so please pray for the people in Port Au Prince as well.

Thanks for your prayers and we look forward to sharing our stories when we return home.

## Sunday, January 24, 2010

Today instead of working we had a day at the beach with many of the YWAM staff. It was great relaxing at the beach, swimming and snorkeling in the Caribbean, reading, playing volleyball, and we had a nice lunch. We purchased some souvenirs and then headed back to Saint Marc and went to a local market for some snacks and then to a place to get some vanilla concentrate to bring home. We also went to the town square to see the Ten Commandments monument that the YWAM people gave the town in 2004.

Tonight was the worship service in the base, and we experienced a lively worship service, prayer and a message. It was a meaningful experience.

After that our group met to see who is interested in staying until Friday or Saturday. Six people are interested in staying if the airline tickets can be changed. We all are doing well and having a powerful experience, but are OK with heading home soon. If some stay longer, it is likely they will be home on Saturday.

We have seen many interesting things, but our hearts are heavy for the people of Haiti. The YWAM vision is that this disaster is a great opportunity for the nation to turn to God. Please pray that people respond to God's call.

## **Monday, January 25, 2010**

### **Last day of work (for most of us)**

Today was the last day of work for most of us and we continued with projects similarly to other days. Most of the guys were back to work at the hospital, painting, plumbing, and electrical work. Terry Snow reported tonight that the community is hoping to begin using part of the hospital on Thursday. The ladies are seeing the patients in the arena make good progress in their healing.

Terry reported tonight that the nation and community is transitioning from crisis mode to more of a rebuilding mode. The pace for the YWAM people has been very hectic for the last two weeks, and they are looking forward to resuming normal routines. Last night we had special prayer for the recovery people since they have been so involved in the front line recovery work, and their families have not seen much of them during the time since the quake. He also mentioned that here in Haiti people do not have insurance, and so if their home or business building collapses they have lost probably everything. There will be a lot of need here for a long time. He also reported that Port Au Prince is trying to get over 100,000 people resettled in other areas, and that Saint Mark (which may have 100,000 people now) will get a sizeable portion of them.

Tomorrow 10 of us plan to travel the 8 hours it takes to get to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. We need to be on the bus at 5:00 AM and expect to get to the YWAM base in Santo Domingo in the afternoon sometime. Then on Wednesday we plan to get on the plane around 1:25 PM to fly to New York City.

John and Shirley, Linford, Duane Stoner, and Darren all plan to remain here in Haiti for two extra days to work on the home we were scheduled to build in the 5th Section of the area. It is about an hour and a half of driving

time to get there, and tomorrow they expect to repair a roof on a house and then do some of the preparation work for the construction of the house we were planning to build. Those people plan to make the trip to Dominican Republic on Thursday and fly home Friday. We will arrange to pick them up at the airport in NYC around 6:00 on Friday.

It's been a great experience and the team has gotten along wonderfully in spite of lack of sleep, physically and emotionally demanding work, challenges in getting organized for the day, and changes in plans.

We learned tonight that the group from Ephrata has decided to follow through with their plans to come to Haiti. The YWAM people seem very pleased and grateful that this is happening. The group will see and experience things that they will remember for a long time.

Haiti will be recovering from this earthquake for awhile, both physically and emotionally, as well as spiritually and economically. There will continue to be much need and many opportunities for people to come to Haiti to serve God and his people here. Please keep the people serving here on the YWAM base in your prayers as they work in often difficult conditions to help people. Also, the staff here will also be glad for your sponsorships or other financial support. Everyone here needs to raise their own support of around \$250 (I think that is the number mentioned) per person per month. Considering their impact on the community, our group feels very good about the money going to where it is needed.

Many Haitians believe that this earthquake is God's judgment for their 200 years of a pact with the devil. Please pray for the people of Haiti that they may turn their worship to God and follow him.

## A Day in the Life of Ryan Horst

Every Tuesday morning I wake up to the grinding sound of the coffee maker. I get up and look out my window to see the sun just peaking over the mountains of Altoona. Grabbing a snack for breakfast, I head out the door. Arriving at my AutoCAD (Computer Aided Design) class, I sit down and start up the computer. After about 2 hours of drawing, I am finally finished. Next I have an hour for lunch. My next class is English. I usually spend that whole period editing one of my papers. Following English, I have Digital Electronics. In this class I learn how computer chips work and how they can be used. Spending the next few hours studying, I am finally finished with work for the day. In the evening I have Bible study and by the time that's over I am ready for bed. That is a typical Tuesday in the life of Ryan.

## *Our First Date*

Martha Keener's first date with Ivan Thomas was on Sat., July 23, 1955. We double-dated with another couple and went to an outdoor meeting at New Danville Mennonite Church. Played crokano. Treated with ice cream and root beer. Had fun. (this information came from my diary)

Ivan remembers the dress I wore.

Martha Thomas

Our first date was in the fall of 1959. We went to Youth For Christ in the old YMCA building. Can you just see short Jane in her high heels taking two steps to tall Jake's one on the city streets? The treat of the night was at Joe Myers' drive in for a Dusty Road Sundae.

Jake and Jane Harnish

On a very hot Sunday afternoon, Ellias Groff brought Ken Bowman to ask me for a

date for that evening. I did not know him but my sister knew his older brother and she had thought he was OK.. I gave him a date after asking his name three times.

We went to Rawlilnsville Mennonite Church for young people's meeting. Ken had devotions that evening. He sat up front on the men's side (right side of the church) while I sat in the back of the church on the lady's side with the girls.

After church we met with two other couples at one of the girl's homes and played Rook there for a fun time.

Ken and Mary Catherine Bowman

Charlie noticed me singing in the Ephrata Area Chorus. Our first date was to one of the chorus programs.

Sara Jane Landis

The door bell ringing surprised me. I didn't see his car in the driveway. He had not cleared with his parents that he was hoping to take their '59 Chevy for his first date with me so he had to take his '49 Chevy and had parked it behind the barn. Soon another couple arrived and we went to a Concert. Neither of us recalls where it was or what concert it was. We played games after we came home and had a snack. Bob "grew on me" and we are in our 48<sup>th</sup> year of lots of mountain peaks, but do remember the valley and plateaus that fostered lots of growth.

Naomi Gochenaur

For our first date Elias and I went hiking at Tucquan Glen. On this date we discovered that we each have a love of the outdoors and nature. That was the first of many hikes we have gone on.

Mary and Elias Groff

We had a sweet first date on February 13, 1960 at Elias and Elizabeth Groff's house for the youth group taffy pull.

Elvin and Mary McMichael

My Beloved Church Family, Jan. 11,2010  
I am so sorry it has taken me so long to write you again.

I first want to thank all of you that sent me cards over this holiday season. I suffer from winter blues every year. It is such a joy when the mail is brought in. The ones who sent me a gift I would like to thank. The one who brought the food you have no idea how much it helped us. We got 2 meals each time you brought them. The LOVE that was shared was truly appreciated. I know the prayers were in a big part answered.

Your LOVE that you shared gave me strength over this time. My home environment only saps my strength, really need your Love and prayers.

I want to tell you how your prayers have had some answers. In Oct. 09 I had a Dexascan done and it found I really have osteoporosis. Now I am giving myself a shot a day in my legs for 2 years to build up my bones. Then on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 09 They found out that I have epilepsy. It causes me to collapse, consciousness alteration, memory loss labyrinthine dysfunction unsuspected and dizziness. He can not tell me how long I have had them. There is medication that can help the conditions. I just have to find the right one. This is my third one I just started it last week. I was to take one every other day the first week then one a day next week, then it increases in dosage the third week. I pray this is the one that works. I forgot to ask if it will control all the effects the epilepsy causes. In the Dr's office all I could say was Praise the Lord and even the Dr. then said it.

On Thursday when I came back from the cardiac Drs office I was going to take the dog outside and the dog started to pull away from me and knocked me down walker and all. I went down all on my right side. Harry was in the house but did not answer my call. I had to call my angel and ask Sharon to come over and help Harry to pick me up.

When he tries to help me alone he really hurts me. He will try to pull me up with one arm. You are suppose to stand up straight and give

me both arms and let me pull up on you. If you have two people one stands on one side an the other one stands on the other side I put my feet close together and I push up on my feet as they pull gently up and I am up the first time in seconds. Harry went in the house before I could call the Drs office and when I called them they said come right in. I asked Sharon if she could take me and she said yes. I did not break anything. Praise the Lord He took care of me. I just Bruised myself really good and it does hurt.

Tomorrow the 12<sup>th</sup> I have to have a stress test because I have been having chest pains around my heart. We do not know if it is medication related but they want me to have the stress test.

I must say I miss you all terribly. I miss the hugs and just being able to talk to you all..

I LOVE and PRAY for You,

Gail DeVerter



### **Bits and Pieces**

--Jay, Renee and Cameron Harnish were interviewed on January 11 by Channel 8 TV for the 11 PM news covering their square dancing competition at the PA Farm Show.

--Logan Weldy is the cover artist for this month's newsletter.

--Brenda Boitson submitted an article "A Widow's View on the U.S. Health Care Debate" to Association Contents in 2009. Brenda's was one of five chosen for Content of the Year.

### **Upcoming Events**

February 4 District clothes packing at Ephrata

May 10 Church business mtg. @ 7 PM

July 23-25 Church retreat at Woodcrest

# Pastor's Corner

## Got the Winter Blues?

According to Wikipedia, Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), also known as winter depression or winter blues, is a **mood disorder** in which people who have normal **mental health** throughout most of the year experience **depressive** symptoms in the winter. It's about short days, long nights, grey skies, cold days and not enough outdoor activity. For some, it is a real threat to their health for others it is a nuisance that comes one season a year. Now if you love winter, blue is the color of a frozen pond or pure white snow, for you the "blues" come when the **Punxsutawney Phil** doesn't see his shadow. But no matter where you stand on the issue we can all receive encouragement from God's Word as it speaks into our lives.

Psalm 34:1-8 says:

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol the LORD at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul will boast in the LORD;  
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- <sup>3</sup> Glorify the LORD with me;  
let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
  
he delivered me from all my fears.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant;  
their faces are never covered with shame.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;  
he saved him out of all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
and he delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

May God bless each of you this February,  
may His love transform you and be a  
beacon of encouragement in these cold  
winter days.

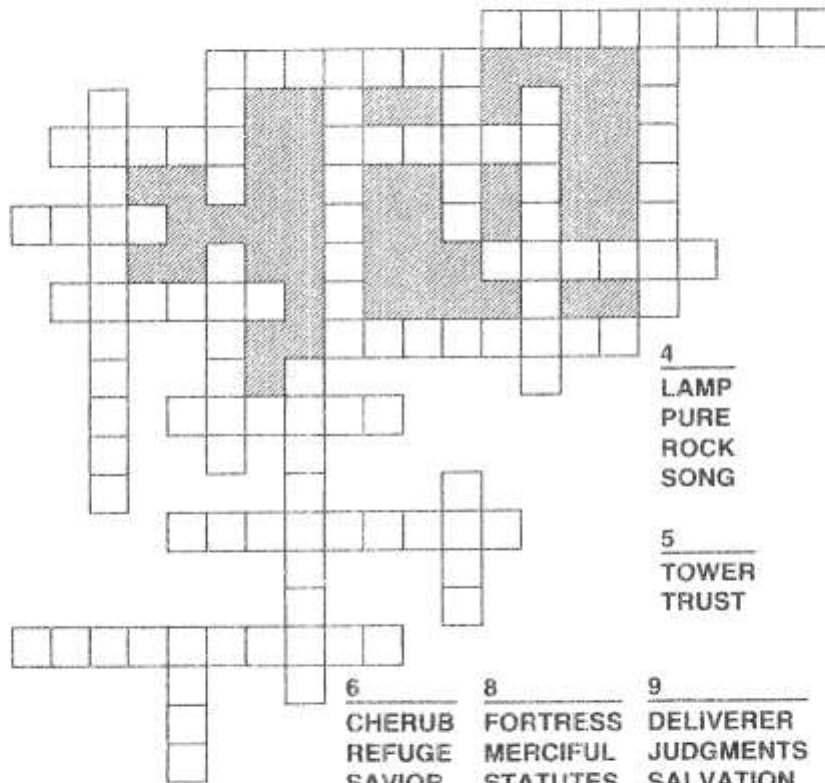
Peace to your home and warmth too,  
Curtiss



Fill-In

## DAVID'S SONG

The number of letters in each word will give you a clue to filling in the puzzle squares.



4  
LAMP  
PURE  
ROCK  
SONG

5  
TOWER  
TRUST

6  
CHERUB  
REFUGE  
SAVIOR  
SHIELD  
WORTHY

8  
FORTRESS  
MERCIFUL  
STATUTES  
TEACHETH

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DELIVERER  
JUDGMENTS  
SALVATION

10  
GENTLENESS

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PERFECT

11  
FOUNDATIONS

# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 SMILE 9:15-11:00 Ministry team mtg. 7 pm <b>Jay Garber</b>	3 Sewing Circle 9-4 <b>Jane Harnish</b> <b>Kirsten Dalhberg</b>	4 District clothes packing	5	6 <b>Larry Hess</b>
7 <b>Logan Weldy</b>	8	9 SMILE 9:15-11:00	10 Prayer mtg. @ 7:30 pm	11	12	13
14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 	15 <b>Lois Thomas</b>	16 SMILE 9:15-11:00 <b>Audrey Shenk</b>	17 Ladies Night Out 7pm	18 <b>Eva Groff</b> <b>Edie Schrock</b>	19	20
21 <b>Jaden Weldy</b>	22 <b>Elvin McMichael</b> <b>Ruth Ann Stoner</b>	23 SMILE 9:15-11:00	24 Prayer mtg. @ 7:30 pm	25	26 <b>Dave McMichael</b>	27
28 <b>Breanna Kanagy</b> <b>Adeline Shenk</b>						