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November

GPS on Wednesday Nights

- 8 GCC Society Games
- 9 GLM Bible Study
- 10 GLM Activity
- 11 GCS No School/Veterans' Day
- 13 New Members' Class begins
- 16 GLM Bible Study
- 19 Ladies' Breakfast at Golden Corral
- 19 Men's Breakfast in cafeteria
- 20 Annual Chili Cook-off
after the evening service

- 23-28 GCC Thanksgiving Break
- 23 Half day for GCS
- 24-25 GCS Thanksgiving Break

December

GPS on Wednesday Nights

- 8 GLM Christmas Party at P.F. Chang's
- 11 Church Christmas Program
- 15 GCS Christmas Concert
- 17 Ladies' Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 13-16 GCC Final Exams
- 19 GCC Christmas Recital
- 22 GCS/GCC Christmas Break Begins

Baby Congratulations

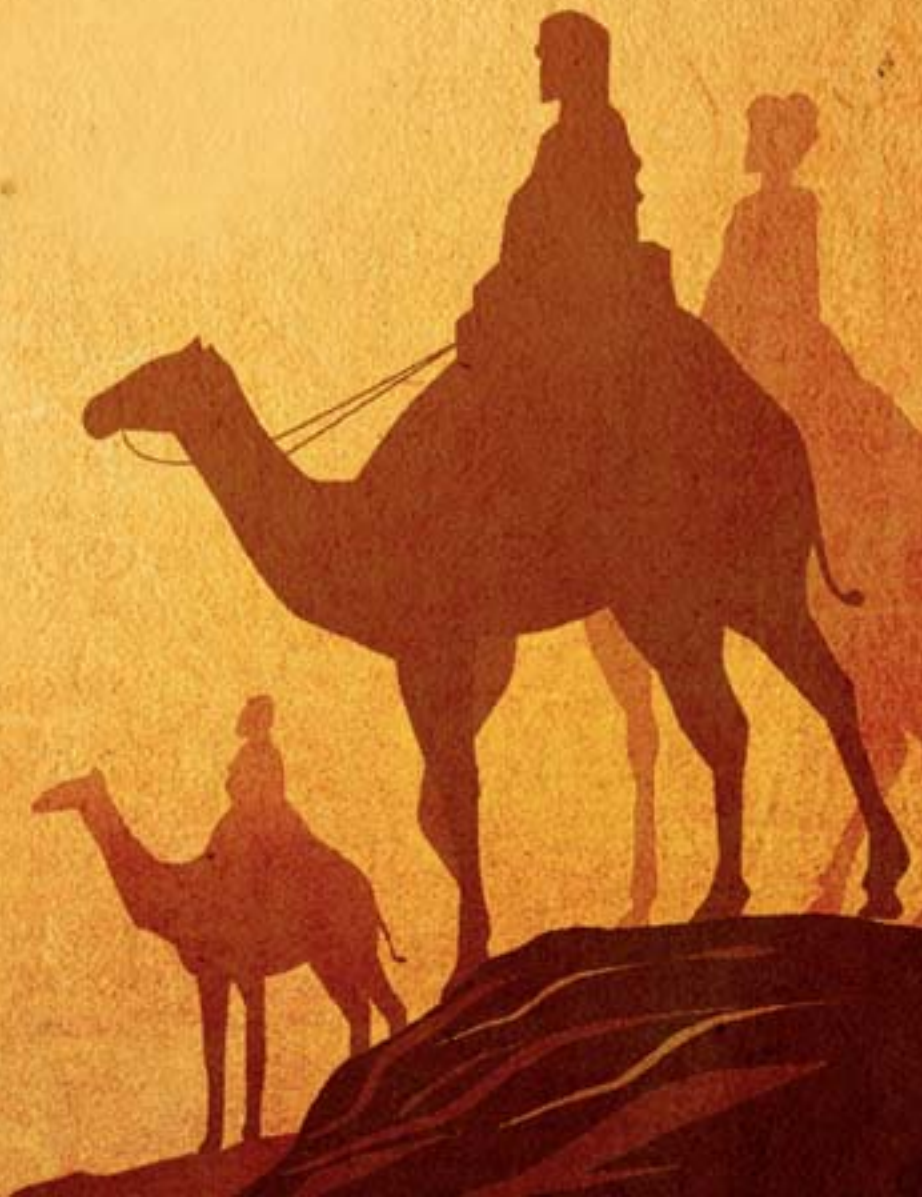
to the Recar family on the birth of their son, Stephen Recar
to the Perez family on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Perez.

Christian Sympathy

to Jane Howes in the loss of her mother.
to Terry Cofer in the loss of his sister.

Recently Baptized

Heather Sims
Jeff Sims





Emotion Follows Action

...but what is your motivation?
Daniel Webster

Did I begin throwing cash in the offering plate as a "peace offering" with God in hopes of getting out of my financial crisis?

In a nutshell – if you don't feel like doing something, just do it and the "want to" will eventually follow. This is something we've all experienced. Let me give you a verse of Scripture and a quick example. Matthew 6:21 tells us that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. This verse teaches us that your money is an indicator of your affections, and that if your heart is not into something, a sure way to get it there is by investing yourself. Emotion follows action. By way of an every day example, consider the physical attraction between a guy and girl. After he woos her and they get hitched, the "love at first sight" stuff wears off and they're left as two ordinary people, with ordinary problems, in an ordinary house, with ordinary kids, living ordinary lives. Most counselors will say something like, "Love is not a feeling. It's a choice. Emotion follows action. Start investing time into one another and the feelings will soon follow."

However, I am afraid this advice leaves out a big piece of the pie – motivation. I can't help but ask, the age old question, why are you doing what you're doing? Let's turn it around and I'll ask myself. Did I begin throwing cash in the offering plate as a "peace offering" with God in hopes of getting out of my financial crisis? Am I treating my wife with kindness so that I can motivate her to fulfill my needs? Too often, we approach life with a transaction mindset. We make deals with God and the people around us to get what pleases us. Striving for the right results with the wrong motivation is not right and will not produce lasting fruit. The fruit of the spirit is just that – fruit. It is not the goal! Walking in the spirit is the goal and the fruits flow out of a spirit controlled life.

So what is your motivation? Since we started with money, let's end with money. II Corinthians 9:7 teaches that we should not give reluctantly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver. May our motivation be God's pleasure; may our actions flow from a life that is under the spirit's control.

I Keep In Touch With Jesus!

Hebrews 5:12-14

outlined thoughts by Howard Bass

Growth as a Christian is not automatic.

- a. Grace is not a divine towing service.
- b. Chronological age does not guarantee spiritual growth. *Saved for years but spiritual babes!*

Growth is related to desire! *I Peter 2:3*

- a. Growth is a natural process but eating and exercise are essential.

Growth is commanded of us by God.

- a. Satisfaction with attainment stops growth
- b. Philippians 3:13-14



in times like these it's back to the basics

Elementary Truths to Ponder

Sam Postlewaite, Administrator of Gateway Christian School

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hen I was a young boy, my parents were home missionaries to the Northwest states of Washington and Oregon. As most FWB missionaries, we did itinerate travel to raise support to start new churches. As we traveled from church to church holding missionary services, our family would often sing before my Dad presented his message. One of the songs we often sang was entitled, "In Times Like These."

*In times like these...you need a Savior.
In times like these...you need an Anchor.
Be very sure...Be very sure...
your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock.
This Rock is Jesus; Yes, He's the one!
This Rock is Jesus; God's only Son!
Be very sure...Be very sure...
your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock.*

The song simply states the obvious: In times like these...we need Jesus more than ever. As our Rock and our only Salvation, we need to be sure that our hope, faith and trust are anchored in Him! As another old hymn proclaims, "All other ground is sinking sand."

Many times, we try to make life too complicated. When trouble comes our way, we look for new ideas, new answers, new viewpoints and new ways of doing things. To be sure, there is room for new, exciting and fresh ideas from time to time. After all, variety is the spice of life! But, when the way gets increasingly rough and dark, we don't need to turn to something new. Instead, we need to make sure of our foundational moorings and get back to the basics. The foundational truths contained in three simple children's

songs have been of great comfort to me during my times of greatest need. In no particular order, I want to give you these three elementary truths to ponder. These truths have often helped me to reaffirm my foundations and get back to the basics of a satisfying Christian life.

Truth #1: Jesus Loves Me, This I Know...for the Bible Tells Me So.

A great theologian was once asked, "What is the greatest truth you have ever learned?" Without hesitation he said, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so!" How do we know this to be true? God proclaims it over and over again throughout the Scriptures. It makes no difference what the circumstances, the sin, the trouble, the difficulty, the place, the time, or the person involved; this truth is the same always and forever. Jesus loves me. I can anchor my deepest desires on this elementary truth of His sacrificial love.

Truth #2: My God is So Big...So Strong and So Mighty, There's Nothing My God Cannot Do.

God is bigger, stronger, and mightier than any problem or foe that we will ever encounter. In fact, this song reminds us that there is nothing God cannot do. How many times have we been overwhelmed by the cares and troubles of this world? How many times have we been ready to throw

in the towel, ready to give up and quit? We have been defeated and we know it! God then steps in and shows His great power and might. The impossible becomes possible again. I can anchor my sincere hope on this elementary truth of His omnipotent power.

Truth #3: My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness, All I Have to Do is Follow.

Did it ever occur to you that nothing has ever occurred to God? In other words, nothing has ever caught God by surprise. Again I say, Wow! What this means is that God always knows what's coming; He always has an answer; and He always knows the way! He is never lost. He is never confused. He is never undecided. He is never without a purpose and a plan. He knows the way through any wilderness we may encounter. Our job is simply to follow. He has never and will never lead us astray when we follow Him by simple faith. I can anchor my abiding faith on this elementary truth of His omniscient guidance.

When times are difficult, please remember these basic truths:

In times like these...

*Jesus still loves you.
Jesus is still strong and mighty.
Jesus still knows the way.
anchor your life to Jesus.*

We held our annual Mission Retreat on September 22-23 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Williamsburg, VA.



This retreat is always the highlight of our school year. It is usually a time where we can get off campus and go to an isolated place and focus on God and his mission.

Our theme this year was Inside Out: a summary of Romans 13:11-14. We were honored to have Dr. Wayne Johnson and his wife Lorri as our speakers this year. They both challenged our staff and students with challenging truths about our personal walks with the Lord. Before God can use us on the outside, He must first do a work on the inside.

During our retreat, we always have a candlelight testimony service. Listening to the students' testimonies encouraged our staff. We believe that we have the best students in the world at GCC. Their hearts are open and responsive to what God is leading them to do for his glory.

I remember a statement I read years ago. "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called." In order for this to happen, we must allow him to work in us from the inside out.

Chip Henley

GCC Dean of Students



boise & haiti update

GGM Haiti

At the time of this writing, Michael and Sherry are in Haiti. They left on September 19 and will return on October 31. We have a brief testimony from them while in Haiti:

It has been an incredible journey. Primitive does not begin to describe our conditions here. We have visited areas in Haiti where Sherry was the first white woman to come. Dug-out canoes and heavy, slatted wooden sail boats are our transportation across the seas. When on land in the most remote areas, we are trekking through mud, mountains, fields and marsh. City travel is on the back of a motorcycle, but visiting the city has been a rarity. Mostly, we are living in huts and small shanties.

We have seen God's hand of mercy move in both our lives and the lives of these all but forgotten people of Haiti's outer regions. We have witnessed God's ability to use the printed track to reach many as they read it. The gospel is received with joy by many, but still, even in the most outback or remote islands, there are some who stand indifferent. We have been able to establish mountain and coastal associations. Together, they are 12 churches strong and quite anxious for assistance. Much is needed: anything from a good, safe outhouse to a house of worship.

Of course, the devil kicks back hard at times. Heat is relentlessly upon us and cool refreshments are extremely scarce. We have seen sickness and injury both within our group and in other areas.

Today we go to fellowship with the people who live in a place called "The City of Garbage". We are where no man wants to go; they are the cast-a-ways of Haiti. Pray for the work. Pray for the lost. Sherry and I love and miss you all so much.

The Wolfs will be sharing more stories and photos in the next Arrow edition. Please continue to support them through your prayers and financial giving as they prepare to move to Haiti in 2012.

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GGM America

Brrr...the seasons are beginning to change for us here in Boise. Along with the seasonal changes, our church is seeing changes, too. We held our big promotion day on September 11, and we had twenty people in attendance. That is the largest number we have had so far! Also, a few weeks ago, we voted on taking on our first missionaries for monthly support: Logan and Grayson Wolf in Provo, Utah. This is a big step for our small church. The week following our big day we had the Wolfs for a service. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. That evening was also our first Sunday night Bible study. One person showed up from among our members. We were very excited about this since this church has not had an evening service in quite some time. All of these changes are signs of a church plant that is moving forward for Christ.

Taking advantage of a great time to reach out to the community around us—especially the children—we planned a fall festival with a bouncy house, games, free hotdogs and drinks on October 29. Having two drawings will provide good contact information for future home visits. Each goody bag given to the children contains our church information. In preparation for visitors coming as a result of this outreach, we began a children's church on Sunday mornings. There is so much potential here, and God can do a great work with willing hands.

On the home front, we will soon be having changes as well. Seth will be here in less than seven weeks now. Please continue to pray for his and Sam's health. Last week, he tried to come a little early, but doctors were able to stop the contractions; baby and mom are doing fine at this time. My new job is going well, and it has given me the chance to make new friends and invite them to church. Sam also is beginning some outreach through a MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) group near our home. This Friday will be her first time going, so pray that God gives her the opportunity to make relationships with these women and speak to them of Christ.

We have recently learned that when others sense how much you care about them personally, they are much more apt to listen to what we have to say. Christ did not only just preach to the multitudes, but he took time to listen to them and heal their physical infirmities. Please pray with us that the people in Boise, Idaho will grow to know that our church wants to minister to them and lead them to a Savior who can meet all their needs.

We are so thankful for the love and support received from those back home. It means more than we can say. It is what keeps us going on some of the hard days.

Russ and Samantha Stillman

God is Faithful

As the end of another year draws neigh and I look back over 2011, three words come to mind: GOD IS FAITHFUL. GGM has seen so many wonderful blessings. Our prayer support, number of missionaries and our monthly financial support has increased; and God is still continuing to open new doors for us. Our missionaries have seen over 20 people accept Christ as their Lord and Savior and be baptized; the gospel seed was also planted in many other hearts, as well. We praise the Lord for the eternal changes that God has brought into the lives of these people, and we wait for the future fruit that He will bring. GGM has also had the privilege of commissioning Russ and Samantha Stillman as missionaries to Idaho, and we look forward to the commissioning of Michael and Sherry Wolf to Haiti this coming year.

I have to admit that even amidst the blessings, my faith grew weak at times. Doubts would flood my heart. Will people get on board with what we are trying to do? Are people still interested and committed to reaching this world for Christ? And the doubt that I seemed to face the most was seemingly always present: Will finances be sufficient? Because of our economy, this doubt probably rings true for many of us, both individually and corporately; however, God drew me back to his Word and reminded me that an economic crisis doesn't negate His faithfulness to His children.

As we look forward to the New Year, I am hopeful knowing that our God, who was faithful this past year, will continue to be faithful this upcoming year. Hand in hand, we know that He will continue to bless us as we seek to impact this world for his honor and glory.

We thank you, our faithful supporters, for believing in the Great Commission. Thank you for entrusting your financial support to GGM; 100% of your giving goes directly to its designated purpose.

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations..." Psalm 119:89

Chip Henley

Director GGM



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Spotlight on a Missionary

Jora & Natasha Falcianu
GGM Eurasia



Brother Jora and his wife, Natasha, have been involved in mission work for over 13 years. Their past experience as field coordinators, as well as their passion for soul winning and church leadership training, equips them for the task of directing GGM Eurasia. Brother Jora and Natasha both speak multiple languages, with Russian as one of their mother tongues. For GGM Eurasia, this is absolutely vital. With mission works beginning in Moldova, Ukraine, and Russia, God has uniquely placed the Falcianus in our GGM family. Both of them grew up under communism, but God reached down and saved them, so they could share the good news with other former Soviets. Join us in praying and supporting the Falcianu family as they lead GGM Eurasia for the Lord Jesus Christ.

\$5 Campaign



We are so thankful for the monthly support that is being given for GGM to continue reaching around the globe with the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you have taken a packet of our monthly support envelopes, please do not forget to put them in your church's offering plate or mail them directly to:

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5473 Virginia Beach Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Our Missionaries

Boise, Idaho	<i>Russ and Samantha Stillman</i>
Haiti	<i>Michael and Sherry Wolf</i>
Croix de Bouquets, Haiti	<i>Gilles Chesnel</i>
Hinche, Haiti	<i>Raymond Orelus</i>
St. Michel, Haiti	<i>Philippe Richarson</i>
Cite' Soleil, Haiti	<i>Numa Mitch</i>
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Eurasian Director	<i>Jora Falcianu</i>
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Firladeni, Moldova	<i>Slavic Banari</i>
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Aluat, Moldova	<i>Jora Kovach</i>
Baurci, Moldova	<i>Nicolai Ekeysbu</i>

Our Needs

- monthly support for GGM
- wisdom for future projects

Praise Item *need met*

Our ministry vehicle in Moldova has been purchased. We are praising the Lord for answering our prayers for this much needed help for the ministry to continue. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and financial sacrifice on behalf of GGM Eurasia. You made this need a reality!