

Garden Gleanings

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Building for Eternity

Missions Conference 2025

Missions conference was held November 7-9. We were blessed to have missionaries from Echo Ranch Bible Camp and also Brazil with us to share about their ministries over the weekend. The theme for the weekend was Building for Eternity, with the key verse of Matthew 7:24—Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Friday evening, the missions committee served a soup supper. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with a construction theme. Following supper, everyone went to the sanctuary to hear a “round table” discussion with the missionaries; Ryan & Angie Regier, Mike & Jamie Rempel & Austin Unruh, all working with Echo Ranch Bible Camp and James and Angela Goossen working in Brazil.

Saturday morning, Cinnamon rolls were served in the foyer before everyone was divided up into four groups. The groups rotated to hear from each missionary, who shared about what they do in their daily lives in their ministries.

Sunday morning all adult Sunday school classes met in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour to hear a missions update from James Goossen. James also brought the morning message. During the worship service, we also had the privilege to hear the Sunday School kids sing a song and also give a special presentation to Pastor Dizzy from the kids. The past few months the kids



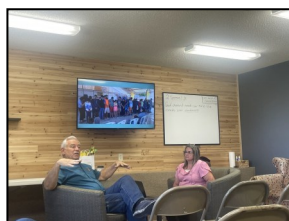
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have been taking an offering during their Sunday School opening. The money that was collected was given to James & Angela to purchase sheets for their chalets in Brazil, where they host pastors and their families for a special time of rest and relaxation. James was able to give a video tour of the chalet.

The conference concluded with a potluck in the fellowship hall following the worship service.



Library News

The children's library has several new books out on display from *Answers in Genesis* and they are all worth checking out!

If your kids are into learning lots of interesting facts about God's creation, come check out **Awesome Facts About Animals** or **Awesome Facts About Space**. You will probably learn alongside your kids as you go through these books with them!

Justin & Jessie Discover Biblical Truths and **Justin & Jessie Build a Biblical Foundation** are both filled with stories of truth that will help your kids navigate everyday life and includes discussion questions at the end of each story to help reinforce truth with your kids. These would be a great addition to your family devotion time or as bedtime stories.

A new picture book, **Little Children of the World**, explains how historic biblical events led to the many people groups we have around the world today – a great reminder that we are all uniquely created by God and loved by Him.

Why Did God Make Me a Boy? and **Why Did God Make Me a Girl?** are both excellent books explaining what it means to be created in the image of God, how God created boys and girls with different abilities and roles and how you can bring glory to God as the person that God designed you to be.

And lastly, for our early readers, come check out two new chapter books from the *Children of Noah* series – **The Tower** and **The River**. These are historical fiction books that tell the story of the tower of Babel from the perspective of three kids living together in a post-flood city and how they must rely on God when all hope seems lost.

Be sure to also stop in to check out all the fall and thanksgiving books that are out on display for the month of November!

~Katie Hanzlicek

How THANKFUL we are for words and The Word in a language we understand! I was reminded again recently on our trip to the Republic of Georgia as I was surrounded by a language I have not yet learned - მადლობეო ვარ. Put through Google translator that says, "I am thankful." So pick up a good book from the Library, read and be thankful!

~Denise Goossen

Recently *Waiting Isn't a Waste*, by Mark Vroegop, was added to the Library. Vonnie Fast mentioned it as an excellent read a few months ago in the Gleanings.

Newly added books in **Fiction**:

A series of shorter books by Francine Rivers on Women of the Bible: *Unafraid* - Mary, *Unshaken* - Ruth, *Unspoken* - Bathsheba, *Unshamed* - Rahab

Christy - by Catherine Marshall, one of the few I read a second time in my life because I loved it so much, telling the story of a young teacher who left her home to live among wild mountain people. She strove to teach amidst the superstitions, terrible poverty and fierce pride. Her faith was often severely tested.

Under **Biography**:

My Good Shepherd - by Jeremiah Cho. A biography of God's shepherding Jeremiah from a humble childhood in South Korea to becoming the leader of the international ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship.

In **Marriage and Family**: *His Brain, Her Brain* - by Walt and Barb Larimore. God made us so different, yet He will use these differences to strengthen our marriages and other relationships.

In **Christian Living**: *A Fine Sight to See* - by Sophie Hudson where she says we are ALL leaders, whether we think we are or not. Along with Moses in Genesis and Exodus, we are encouraged in a refreshing, light-hearted way to be the leaders God has created us to be.

Vonnie's Views

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, I'd love to share a Psalm that recently captured my heart: Psalm 111. As I've been spending time in it, I've noticed four simple but beautiful ways we can honor God. And really, that's what true thanksgiving is all about—honoring God for who He is and for all He's done for us.

First, verses 1–3 remind us that *delighting in God's works* honors Him. When we take time to notice His creation, when we marvel at its beauty, or when we use what He's made to create something ourselves, we recognize His handiwork and give Him glory.

Second, verses 4–5 show that *gratitude for His provision* honors God. Every good thing we enjoy—our food, our homes, our friendships, daily provision—comes from His hand. When we stay thankful, it keeps us aware of God's faithful care in our everyday lives.

Third, verses 6–8 tell us that *spending time in God's Word* honors Him. When we read and reflect on Scripture, we're showing that His truth matters to us. Learning about His character and His ways draws us closer to Him and helps us live in step with His heart.

Lastly, verse 9 reminds us that *salvation and obedience* honor God. He has shown us His righteousness and offered us salvation through Jesus Christ. When we receive that gift and choose to live according to His ways, we're showing the world what His grace looks like in action.

Verse 10 wraps it all up by saying that honoring God is the beginning of wisdom. Gratitude and reverence lead us to live with greater understanding and purpose.

As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, may our gratitude go deeper than the blessings we can see. May it draw our

hearts toward the Giver Himself—the One whose works are majestic, whose promises never fail, and whose mercy endures forever. My prayer is that our thanksgiving won't just be words we speak but lives that honor God every day.



¹Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Psalm 111



Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Memory Verse: Psalm 46:10—Be Still and know that I am God.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Ask God to direct your steps and your words today, so all you do is led by Him.	2 Ask God to fill the empty spots in our hearts, left by people we miss.	3 Ask God to give you the opportunity to comfort & encourage someone today.	4 Praise God for His careful attention to your needs.	5 Take time to confess to God where you have done wrong lately.	6 Thank God for saving your soul! He didn't have to.
7 Pray our hearts are open & ready to receive God's instruction or correction.	8 Thank God for men who love Him & seek to serve Him.	9 Pray for adopted kids to find acceptance & security in their home.	10 Thank God for having food & heat - and pray for those who don't have it.	11 Pray for those having to let go of things, activities, people they love.	12 Pray kids attending CEF events receive Christ & grow in Him.	13 Ask God for the Holy Spirit to show you any lies you are believing.
14 Pray for the believers in Brazil as they share Christ with family & neighbors.	15 Pray parents model godliness before their kids.	16 Pray for young adults who have made poor choices to find their way to their Savior.	17 Ask God to show you scripture to help you trust in Him & obey Him.	18 Pray new listeners tune in to Harvest Radio & Across the Nations radio.	19 Pray young people seek God first & desire Him.	20 Ask God to guide Pastor Dizzy & the elders as they guide us.
21 Pray hurting people turn to God.	22 Pray Jesus is exalted and lifted up.	23 Pray those far from family know the peace & love of Christ.	24 Pray for the truth to be declared & clearly taught.	25 Bow in worship. What other appropriate response is there?	26 Stop & thank God - for good memories, loving families, music, lights, beauty.	27 Ask God to give you & family members wisdom in choices made.
28 Praise God He still miraculously saves the lost.	29 Pray we finish this life well - committed to & focused on Christ.	30 Pray for protection, strength, healing, peace.	31 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.			

Thank you for praying!



Greetings from Elkhart, Indiana. The picture is the coupler for the antenna at Across Nations. This part will couple the signal from the new transmitter to the KHAC AM antenna. The new transmitter is already there and waiting for the coupler.

The coupler was made in Tennessee, special for the exact tower and transmitter in Arizona. Each one is different due to radio waves being different lengths for different frequencies. This one was made for the specific requirements of the new transmitter.

We are planning to go and install it once it arrives at Across Nations. Ask God to help us decide when to go because we are very busy.

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Technology for abundant life!

Good afternoon, Praying Friends!

September 1st was an incredible day of Thanking God for all He has done! On that day, we celebrated 21 years of broadcasting on Harvest Radio FM 102.7 in Nova Russas!



On that day, we also marked day 1 of broadcasting on Harvest Radio FM 104.7 in Ibiapina!



As anticipated, there are still technical wrinkles being worked out , but we are already getting feedback from listeners in the new area! One example is Maria who lives on a farm about 30 miles from the Ibiapina station. Avant missionaries Ivan & Mary as well as their daughter-in-law Crislany (pictured above) had the privilege of sharing Christ with her and she trusted Christ as her savior just a few months before we went on the air. She now calls in every single day! We are thrilled to be a part of her Spiritual growth through our Christian programming!

Rejoice with us! And thank you for praying for the ministry of Harvest Radio in NE Brazil.

Elwyn & Linda Goossen



November 12, 2025

Dear Garden Community Church,

We just got back from our trip to Republic of Georgia and praise the Lord that it went very well. Joe was able to spend many days with Taniel of Deme publishing helping him. Although Joe does spend quite a bit of time on WhatsApp talking to Taniel, giving him advice on his print operation, some aspects of mentoring need to happen face to face. They spent many days working through issues that needed to be addressed. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and camaraderie.



His digital press was having problems printing and the local Canon dealer was not able to solve the mystery. Joe wrote two people in the US and phoned one service person in Ukraine asking for ideas as to what the problem could be. With advice from these consultations the local guy was then able to repair the problem.



Another big issue was coming up with cost analysis so that he could actually know what his costs are and what prices should be. He took Joe around to his suppliers to see what paper was available, prices etc. and then days of digesting this down into Excel spreadsheets so as to use this as a cost calculator. Since Joe speaks Russian, communicating with Taniel is not a problem, however Taniel doesn't know English and many of the potential users of his print services are English speaking Christian workers who don't speak Russian and maybe only a little Georgian. It became very apparent that he needed a connection to all these English speakers and it is interesting how the Lord orchestrated meetings with two different persons that offered their help in making these connections. We pray that they will indeed be able to help in a positive way.



Denise was able to connect well with Zia, Tariel's wife, as she is also a Russian speaker. One day they took us on an excursion to the mountains to the north close to the Russian border which was time well spent together getting to know each other better.



We stayed with Marcus and Andrea, our Brazilian friends, with which we share a vision for the North Caucasus and Brazilians going there. Three Brazilian couples are raising support to go to Georgia with possibly one eventually heading north. Pray that they will be able to raise the needed support.



On the way back we were able to spend time with all our kids and grandkids on the "other side of the pond," a great time!



Latest update from Digibooks Press in Ukraine: They continue working, albeit at a slower pace due to the circumstances of the war. Please continue praying for the end of the war. Good news is they received another grant which really helps during these hard times.

In His Grip,

Joe & Denise Goossen