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# G Garden Gleanings

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## GOOD NEWS CLUB

This year Garden had the privilege to partner with Child Evangelism Fellowship and host Good News Club for Hesston area elementary schoolers. Thirteen weeks of fun were had in the fall and seven weeks in the spring. Each week the children learned scripture, played games, heard the gospel message, sang songs, engaged with missionary stories, and of course, enjoyed snacks!

The children grew in their relationships with each other, with the adult leaders, and with God. Please pray for the young hearts who have received the gospel this year and for those who have grown in their faith.



## Congratulation to our 2026 College Graduates



**Kaycee Mason** graduated from Hutchinson Community College with an Associates of Science degree. She has applied to the Physical Therapy Assistant program at Hutch.

**Macy Wohlgemuth** graduated from Hutchinson Community College with an Associates of Applied Science degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant. After getting married and finishing her clinicals this summer, she plans to work as a Physical Therapist Assistant in Manhattan this fall.

**Adrienne Selzer** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health & Human Performance: Coaching Concentration and Art & Design: Studio Art with a minor in Graphic Design from Tabor College. She plans to pursue her Masters of Business Administration Sports Management and Leadership.

**Matthew Morrison** graduated from Kansas University with a degree in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration. He will be working for the State of Kansas in the Department of Commerce.

# Library News

From the Adult Library:

Have you ever read, *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom? Corrie tells of her life in Holland before the Holocaust, what life was like for them in Concentration camps and afterward when she was miraculously released from the camp. She learned so many lessons that she later shared as she traveled around the world. Corrie left many quotes that still ring true today, though our lives and trials seem so light compared to what she went through.

“You can never learn that Christ is all you need,  
until Christ is all you have.”

“There is no pit so deep, that God’s love is not deeper still.”

I think her book should be required reading for everyone. The Library now has a copy, with photos that really enhance the story. Look Corrie Ten Boom up on YouTube, listening to her speak is inspiring. There is also a companion book in our Library, *Life Lessons From the Hiding Place*, written by Pam Moore who was a companion to Corrie in her later years.



Another true story written by Frank and Marie Drown, *Mission to the Headhunters*, tells of the Drowns’ lives living with a tribe in the rainforest of Ecuador. Frank was one of the missionaries to go in to search for the 5 men that were killed there in 1956. It is thrilling to see how God works and changes peoples’ lives.

Historical fiction can also teach us things we never caught in History class in school. *The Mark of the Lion* trilogy by Francine Rivers brings to life what it could have been like in first century Rome with gladiators, Christians being persecuted, and the lives of slaves.

Many other books were recently added to the Adult Library. Check the “New Books” shelf to see them and check them out.

Denise Goossen

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From the Children’s Library:

There have been several new books added to the children’s library this spring and I’ll highlight just a few of them! *Build* and *Twirl* by Emily Lex are written to show each how we are each designed by God to reflect His love. Be sure to grab *Build* for your little boys and *Twirl* for your little girls! *We Sing!* by Kristyn Getty focuses on learning the importance of praising God through music. And lastly, *Hilwa’s Gifts* by Safa Suleiman is a story of the harvesting and pressing of olives into oil and how that leads to discovering heritage and how culture and customs can unite people together. Be sure to stop into the children’s library and check out the displays for several other new and newly donated children’s picture books!



For young readers, books #7-12 have been added to *The Dead Seas Squirrels* series. This series is filled with adventures of two previously petrified squirrels from the Dead Sea, Merle and Pearl. If your kids love funny stories with a little adventure, be sure to check out this series! If you have read and loved the series, *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls*, you will want to check out the first two books in the new series from the author, M.J. Thomas - *The Mystery of the Ancient Map*.



- Katie Hanzlicek

# Vonnie's Views

A couple of weeks ago, my sister-in-law Shelly and I were having a conversation, and somehow the subject turned to *Peace Child* by Don Richardson. I mentioned that I hadn't read the book since my Bible college days. Shelly said she had a copy and kindly brought it to me the next time we saw each other.

Here's a brief snapshot of the book:

In the mid-1950s, Don and Carol Richardson heard a speaker at Prairie Bible Institute challenge students to take the Gospel to the "uttermost parts of the world." He specifically mentioned Netherlands New Guinea. Separately, both Don and Carol felt deeply stirred by that challenge. They eventually met, married, and started a family.

In the early 1960s, along with their seven-month-old son, they moved to New Guinea to live among the Sawi people. Their goals were to learn the language and culture, reduce the language to writing, begin literacy work, share the Gospel, and translate the Bible. All they knew about the Sawi was that they were headhunting cannibals who warred constantly with neighboring tribes.

As I began reading descriptions of the swampy land and serpentine rivers that swelled with the ocean tides, I immediately thought of Daniel and Krissy Hansen. Then I read that one of the rival tribes to the Sawi were the Asmat people—the very people Daniel and Krissy are courageously living among today as a missionary family.

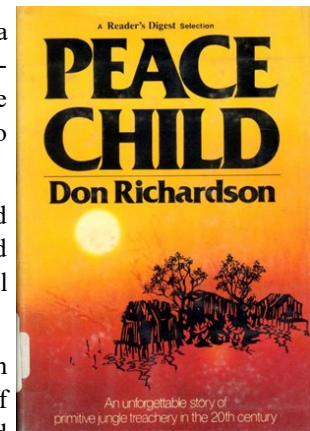
The story is compelling from the very beginning. The Sawi people had never seen white people before. They were uncertain if these white people were immortal gods or if they brought a good or bad omen. The Sawi were terrified when Don and Carol arrived in motorboats. Even more frightening to them was the Mission Aviation Fellowship floatplane that landed on the river! "They wanted to see what sort of wondrous transactions took place when the god from the sky met the god on the ground!" (p. 123).


Living as a solo missionary family among the Sawi required great courage and deep curiosity. Don and Carol had to figure out everything on their own while trying to avoid cultural blunders that could make sharing the Gospel even more difficult or cost them their lives.

Don and Carol soon discovered that the Sawi admired treachery. One of the highest forms of honor in their culture was to gain someone's friendship, "fatten" them with kindness, then betray, kill, and eat them. Later, when the Richardsons began sharing the Gospel, the Sawi listeners admired Judas because his betrayal of Jesus fit their cultural ideal of heroism.

Deeply discouraged, Don and Carol prayed for wisdom. God eventually gave them the key to the Sawi heart through a redemptive analogy already present within their own culture: the "peace child." This became the bridge God used to help the Sawi understand the Gospel. The book concludes with an epilogue describing how the message of Christ brought both spiritual transformation and social change within the Sawi tribe.

If you've never read this book, I highly recommend finding a copy. It's a fascinating and deeply moving story—made even more meaningful to me as I think about Daniel and Krissy faithfully serving among the Asmat people today.







# June

## Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

**Memory Verse: II Thessalonians 3:5—May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ.**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>hello <b>SUMMER</b> </p>					<p><b>1</b> Glorify God today - speak well of Him to others.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Pray Christian radio stations broadcast loudly &amp; clearly, reaching many.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Pray we each want God's will more than our own will.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Pray for mature Christians to actively build into younger believers.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Pray farmers make good decisions &amp; are safe.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Pray God comforts our deep hurts in our hearts &amp; minds.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pray for those tending to aging parents - for wisdom, grace, strength &amp; hope.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Pray young adults have wisdom &amp; choose God's truth over the lies of this world.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Pray for grandparents to know when to step in and when to step back.</p>
<p><b>10</b> Pray those in jail find forgiveness &amp; hope in Christ.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Pray for CEF camps and VBS's to reach kids for Christ.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Pray for camps and work going on at Echo Ranch Bible Camp, souls saved &amp; God glorified.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Pray for churches in Brazil - growth, faithfulness, witnessing, purity.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pray for ALL the Goossens (could take awhile) - what a blessing they are.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Pray the young kids in our church develop a strong, sure foundation in Christ.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Pray for God's leading in setting priorities &amp; schedules.</p>
<p><b>17</b> Pray for all the unspoken hurts in our congregation, the hidden struggles.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Pray for our missionaries that are parents of young kids - insight, wisdom, &amp; courage.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Pray our members in the nursing homes are a light to those around them.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Pray for homeless - that God would lead them out of darkness into His light.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Pray kids attending Camp David find healing &amp; wholeness in Christ.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Pray for our church leadership as they pursue Christ.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Simply sit and rest in your Savior. Stop striving.</p>
<p><b>24</b> Pray for wisdom to know how God wants to use you in the lives of others.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Pray those making big life decisions right now seek God's wisdom.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Pray for Chuck &amp; Connie as they point those around them to the love &amp; peace of Christ.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Pray for those who serve you in anyway today.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Pray for those struggling with physical ailments &amp; limitations.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Pray for Drew Hiebert in making move to the mission field.</p>	<p><b>30</b> Pray our marriages reflect Christ &amp; His church to the world around us.</p>
<p><b>31</b> To God be all the glory, forever and ever, Amen.</p>						

May 7, 2026

## Update on Tim's health.



Many of you have wondered and asked about Tim and his health issues. Here is what we have learned so far.

I was so pleased with physical therapy, and I was almost walking normally when I passed out and fell again on April 8. This time I sprained and fractured my ankle. The ankle will heal but the focus needs to be on why I passed out.

We were able to get appointments for more tests and with a cardiologist on May 1 and 4. We credit God and your prayers that we were able to get in to the cardiologist so quickly. We were pleased with her assessments and ideas. I am wearing a heart monitor for a month and scheduled for an echocardiogram and then follow-up with this doctor. She also suspended a couple of medications for the time being.

I have also realized that I need to eat something every three hours and take breaks regularly. Some of the fatigue is due to the healing process of the head injury incurred in the February fall. If I don't take breaks and snack, I feel lethargic and this seems to have contributed to my most recent fall.

We are still hoping for some answers to the cause of the leg weakness. It does not seem to improve much from the exercises. There is a lot of waiting involved—many opportunities to learn patience and to trust God and his timing. I continue to work from home most days.

Thank you for your prayers! God is good.

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