



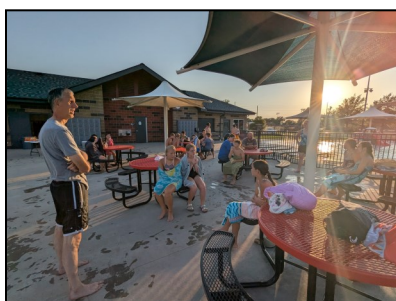

Singspiration 2025

Our Annual Singspiration was held on August 3rd. The evening was filled with song requests given to the Music and Worship committee over the previous weeks. Each worship team took turns leading the congregation in several of the requested songs.



POOL PARTY

The Youth Group had an end of the Summer Pool Party at the Hesston Aquatic Center on August 10. They will kick off the new year with the first night of Wednesday Night Youth Group on August 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Activity Center. The first night will be a night of fun with another possibility of getting wet again!! Supper will be served...invite your friends!





Library News!

Summer Book Recap!

The children's library (toddlers-3rd graders) had an amazing turnout for our bingo reading challenge for the month of July! It was fun to see their excitement every Sunday as they turned in their bingo cards and picked out their hard-earned prizes! Here are the final stats!



16 bingo cards picked up
14 kids completed a bingo
14 kids completed a blackout card



The kids had a variety of challenges on their bingo cards. Read a book outside, read a book while wearing your pajamas, read a book about a character in the Bible, read a book with the letter 'J' in the title or read a book while eating something cold were just some of the fun challenges they had to do! The goal was to encourage kids to read more this summer and hopefully they were able to pick up some books they normally wouldn't grab to complete their bingo card! Way to go, kids!

NEW Books

With the beginning of another new school year upon us, it was time to add a few new books to the children's library – and there's a little bit for every age group!

For our littlest readers, come check out these new board books – *God Hears Me* by Kristen Wetherell, *Psalms of Praise* by Danielle Hitchen or *Loved: The Lord's Prayer* by Sally Lloyd Jones.

If you're looking for a good picture book– *Coop Learns He Can* by Sarah Reju, *The Friend Who Forgives* by Dan Dewitt, *Fritz and the Midnight Meetup* by Megan Hill or *Home is Right Where You Are* by Ruth Chou Simons.

And lastly, a variety of books for our growing group of early readers – *Daniel: God's Faithful Follower* and *David and God's Giant Victory* by Zonderkidz or *Dead Sea Squirrels* (#4-6) by Mike Nawrocki.



~Katie Hanzlicek

The teen library summer reading program was a hit! We had 6 tweens/teens participate, with 5 earning their choice of a grand prize gift card. Lincoln Perk and Sonic were the favorites!

The library has been reorganized by genre, including Biographies, Historical Fiction, Fantasy, Adventure, Mystery, Science Fiction, Non-Fiction, Allegory, Realistic Fiction, and Seasonal. The bookshelf to the left as you enter is the home of NEW books. Check there for the newest offerings, and after a while they'll be shelved with the appropriate genre. We have a subscription to World Teen Magazine, so come check out the newest issue. You'll also find a scripture coloring book that you can tear out pages for your use.

If you have book requests that you'd like to see in our library, fill out the sheet on the clipboard. And, remember, you're welcome to grab a chair to read and hang out; this space is for you!

~Carla Murphy

Vonnie's Views

If you know me well, you know I love to read. I love buying books, holding them in my hands with a pencil in my right hand, ready to mark them up and “make them mine.” That’s probably why our bookshelves at home are overflowing! At any given time, I’m reading at least three books.

I recently finished a book that deeply impacted me: *Waiting Isn't a Waste: The Surprising Comfort of Trusting God in the Uncertainties of Life* by Mark Vroegop. I highly recommend it to you—because we all end up waiting at some point in our lives!

I don't like to wait, and I suspect I'm not alone in that. Vroegop's book is a practical and pastoral guide on how not to waste our seasons of waiting. His main point is simple but profound: waiting is part of life, whether we like it or not. So, if we're all going to wait, how can we do it well? And how is *Biblical* waiting different from ordinary waiting?

Vroegop defines waiting as “the gap” between something longed for and that longing being fulfilled. That gap might be as minor as a travel delay or as major as waiting years for a prodigal child to return, a marriage to heal, or a dream to be realized. Waiting can become a valuable opportunity for growth, but only if we choose to engage the gap intentionally.

He argues that we need to develop a theology of waiting but warns that it's hard to build that theology in the middle of a painful delay. Instead, we're wise to think through how to wait well *before* we find ourselves in the gap.

The chapter headings themselves provide a helpful roadmap. We wait:

- **Honestly** (waiting is hard)
- **Frequently** (waiting is common)
- **Thoughtfully** (waiting is Biblical)
- **Patiently** (waiting is slow)
- **Intentionally** (waiting is commanded)
- **Collectively** (waiting is relational)

This book has been deeply affirming. It helped me realize that while waiting is difficult, it's not unusual. I shouldn't be surprised when I find myself in a waiting season. One of the ways I waste my waiting is not acknowledging how hard it is and why it is hard. God is in control of the events of my life *and* the timing of those events. Therefore, I can rest in His providence.

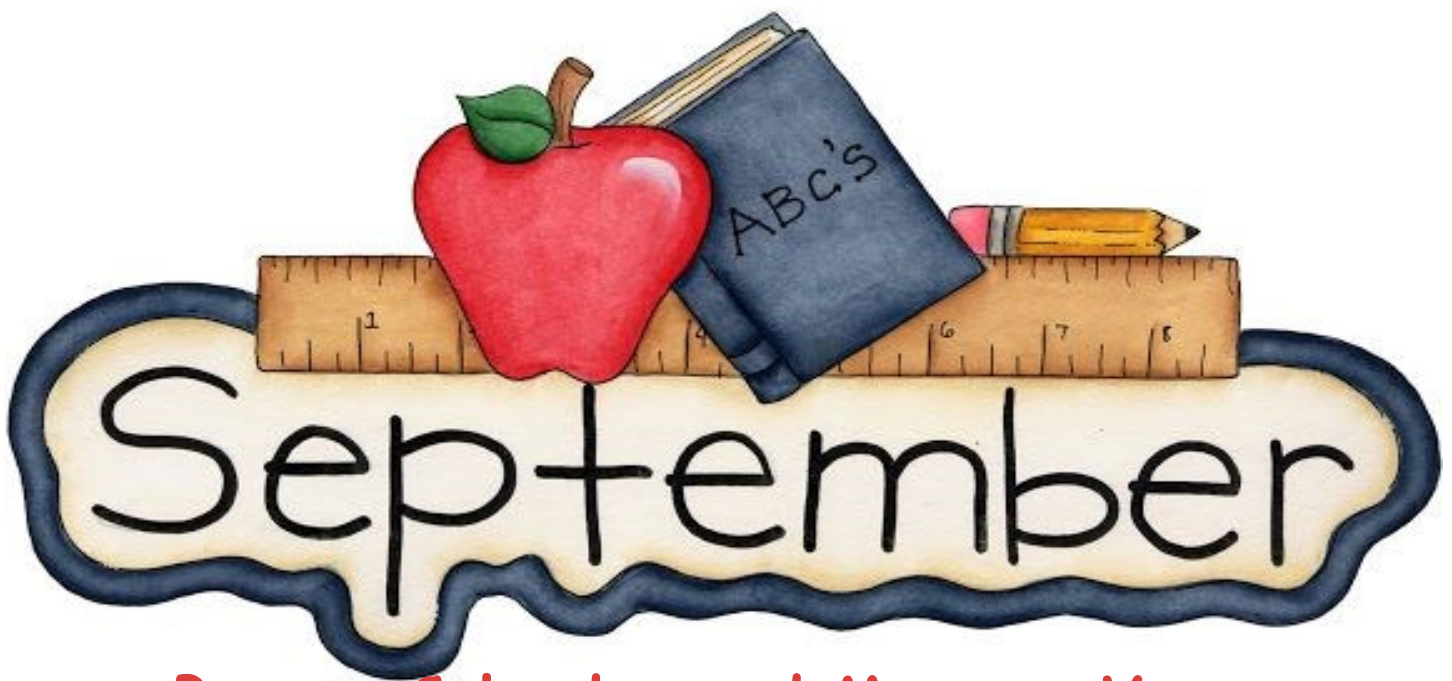
In fact, my view of God becomes *clearer* in the waiting. I might find I have misconceptions about God that the waiting season exposes. Waiting while focusing on God and worshipping God is a radical act of faith. Vroegop offers this definition of waiting: “Waiting requires living by what I know to be true about God when I don't know what's true about my life.” (p. 39) That definition is worth reflecting on.

Waiting pushes me toward prayer. It reminds me that I'm not in control, but God is. And it's in those powerless moments that I can experience His power and His comfort in fresh ways. Scripture repeatedly commands believers to “wait on the Lord.” One that stood out was Jesus' instruction to the disciples in Acts 1:4–5 to wait for the promised Holy Spirit. Jesus didn't tell them how long they should wait—just that they should wait in Jerusalem and wait together. Waiting together draws believers into corporate prayer and mutual encouragement.

One of the most helpful takeaways for me was Vroegop's challenge to rethink waiting not as something passive or idle, but as something profoundly *active*. Biblical waiting is intensive soul work. If I allow it, my time in the gap can refine me like gold—establishing me more closely in my relationship with God, reshaping my character, deepening my faith, and strengthening my confidence in the absolute goodness of God.



Biblical waiting is active and intentional. It is connected to faith, hope, and trust in God when life is filled with the tension of uncertainty. Rather than chafing in the gap of waiting, I'm beginning to see it as an invitation to draw even nearer to my loving Heavenly Father.





Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Memory Verse: Romans 10:9—That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <p>1 Pray parents have wisdom with each child, teaching & training in the way they should go.</p>		2 Pray for Cassie Albin.	3 Pray for Landree Forrester.	4 Pray for Brett & Aiden Friesen.	5 Pray for Noah Goossen.	6 Pray for Greyson & Lincoln Hanzlicek.
7 Pray grandparents help instill godly values and discipline in their grandkids.	8 Pray for Enora, Colton & Daniel Huxman.	9 Pray for Elisabeth Kitto.	10 Pray Christian teachers have discernment & insight.	11 Pray for more young people to be drawn to attend church.	12 Pray for Alexis, Brayden & Callie Klaassen.	13 Pray for Josh & Matt Koehn.
14 Pray for our Sunday School teachers to rightly handle the Word of God.	15 Pray for Karlee, Harper & John Kohls.	16 Pray for Ambrosia, Augustus, Lydia & Boaz Leddy.	17 Pray for ears to hear and hearts to understand for each of us.	18 Pray for Kaycee Mason.	19 Pray for Noble, Valiant & Wisdom Murphy.	20 Pray for Kylee, Brett & Jenna Nelson.
21 Pray for Layton & Javan Pyle.	22 Pray for Esther, Cora, Abigail & Peter Quick.	23 Pray church librarians are effective in reaching the kids with good material.	24 Pray for Avery, Alli,annah & Aubree Schrag.	25 Pray our young people choose purity & integrity.	26 Pray for Daniel, Tito, Filipe & Gabriel Goossen.	27 Pray for Zephaniah & Seleh Hansen.
28 Pray for Lucas, Levi & Annika Kunkee.	29 Pray for Zephaniah & Selah Hansen.	30 Pray God continues to raise up workers from among us to serve Him.				

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Dear friends and partners in the Gospel,

We're grateful for your ongoing support—both in prayer and giving. Your partnership sustains us in ministry and encourages us deeply. Here are some updates and prayer points from the past few weeks and what's ahead.

In Christ,

Joshua & Camila Goossen

⚙ Bible Club

New Faces, New Opportunities



Our weekly Bible Club has been growing! We've had a group of *new kids* joining recently, and they're hearing about Jesus for the first time. Please pray for open hearts, good soil, and for us to continue sowing faithfully.

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A Season of Stretching

Our cozy little café is now operating with **only 2 employees**, which has added extra load on everyone. Pray for strength, wisdom, and growth in maturity and commitment of the remaining two employees! Also pray for the two young men we had to let go for their poor choices and unrepentant attitudes. Please pray for their restoration with the Lord.



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We've been blessed by visits and volunteer help from teens like Laura, Tiago, Samuel and Esdras. Their energy and love for ministry have been a huge encouragement. Please pray for them as they grow in service and faith.

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Last week we did four days of Vacation Bible School, using the facilities of the middle school next door to the church. We thank the Lord for this opportunity for outreach that involved the whole church. Everyone was involved—everyone had a role. Songs, puppets, games, verse memorization and bible stories. Lot's of fun and interaction with 60+ kids.



- Camila is actively involved in ministry, but transportation is a major challenge for field trips with our kids and disciples. A second car may be necessary. Please **pray with us** about this.
- Noá is struggling in her marriage with her unbelieving husband, but **praise the Lord** that he called her to go to church last Sunday!
- **Praise our Lord** for a believing couple (Marcos & Neide) that moved into town for work, who joined our church. It's refreshing to fellowship with mature adults. They are happy to serve and engage.
- We'll be attending church planting training with City to City on August 4–5. **Please pray** that this equips and inspires us — and that it sparks new vision for expanding gospel-centered communities here in our town and beyond.
- We will be meeting tomorrow with believers from the greater region who have all expressed some level of interest in our smaller region of a couple towns close to Mucambo. **Please pray** as we challenge them to consider how it would be possible for them to move into this area to be involved in reaching it for Christ.

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We got a dachshund puppy!



Gabriel turned 3!



Our first Homeschool co-op get together was in our back yard. This is something new to have this many homeschooling families this close. (It was just a couple hour drive for some to make it)

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"I believe God sent you"

July 28, 2025



It was communities like this one that we were looking for. Brad and Gina Shaw, SIM missionaries to Peru since 2001, have a burden to reach the Quechua speaking people of the high Andes mountains. In 2023 they added shortwave broadcasting to their radio work. The signal now reaches these areas but the people do not have shortwave receivers. And they don't know about Radio Senda Cristiana.

Renee and two co-workers from SonSet Solutions traveled to Peru to visit these communities and to help hand out the SonSet® radio receivers. Brad had been given a list of churches and believers to try to connect with. No one knew we were coming. God lead us to the right people in each community.

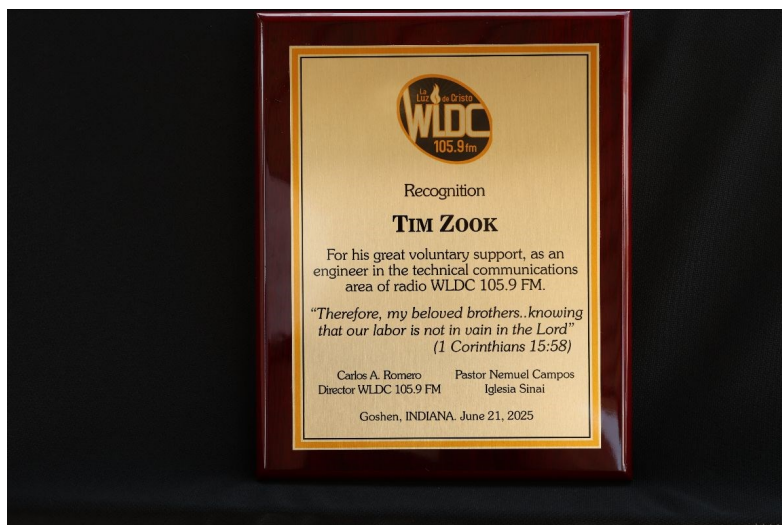
Everywhere we went we met believers hungry for fellowship and more of God's Word. We were able to encourage pastors and other believers and to leave them with a radio. Now they can hear the teaching of the Word from Radio Senda Cristiana every day. Pray for spiritual growth in the believers there.

There are many more communities like this scattered throughout the mountains. Travel to and from these communities is a challenge. Radio can reach the most remote. Praise God for radio ministries who faithfully teach the Bible and reach "the least of these."

Renee Zook

Gracias!

August 4, 2025



Radio WLDC in Goshen, IN, recently celebrated 20 years on the air. WLDC is a small Christian FM radio station airing Spanish programming 24 hours a day. There is a large Spanish-speaking population in Goshen and throughout Elkhart County.

The picture is a plaque I received at the celebration lunch. WLDC is a partner ministry of SonSet Solutions. For the last ten years or so I have been able to help Carlos, the Program Director, keep everything running.

Some training occurs as I share with Carlos what I am doing. He has been able to learn and handle some legal aspects of running a station. And we've built relationship. We have also gotten to know two of his children while they were attending youth group at our church.

I am grateful for the ability to speak Spanish and thus help Carlos. You may remember that we attended a Spanish language school before going to Ecuador. Thank you for your part in our learning Spanish and being able to continue helping partner ministries reach their communities with the Gospel.

God Bless,

Tim Zook, *Broadcast Services Department Technician*

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RADIO STATION PURCHASE

for the purchase of FM 104.7 in Ibiapina in the northern part of the state in which we live! On July 25, after 6 months of negotiations and a lot of prayer, the sales contract was signed! Our lawyers have submitted all the necessary paperwork with the government and we are free to go on the air.



Thank you so much for praying

NEXT STEPS

Phase 1 is to get FM 104.7, Ibiapina, on the air as soon as possible at the low power at which it is registered. The purchase included a tower and antenna, but the rest of the equipment needs to be purchased and installed, including the audio link to **re-broadcast the programming from Harvest Radio FM 102.7 in Nova Russas.**

We chose September 1 to be our target date to go live. This is Harvest Radio's 21st anniversary, and it seemed like a **great way to celebrate God's faithfulness!**

PARTNERSHIP

The new radio station, FM 104.7 in Ibiapina will reach into numerous towns where Avant-related Churches are being started or planned. At a recent planning meeting of lay workers and missionaries who are involved in these church planting efforts, it was decided that at least 4 of these towns will be canvassed with pamphlets advertising the new station.



What a **privilege to partner with them** through our Bible-based programming.

FULL SPEED AHEAD

of the equipment before signing the contract. The transmitter has already arrived, as have parts for several computers.

We requested power to the site and had the power pole and meter box installed. PTL the electric company has

By faith, we had already ordered some



already hooked things up and internet is scheduled to get installed next week.

The last week of August, our friend and IT specialist Jesse Regier from Omaha, and our son, Nathan will be arriving to help with the final installation of all the equipment and getting it on the air.



PLEASE PRAY

- The next 3 weeks will be crazy busy getting things installed and running correctly to go on the air Sept. 1. Pray for stamina, health and safety.
- Pray that all the equipment arrives in a timely manner.
- Pray for Nathan and Jesse's time here.
- Pray for complete funding (we're lacking about \$15,000)
- Pray the Lord will be preparing the hearts of the future listeners to receive His word.
- Pray also for the spiritual well-being of our staff as we are on the frontlines in a spiritual battle. We have 11 full and part-time staff and will be looking for another salesperson to increase our advertising base within the new listening area.

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