

The Vistoso Voice

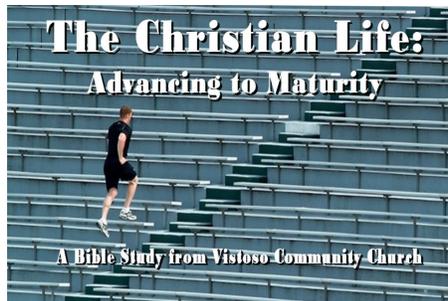
Weekly

Friday, January 22, 2021

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES CHRISTIAN LIFE FOCUS

This Friday at 10 am, we started streaming the second set of messages in Pastor Kevin's *Christian Life* series, entitled, *Advancing to Maturity*. Like the previous lessons, entitled *Starting with the Basics*, the focus is on helping us understand the Christian Way of Life and how to live it.

Over the next 6-10 weeks, Pastor Kevin plans to cover four topics: The Blood of Christ, the Cross of Christ, the Life of Christ, and the Spirit of Christ. He suggests that these lessons should be helpful in tying together many of the things we have been learning.



Both of these series will be permanently archived on our website so that they will be available to those who join our fellowship and for sharing with others who might benefit. Join us on Fridays, or as you have time throughout the week.

~~ANNUAL MEETING~~

The rapidly rising rate of COVID cases in Arizona, caused VCC to suggest that those who do not need to attend stay home from church services and Bible studies. The church is also going to avoid other types of gatherings that could put our congregation at risk. As a result, the Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for next Wednesday, is canceled. Despite the cancellation, we will have a business update in next week's Vistoso Voice Weekly, and will make the Annual Report available at church or via email.

OUR MISSIONARIES OVERCOME...EVEN A PANDEMIC TO MINISTER



When the pandemic hit, many of our missionaries were able to get creative and turn this lemon into something useful. Here are three examples.

Gilgal Gospel Mission

Because of the pandemic in India, the mission leaders had to re-imagine their way of doing ministry. They had been accustomed to ministering in large gatherings, which would be impractical in the face of the pandemic. They replaced the large gatherings with small in-person meetings. Doing so, actually increased the number of people reached and also increased the quality of these ministry engagements. Rev. Sunil wrote that finding new ways to communicate, to minister, and to serve will also improve their efforts in the future.

Steve and Virginia Kacprzak

The pandemic caused nursing homes and assisted living facilities to close their doors to visitors, entertainment, and even Bible studies. To help residents in this situation, Steve and Virginia began *Operation-Something-To-Do*. Their vision was, and still is, to fill gift bags with a wide variety of things to entertain, challenge and uplift the spirit of those who are in isolation.

Bibles and Bible study materials are also included. Large numbers of these bags have been delivered to several facilities. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive! The Kacprzaks include VCC books and recordings of our worship services in their bags.

Guillermo Villaneuva

As an evangelist, Guillermo has been accustomed to large gatherings of people wherever he ministers. With the shutdown of borders and the limited gatherings in

both the U.S. and Latin America, he was unable to carry out his ministry in the usual way. So God opened his eyes to use virtual platforms and social media to expand his ability to share the gospel. Using ZOOM and FACEBOOK, he continued doing evangelism, just in a different way.

The response to this new virtual ministry exceeded all expectations and opened a door to include social media, as well as traditional methods, to reach even more people in the future.

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