

The Vistoso Voice

Friday, October 15, 2021

Weekly

BIG NEWS AND MAY THE LORD BLESS!

Many of you know that Pastor Peter has been preaching the past few weeks at a church in Cottonwood, AZ, as well as attending a conference. Graceway Bible Church has decided to call Peter as their next pastor, and Peter has accepted. You'll have to get the full story from Peter, or in a future edition of the Voice.

In the meantime, since Graceway has been without a pastor for some time, I am sure you can understand the need for Peter to begin preaching the Word to his

new congregation as soon as possible. This means we are not likely to see much of him on future Sundays, and I wanted you to know why.

Pastor Peter will be here during the week for some time, and, of course, we will set aside a Sunday to send him on to his new ministry. As you can imagine, there are still many details to work out regarding how this transition will occur. We will keep you posted as decisions are made and plans finalized.



For now, begin to pray for this new ministry, and give Peter and Cindy your blessings as you have the opportunity.

IMPORTANT MISSIONS UPDATES

Our Missions Committee quietly works on your behalf getting out monthly support checks and reaching in to help with missions needs whenever possible. Occasionally they take action, or there are events significant enough, that you need to know about them.

Support for Christians in Myanmar

Perhaps you have heard about the military coup in Myanmar and the terrible privations that have followed. The country is in a state of lockdown with food very hard to come by. The small Christian communities have been very hard hit, along with their ministries to the particularly vulnerable such as orphanages. Despite the suffering, Myanmar is closed to most relief organizations making it very difficult to do much beyond pray.

However recently, through a ministry we support to train pastors, we were introduced to a ministry that has been in Myanmar for more than 30 years that can get money into the country via clandestine

means. This is necessary as the normal banking system is largely shut down. As a result, your Missions Committee disbursed a relatively large amount of funds to provide some food and other necessities to help Myanmar Christians from our Legacy Fund (more about the Legacy Fund in a future issue). Please pray for these funds to get to their intended destination and to be a source of encouragement to the Myanmar Christians.

Support for Mixtec People

Another opportunity arose to help the Mixtec people in San Juan Colorado, Mexico. They have the New Testament in their own language, thanks in part to Wycliffe

translator Audrey Johnson who is a part of our fellowship. But, many of the older people cannot read their own language. So, the Missions Committee has dedicated the funds necessary to underwrite a major portion of the



effort to make a quality New Testament audio recording. Please pray for the recording to be used by God to speak to the hearts of the people in their own language.

Roberta Cencini Update

We also need to inform you of a major change in the life of one of our missionaries. Roberta Cencini, whom we have supported for many years in her extensive ministry to those incarcerated, is having to step back from ministry. The many health challenges she has faced--included ongoing bouts of Covid, along with insufficient funding, have made it impossible for her to continue her current efforts.



She is in the process of selling her home and determining the Lord's future—both geographically and in terms of ministry. Please pray for her discernment regarding the Lord's leading, and the Lord's peace, during this very challenging time for her.

INTRODUCING MORE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

David and Nancy Neff moved to AZ from Hilton Head, SC, five years ago. Although David and



Nancy have been married for 16 years, she maintains it took ten years to get David to agree to re-

locate to their place in SaddleBrooke.

Nancy's career was in sales. She sold big systems for companies like IBM and Xerox. David lived all over the world as part of the management team for Goodyear plants in such locations as Germany, Thailand, Indonesia, and Australia. Although Nancy has no children, David is blessed with three children and five grandchildren.

Nancy maintains that "God is still in the miracle business" because of her amazing recovery from a stroke two years ago. She noted that, although she still doesn't drive, she has very few residual effects. David is the athletic one in the family, playing lots of golf and tennis.

Mary Hargitt had an interesting childhood. She grew up in Osgood, IN, but has great stories of traveling the country living in tents with her surveyor father. When she was 18 she moved from Osgood to Greensburg, IN to work for an attorney. She held that job until she had her children—two girls and a boy. After her children were off to school, she worked for 20 years as a personnel supervisor for a



Greensburg plant that had more than 400 employees.

In 1985, Mary and her second husband Jim moved to Mesa, AZ, and bought a travel agency franchise. When they sold that six years later, Mary went to work with Alaska Airlines in reservations, the job she held until she retired and they moved back to Indiana

When Jim died, she returned to Indiana for a period, but returned to Arizona in 2020, when her daughter and her husband decided to retire in Arizona. Mary lives in Sun City and was pleased that VCC was the first church she visited when she was looking for a church in the area.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

VCC has been blessed with wonderful attendance at our Sunday services, for which we are very grateful.

But, our growing congregation does necessitate some logistical changes.



Auxiliary Parking

Last Sunday, our parking lot was completely full. If you feel able to walk across the street, consider using the lot at the business area on the other side of Rancho Vistoso.

Volunteer for Saturday

Our numbers indicate we will soon need to begin Saturday services. Please, consider whether you would be willing to volunteer to help with Saturday services for a few weeks. We will have need for ushers, greeters, fellowship crew, and singers. When a start date is determined, there will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES



VCC's annual project to fill shoeboxes for the Franklin Graham

Operation Christmas Child outreach begins Sunday, October 31 and continues through Sunday, November 21. There are two ways to participate:

- Pick up one or more boxes in the church lobby. See the handout for instructions.
- Donate online to support the filling of boxes in hard to reach areas. Instructions coming.

thisweek

October 18-24, 2021

- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's Genesis Bible Study, 10:00 am-11:30 am.
- **Wednesday**, Midweek Bible Study, in church and streaming, at 10:00 am.
- **Wednesday**, Choir practice, 2:00-3:30 pm.
- **Thursday**, Care-giver Respite in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 am to noon.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible Study, in-church only, at 7:30 am.
- **Friday**, Women's Share, Care and Prayer, 10:00 am.
- **Sunday**, worship, 10:00 am, followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.

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