

# The Vistoso Voice

Friday, November 26, 2021

## Weekly



### From the Pastor's Desk

#### TWO ITEMS OF FOLLOW-UP

Last Sunday, we commissioned Peter and Cindy to their new ministry at Graceway Bible Church, including a laying on of hands by our Deacons. I trust you will continue to pray for them in the weeks ahead.

As a matter of follow-up, there are two items I would like to bring to your attention.

#### Ministry Support

First, we have made a significant distribution to Graceway Bible Church, from a ministry fund that is under the Board's oversight, in order to support the furtherance of the Gospel in the Cottonwood area.

The situation is this: Graceway has been without a pastor for over nine months, and is a small, but

dedicated group of 25 or so. There are expenses associated with bringing on a new pastor and reaching out to the community in order to grow the ministry, and we would like to help Graceway with these efforts.

In addition, this will allow Graceway to supplement the compensation that they are able to provide to Peter and Cindy. In short, as the VCC Board mentioned to Graceway in a recent letter, if we as the sending church, could in some way promote the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the saints in the Cottonwood area, we would be good and truly blessed!

#### A New Associate

The second thing I want to mention are the efforts to bring a new associate pastor into VCC for ministry hereafter. I have put the word out through pastoral contacts that I have, and have had informal discussion with a number of possible candidates. In addition, we have developed a formal application package and posted a notice of our available position through a seminary with similar doctrinal convictions. Our Personnel Committee has already met to review our first full

application and will conduct a follow-up interview in the near future. This is good news for the short time the position has been open, but you do need to know that finding the right person may take some time.



In short, we are trusting the Lord to raise up a willing and gifted person who will become part of His work here at VCC. I would ask you to make this a regular matter of prayer. And pray not only for the right person to apply, but for our Committee to have the discernment to recognize them when they do.

In His Grace, Kevin

## thisweek

11/29-12/5, 2021

- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's Genesis Bible Study is on hiatus until January 11.
- **Wednesday**, Choir practice, 2:00-3:30 pm.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible study, 7:30 am.
- **Saturday**, worship 5:00 pm, followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.
- **Sunday**, worship, 10:00 am, followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.

#### MISSIONARY SPEAKERS

Rick and Marilyn Fodey will be speaking this Sunday, 11/28, during Q&A. The Fodey's are missionaries with Wycliffe Associates and are currently serving at the SIL facility in Catalina. They will share the details of their various ministries at Wycliffe.

## VCC'S CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

This Sunday, November 28th, is the beginning of our Christmas Missions Offering. We annually place a special emphasis on missions at this time of year, for it is our way of focusing upon the First Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***For God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but to save the world though Him.***

John 3:17

### Why We Give

We weekly hear about the saving work of Jesus here in our fellowship. This should not only inspire us to share the Good News of God's salvation with friends and family, but also to places where it is not heard—whether that be through ministry efforts we support in Africa and the Middle-east, or through Child Evangelism Fellowship at some very challenging school environments right here in Tucson.

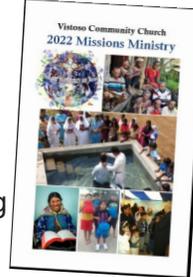
### How We Can Give

Should you choose to give to the 2021 VCC Christmas offering for missions, there are two ways you can participate.

- First, you can designate any gift *missions*, and it will become part of the funds that are distributed by our Missions Committee. The Christmas Offering is a very important part of the monies the Committee uses to ensure a significant level of monthly support for each of our 14 missionaries.
- Second, you can designate all or part of any gift to a specific missionary or missionary enterprise that is listed in the box at right or in the 2022 Missions Ministry booklet available today in the literature rack.

To learn more about each missionary, pick up a copy of the new booklet: *2022 Missions Ministry*.

In advance, thank you for any support you are able to provide to furthering the Gospel outside the boundaries of our local fellowship.



### Missionaries

- **Shannon Carter**, Wycliffe
- **John Coleman**, Tohono O'odham Reservation
- **Rick and Marilyn Fodey**, Wycliffe Associates
- **Jon and Barb Habegger**, Child Evangelism Fellowship
- **Audrey Johnson**, Wycliffe
- **Steve and Virginia Kacprzak**, Love Thy Neighbor, Good Neighbor Get-Together
- **Kris**, Ethnos 360, VCC Sent Missionary
- **James and Linda Nissley**, Wycliffe
- **Bill Penning**, Wycliffe
- **Sharon Stark**, Wycliffe
- **Paul and Hope Towne**, Wycliffe
- **Guillermo Villanueva**, Evangelism, Latin America
- **Richard and Tricia Wagner**, Flying H Youth Ranch
- **Bryan and Diane Wilson**, Mission Aviation Repair Center (MARC)

### Missionary Enterprises

- Gilgal Gospel Mission, India
- Grace Training Institutes, International Pastor Training
- Lottie Moon
- Wycliffe Bible Translators/ Jungle Aviation and Radio Service (JAARS)

## A SHOEBOX RECORD

Sharon Stark and Audrey Johnson loaded the trunk from floor to ceiling and the back seat with shoeboxes filled by VCC. Sharon reported that this year her car was stuffed with 101 boxes and another 33 were filled online bringing the VCC total to 134, a new record.



## THE GIVING TREE

If you would like to show the love of Christ to an isolated nursing home resident through a gift at Christmas, please participate in Love Thy Neighbor Ministries' Blessings in a Bag outreach. You can take a tag from the tree in the foyer and purchase the items listed, or designate an offering to LTN Christmas. All gifts will be delivered to residents in Tucson area nursing homes who are in need of personal hygiene and activity items. Please bring your gifts to the church by December 12 so that we can prepare the bags and load up the car.

Thank you for your generosity!

