



# The Vistoso Voice



### WYCLIFFE SPEAKER

Grace Townsend Goreth is the daughter of SIL/Wycliffe/JAARS founder, William Cameron Townsend. Grace is the guest speaker for our Wednesday evening mid-week service on February 22 at 7:00 pm. Grace will speak on the history and purpose of the Wycliffe ministries.

### HEARTCALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of VCC! Come join your sisters in Christ for the HeartCall Women's Bible Study Classes led by Evelyn Daley. If you have never even visited the class, why don't you do just that and see what you are missing! In addition to Bible study, you are guaranteed lots of good old fashion *Christian Sisterly* love and fellowship. Now in its **13th** year, the 2017 Bible Study subject matter is: *Look Up Your Redemption is Nigh!* and, *The Deceptions of False Doctrine*. Classes start February 9th, at 9:30 am in the Vistoso Community Church Classroom.



**Our goal for 2017 is as simple as our VCC Mission, "...to be used by God to help the lost receive eternal life. . ."**

## FEBRUARY

**Men's & Women's Bible Study**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 am

**Men's Friday Bible Study**  
Fridays at 7:30 am

**Friends of Israel Conference**  
Saturday, February 4th, 9 to 3

**Men of Honor**  
First Friday, 2/3 at 8:00 am

**Choir Practice**  
Wednesdays at 5:30pm

**HeartCall Women's Bible Study**  
Every other Thursday at 9:30 am, 2/9 and 2/23

**Evangelism Workshop**  
Every other Friday at 9:30 am, 2/3 and 2/17

**Apologetics Workshop**  
Every other Thursday at 9:00 am, 2/2 and 2/16

**Ladies Fun Day**  
Every other Tuesday at 1:00 pm, 2/7 and 2/21

**VCC Stitchers**  
Wednesday, February 22 at noon

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### THE VISTOSO VOICE

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## It's not a matter of the dollars, but of the heart!

You might be surprised to know that even though I have a degree in math, I am afraid of numbers—at least when it comes to spiritual things. I just have trouble forgetting those times in Scripture when counting led to trouble. For example, consider the time when David decided to count the number of fighting men at his disposal, and it displeased the Lord and led to the death of 70,000 of his subjects (1 Chronicles 21). I think his sin had to do with placing too much emphasis on the numbers rather than on the capability and provision of God.

In general, such examples have led me to believe that the church has acquired some bad habits with respect to counting—the size of the offering (and reprinting in the bulletin), counting the number in attendance, and so on.



Don't get me wrong—I enjoy preaching to a full church more than an empty one, but isn't it fair to say that success, at least when it comes to preaching, should be measured by whether or not the preaching was faithful to the Word of God rather than by the size of the audience? If that were the standard applied everywhere, I venture to say that, although we might have fewer mega-churches, we would have more solidly grounded Christians.

Well, now that you have learned about one of my peculiarities, there is something I feel led to communicate to you for which I wish to express my thanks. The challenge is going to be to do so without numbers! Specifically, I am referring to a matter involving our missions giving.



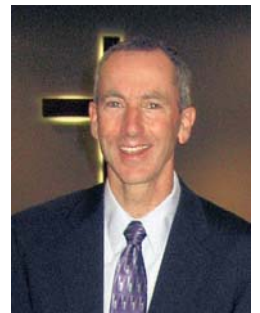
As most of you know, we have invested a significant amount of our budget in what we call *church-directed* missions giving. That simply means that we support a number of missionaries, special projects, and ongoing mission needs directly, rather than just transferring money to a missions agency and leaving all of the decision-making to them. This has allowed us to become involved in the lives of missionaries in all kinds of ministries, serving in all kinds of places. We have also been able to make much more effective use of our resources, because in many cases we can apply them directly to the point of need without supporting an administrative bureaucracy along the way.

So this brings me to the subject I want to share with you. At the close of last year, we were providing monthly support to a group of 15 missionaries at a level of support that retired missionaries on our Committee told us would

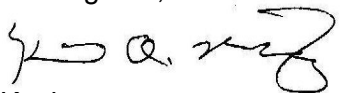
make a real difference in terms of providing substantive support. This made our Mission Committee feel that they were really making a difference.

Unfortunately, as we moved to budgeting for 2017, the funds were just not in the budget to continue this same level of support at the start of the new year. Instead, we intended to cut back every one of our monthly missionaries to a level the Missions Committee calls *base-level* support. But between the December Missions Committee meeting and the January meeting, a great blessing occurred. The Christmas missions offering was so unprecedented (plus the carry-over of a bit of unspent missions money from 2016) that the Missions Committee was able to bring every single one of our monthly missionaries back to their full level of support for 2017. There is not going to be even one month this year when we need to decrease our level of support to our missionaries.

Although it is not about the dollars, you need to know what a blessing this is for the Missions Committee, and what a testimony it is to the heart for missions of this fellowship. I know that you are equally supportive in many other areas, but I just felt the need to pass such a blessing on to you and to say thank-you on behalf of all those missionaries we are supporting.



In His grace,

  
Kevin

**MISSIONS UPDATE**



**John and Grace Muhn**, parents of Yoojin Muhn, our Director of Music Ministries, will receive a Point of Need disbursement for their missionary work in the Philippines. John has recently retired after serving 27 years as senior pastor at New Hope Baptist Church in Seoul, Korea. The Muhns have made many mission trips to the area of Baguio City in the Philippines prior to locating there as missionaries. John's goal is to raise up local Christian leaders to lead their own churches. He also volunteers by teaching in English at two nearby seminaries. Grace, while studying ESL at Baguio Baptist Theological Seminary, lectures Korean missionary and pastors' wives on Bible reading. Pray for the Muhns to be filled with and guided by the Holy Spirit, for their ability to clearly communicate God's word in English, and for physical and spiritual strength.

**Bill and Marty Sturdivant** were approved for a Point of Need disbursement to assist with their 2017 Refugee Ministry Trip to Europe. The Sturdivants will be working with other Paraclete missionaries to bring God's word to Muslim refugees in Austria. Keep Bill and Marty in prayer for good health and safe travel. Also, pray that God prepares the hearts of the refugees to receive His word.

**JAARS.** Last August the Missions Committee funded the purchase of two motorbikes and training for Bible translators in the Central African Republic. Due to an increase in violence and the closing of several embassies, including that of the USA, this project has been put on hold. The motorbikes and training will be provided when it is safe for the students and instructors. Please pray for stability in this part of the world and the continued spreading of God's word.



**Southwest Christian Center** received a Point of Need distribution last fall to help with the remodeling of their Shepherds House, a retreat for pastors and missionaries to freely use for rest and relaxation. The work on the House will be completed and it will be ready for use this March. Long time VCC member, Ann Kilby, is currently a full-time resident volunteer at SCC. Pray that God uses Ann to be a positive influence on the youth at their camp this summer.

**Communiques.** The Missions Communique Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall contains the most recent information and updates on our supported missionaries and special projects. You are encouraged to frequently review the newsletter postings. Prayer is important and highly desired by all missionaries. A new feature is a section dedicated solely to missionary prayer requests. Extra copies of these prayer requests are posted so that you can take one to use in your personal prayer time.



- Colleen Hartman** 2/02
- Clienton Smith** 2/04
- Dorina Forsell** 2/11
- Darryl Sanders** 2/11
- Betty Smith** 2/12
- Cliff Redig** 2/13
- Tom Crozier** 2/15
- Ginger Embrey** 2/17
- Sharon Crozier** 2/19
- Chris Lovatt** 2/21
- Dorothy Smith** 2/25
- Chuck Slade** 2/25
- Peggy LaBue** 2/26
- Carol Vandaveer** 2/28



- Otto & Bea Putz** 2/01  
42 years
- Dennis & Judy Merens** 2/05  
36 years
- Lee & Judy Jacobson** 2/19  
50 years
- Jim & Avelle Franke** 2/20  
62 years
- Carol & Dorina Forssell** 2/22  
14 years

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Sharon Crozier, Wanda Dopson,  
Joyce Henry, Joy Knepper,  
Ardith Matthews, Becky Sellers,  
Sandra Shouts, Caryl Thornton,  
Linda Wilkes

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Nick Christensen, Pat Cutsinger,  
Jan Galyen, Lee Jacobson,  
Bob Westendorf

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Burt, Karen Hunt, Sue Koch,  
Audrey Johnson, Nancy Lanier,  
Alice Paschal, Tish Payne,  
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thews, Millie  
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Sellers, Anne Solomon, Sharon  
Stark, Marian Stoleson, Patti  
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**MEN OF HONOR BREAKFAST**

Joe Markwell, Larry Jennings,  
Darwin Thornton

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Peggy Thurmond, Jackie Budd,  
Becky Sellers

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**2017 VISTOSO CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

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Members appointed for 2017:

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**OFFICE**



Susan Bong Jan Galyen

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Joe Markwell

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and Tricia Jennings, Phil and Maureen Perkins, Bill and Zamie Studt, Warren and Peggy Thurmond



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Genenne Sexton and Peggy Thurmond



VCC is blessed with all these volunteers who give generously of their time and talent to support our ministry committees. Plus, our Pastor and congregation also minister through countless acts of kindness—comforting phone calls, visits, rides for those who cannot drive, meals in time of need.

Whenever we reach out to those in need, we are serving the Lord who said:

*A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

John 13:34

And now, our Deacons are expanding their efforts to be sure that no one in our congregation is left behind due to illness or other issues that keep them from regularly attending services and fellowshiping with us. And, they are asking for the help of those in the congregation who are willing to assist them in this outreach. You can sign up for the Deacon Army on the little desk just as you go into the Fellowship Hall. On that sign-up sheet, you can also specify what services you feel led to perform