



# The Vistoso Voice

## MEET PAUL AND HOPE TOWNE, OUR NEWEST MISSIONARIES

As many of you know, VCC



stands behind the efforts of Wycliffe Bible Translators in a number of ways. We support both

veteran translators as well as workers at the center in Catalina. Some of our members volunteer at the Wycliffe center and we welcome Wycliffe volunteers who worship with us during the winter months. We are helping to build a church in the village where Sharon Stark translated the New Testament. We also assist with costs of training indigenous pastors from neighboring areas at the same church. Paul and Hope Towne, as second generation Wycliffe support workers, whom God has called to work at Wycliffe's center of operations in Mitla, Mexico, nicely round out VCC's support of Wycliffe in Mexico.

Paul and Hope are both children of Wycliffe missionaries. Paul grew up in the village of Zacatapec, Mexico, where his parents translated the New Testament into a Mixtec language. Hope grew up in Catalina and also spent three years in Mexico during high school, while

her dad provided computer technical support to Bible translators and her mom helped with the Field Education Systems.

Together, Paul and Hope are following the Lord's leading to serve Him in Mexico, Paul as a computer technician, while Hope will run the finance office. Both will be doing jobs that will free up translators to do what they do best—Bible translation!

In the summer and fall of 2016, the Townes spent six months in Mitla, helping in the same areas to which God is again leading them. They plan to leave for Mexico as soon as the Lord finishes raising up a team of prayer and financial supporters. In the interim, they have been attending the Tuesday morning men's and women's Bible studies. We at VCC are blessed to be able to help with Paul and Hope's support needs.

## LUNCHEON



HeartCall Women's Bible Study invites you to their 14th Annual BRING A FRIEND Christmas luncheon at noon on Thursday, December 13, at The Gallery at Dove Mountain. All are asked to bring a wrapped gift with no name and not costing more than \$15. Carpooling will be available from VCC and attendees are responsible for their own lunch. For more information, contact Evelyn Daley, 520-825-4736. A sign-up sheet is located on the shelf in fellowship hall. The LAST DAY to sign up is December 9th.

### Vistoso Church

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Office Hours:

Tue-Thurs: 10 am-2 pm  
Friday: 8 am-12 noon

**Pastor: Kevin Redig**

## DECEMBER

### Christmas Cantata Practice.

The beginning of December is a busy time for our choir. Practices will be held Saturday, December 1 from 9:00-11:30 am, Wednesday, December 5, and Thursday, December 6. beginning at 5:30 pm.

### Christmas Cantata.

The choir will present the *Christmas Dreams* cantata at services Saturday afternoon at 4 pm December 8, and Sunday, December 9, at 9:30 am. Invite a friend to celebrate the Birth of Christ with our choir, accompanying orchestra, narration, and words from our Pastor.



### Search for the Real Mt. Sinai.

Tuesday, December 11, 9:30 am, VCC will present a fascinating movie on the search by two explorers for the real Mt. Sinai where Moses received the ten commandments.

### Wednesdays at 7 pm.

We will have midweek prayer time and Bible Study on December 5, 19, and 26. On Wednesday, December 12, Bible study will be replaced by our quarterly business meeting. Members are urged to attend this important meeting when we elect officers and approve the 2019 budget.



**Christmas Eve.** On Monday, December 24, we will have a special service at 5:00 pm followed by a brief fellowship time.



**THOUGHTS ON THE WORK OF THE SAINTS**

We sing God's praises because He is worthy, we fellowship with one another around the things of the Lord for the strength and encouragement it provides, and we sit under the teaching of the Word for the way in which it equips the saints for the work of the ministry. Let me elaborate further on the *work of the saints*.

During our typically busy fall schedule I have had reason to note the many saints involved in the work of ministry—and I have been greatly blessed by it. As we move into December, we have just completed an intense time of discipleship through our men's and women's Bible studies and HeartCall. I can tell you from first hand observation that it takes a great deal of effort to promote discipleship for as many people as have allowed us to minister to them this past fall. The saints are

at work in everything from leading the ministry, to leading discussions, as well as the set-up and take-down each week.

And, of course, everywhere you look during the coming month of December you will see the work of ministry: Our choir so faithfully practicing on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings—culminating in a Cantata that will be a blessing to so many; our congregation supporting our Christmas missions offering which provides the resources for our Missions Committee to provide monthly support to the missionaries our Committee has so carefully selected (you'll have a chance to meet three of them this coming month); and I would be remiss if I didn't mention those involved in providing refreshments in support of our times of fellowship, week after week they

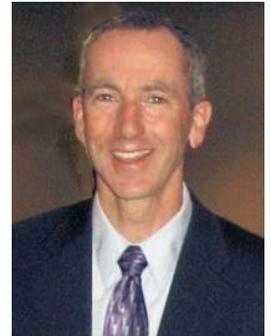
labor, making extra efforts during this holiday time. And, consider those publications which seem to disappear so quickly week after week, there is a small army involved in formatting, editing, and printing. There are many, many more works of ministry going on both visibly and behind the scenes. This is the Body of Christ functioning as it should.

I trust you will join me in praying for all the saints involved in ministry and, in particular, pray that we at VCC never pursue ministry for the sake of busyness; but rather, Soli Deo Gloria, for glory to God alone!

Enjoy the month and its many blessings, and Merry Christmas.

In his grace,

Kevin Redig



**THE ANGLE OF REPOSE**  
BY KATHRYN FARRIS

In 1971 Wallace Stegner wrote a Pulitzer Prize winning book, one that has since been acclaimed as one of the best books of the century. He gave it the intriguing title *The Angle of*

*Repose*, which left many would-be readers saying, "WHAT?" On the last page of the book he described, in non-technical terms, the meaning of The Angle of Repose—"the angle at which two lines prop each other up." The definition fits his book well. Surprisingly, it also fits the model we use for choosing the missionaries who receive support from VCC.

Reaching the angle of repose, leaning together for strength, isn't something that just happens, nor is it easily attained. There is a deliberate process carried out over a period of time to reach that repose where the two come together each being strengthened. A good illustration is the process by which VCC and Gilgal Mission reached the angle of repose.

This relationship began unobtrusively in a Bible study in Saddlebrooke where Zamie Studt and Marian Stolsen, two VCC members, met Leslie Rocco, a board member of Gilgal Mission. Leslie spoke often of the mission and Christobel, its founder and director. In time, Zamie introduced the ministry to Michael Galyen, the VCC missions chairman.

Michael, in turn, invited Leslie to meet with our Missions Committee. Since Leslie is closely connected to Gilgal Missions and Christobel and has visited India to see the mission in action, she was able to give the Missions Committee an overall picture of the organization and the heart of its ministry.

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# MISSIONS REPORT



**The Flying-H Ranch** in Naches, WA, where we support missionaries Richard and Tricia Wagner, operates on a tight budget with little to spare. The Missions committee wanted to bless the boys with something special for Christmas. The young men chose to use the VCC gift for a special night out, with dinner at Hometown Buffet and a movie, plus they will replace some of their old and worn out sports equipment.

**Hikiwan.** Last year Michael Galyen and auto mechanic Chris Terzan, who attends VCC's Friday morning men's Bible study, traveled to the Tohono O'odham village of Hikiwan to repair the Christ Fellowship Community Church van. Recently the van, which is used to transport people to church and other reservation events, needed some additional work to ensure that it was safe to drive. Church member Duncan Estrella was able to bring the van to Chris' repair shop in Catalina. Chris donated the extensive labor to repair the van, and VCC's Mission Committee approved funds to cover the cost of the parts.



Above: Some of the Flying H boys on the hay bales and singing. Richard Wagner, Flying H director, is the leftmost singer.

At left: Chris and Teddy Terzan and Duncan Estrella bonded in Chris' repair shop during the time the Christ Fellowship van was being repaired to make it safe to drive.

Below: Volunteers hard at work at the Dress A Girl sew-a-thon, including VCC's LuAnn Detloff and Jan Galyen.



**Dress A Girl (DAG)** is a nationwide ministry that makes simple, high-quality dresses for young girls in underprivileged areas of the world. At a recent sew-a-thon, the Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene (OVCN) hosted a large group of DAG dress makers with a goal of completing 1200 dresses. Two of those sewing at the all-day event, which filled the OVCN sanctuary, were VCC's LuAnn Detloff and Jan Galyen. The group finished 500 dresses during the sew-a-thon, but the volunteers are continuing to sew on their own and will complete an additional 700 dresses soon.

The material cost for a dress is about \$10 which OVCN covers as part of their ministry. VCC partnered with this ministry with a Missions donation of \$500 to assist in expenses.

**Casa de Hogar.** VCC has been providing point of need support for Casa de Hogar children's home in Mexico through Ravah Ministries. However, Casa de Hogar has broken ties with RAVAH and will not be accepting donations in 2019 as they are moving to a sponsorship type of support.



### The Angle of Repose, Continued from Page 2

The committee reacted favorably to supporting the ministry with the condition that more information about the doctrinal statement be provided. After receiving the additional information, the committee authorized a modest amount to be designated for support.



Over the next 18 months, the committee became more acquainted with this ministry and decided to invite Christobel to visit VCC. In

October, she spoke four times to various groups plus the Sunday

Q&A time. Her story is compelling and the work Gilgal Mission does is extraordinary. Over that weekend Christobel connected powerfully with us and we with her.

Gilgal Mission does a work in India that we cannot do. VCC has come alongside this ministry in prayer, financial support, and love. We stand together strong, united in what God has given each of us to do.

Gilgal Mission and VCC have reached the angle of repose. And what you should know is that we seek to reach this same angle of repose with all the missionaries we support monthly, the special projects with which we are associated, and the many times we are able to reach out and meet a

need. Reaching this angle of repose is what makes a church-directed missions program such a blessing...and quite a bit of work!

The Missions Committee has approved an additional year-end disbursement to assist the Gilgal Mission with their needs.

### A NEW RECORD

This year VCC filled 18 shoeboxes for the Christmas Child Ministry. This is the first year that our total exceeded 100 boxes. Thanks for your generosity!

## ANNIVERSARIES

CJ and Judy Hindman—39 years	12/02
Kevin and Christine West—47 years	12/11
Larry and Carol Arnold—25 years	12/11
David and Barbara Glaser—44 years	12/13
Peter and Cindy Tranvik—31 years	12/13
Donathan Chang and Yoojin Muhn—8 years	12/16
Dan and Marian Stoleson—54 years	12/18
RJ and Dee Wynd—57 years	12/23
Don and Joyce Collier—4 years	12/23
Bill and Zamie Studt—50 years	12/28
Allen and Arlene Burt—62 years	12/28
Larry and Tricia Jennings—39 years	12/29

## BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Wagner	12/01	Josa Heilman	12/16
Jean Deering	12/02	Carol Workman	12/16
Tricia Jennings	12/03	Gain Von Fabrice	12/18
Arlene Kuizema	12/03	Kurt Schulz	12/18
Carolyn Carson	12/03	Richard Williams	12/20
Gary Wilson	12/03	Joan St. Onge-Meder	12/20
Richard Hehir	12/03	Donna Hess	12/21
Carol Arnold	12/04	Darcy Wright	12/22
Richard Flax	12/05	Bob Westendorf	12/24
Zamie Studt	12/07	Jesus Christ	12/25
Marilyn Hartley	12/09	Debra Westendorf	12/28
Jan Young	12/12	Barb Pickering	12/28
Hal Hufford	12/12	Debbie Swank	12/28
Joe Markwell	12/13	Jerry Anderson	12/29