

Greetings from Limon! So much has been happening here in our ministry. We are excited and anxious to bring you up to date with some of the happenings. God continues to place a burden in our hearts for the children, youth, and young adults in our community. It becomes more apparent each day how very much they need a personal relationship with Jesus.

Recently, one of our young men was in a serious motorcycle accident. In our prayer meeting the night of his accident we had a burden to pray against motorcycle accidents and death. We called out everyone we knew in our families and church that has a motorcycle. Little did we know we were interceding specifically for this young man at the very time of his accident. Given the specifics of his accident, it is a miracle he is alive. He has given all Praise to God who saved Him and announced to the church on the first Sunday he was able to worship that he is giving his life to God.

We assist many in the community through our educational outreach. The families of one young man and his two cousins live in poverty. Their home life is very difficult. While helping and interacting with these boys we shared about Jesus, fed them, and invited them to come to the church and youth group. Unfortunately, they took advantage of our help and actually robbed our home. I was very angry and hurt at first, but God placed compassion in my heart. I realized how lost they were, how they felt no hope, and how the choices they were making were destructive. In time I began to pray for them. This past week I was shocked to find out this 15 year old boy died of kidney failure. It grieved my spirit deeply as I do not know if he accepted Christ into his life. My hope is the love and help we shared with him allowed him to see and know Jesus.

Many youth and young adults believe they can live the life they want and when they are "ready," accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. I want them to know and understand they need Jesus NOW!

The church youth and children continue to seek Christ. They study his word and develop a relationship with him in Sunday School, Youth Group, and at Prayer meetings. They rejoice in Him through worship and serve Him through cleaning the church and yard, sharing meals and clean up, dramas, dance, and songs. I want them to learn that we need to choose Jesus every day.

Hearts and Hands for Jesus sponsored a Youth Encounter titled "Celebrate Jesus," with Evangelist Willie Byfield. The goal was to bring youth from different churches together; helping them to know other Christians and providing an opportunity to bring friends that do not attend church anywhere. We plan to hold similar ecumenical youth events several times throughout the year. We had a total of 52 youth and their leaders at this first event! The youth and young adults had interactive activities to get acquainted, they shared special music and dance, worshipped, learned about Jesus, and fellowshiped. The day was a huge success as they sang, "I know Who God says I am, What He says I am, Where He says am at, I know who I am, I am walking in Power, I'm working miracles, I live a Life of Favor, Cause I know who I Am."

As we approach the middle of our school year I am pleased to report the students are doing very well as reflected in the report cards they are sharing with us. Educational support remains a major need for many throughout the year. Students require materials for projects, funds to cover costs for testing, new shoes, uniform replacement, graduation packets, and bus passes. Please continue to support this ministry. Your support shows these families God's Love, brings Hope, and Changes lives.

We just celebrated Pentecost in our Church. This year our church was adorned with two new beautiful Pentecost banners that the youth and young adults made with missionaries Marsha Reiber and Sue Crone earlier this year. During this time they learned the spiritual meanings of the banners and more about each other. Marsha had brought the patterns from her church Shiloh UCC in Pa. Sue took the banner patterns back to her home church, Embrace UMC, in Kentucky. As we move forward in this Pentecostal Season may we realize we NEED JESUS in order to have the Power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

"All Over the World, All Over the World, His Spirit is Moving, All Over the World.
He's Touching the Nations, He's Making Us One
His Spirit it Moving, All Over the World."

Serving Christ in Costa Rica,

Crosby and Sally Johnson

We continue to seek prayer for:

1. God's guidance, healing, and wisdom
2. Health and safety for Crosby and I
3. Creativity and patience working with our students and families
4. Monthly financial support for us and to meet 2019 educational and food needs in the community and church
5. Needed repairs and maintenance at church and mission house
6. For health and safety and increased understanding of what it means to follow Jesus for all we serve through our mission.
7. Youth going to NIKO Camp June 30-July 4
8. Virginia CREW I July 5-12

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