



# FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian  
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MAY 2008

Dear Members and Friends,



In a letter dated October 1, 2007, the Mission Committee and I received a letter from John Chesnut, the Director of SIL, Philippines (*Summer Institute of Linguistics, a sister organization of Wycliffe Bible Translators*), inviting us to join them in the Philippines April 17-22, 2008, "... to celebrate God's goodness to the Kagayanen people through the completed translation of His word. We seek to honor your involvement in this decades-long labor of love by asking you to stand with Scott and Louise MacGregor as they give thanks to God for His enabling of their years of service." The MacGregors began this Bible translation work 32 years ago (!) among the Kagayanen people of the Philippines. *"With thanksgiving to God,"* the director wrote, *"on April 19, 2008, the Kagayanen New Testament, including the book of Genesis, will be dedicated to God and made available to the Kagayanen people."* The letter of invitation concluded, *"thank you for your persevering commitment to Scott and Louise over these past years."*

Oh, how would I loved to have gone; however, it just wasn't feasible. Greenwood Community Church has been supporting the MacGregors since 1997, we've been honored to have them visit our church three separate occasions in those years, and they have been so very faithful in keeping us thoroughly informed of their ministry ... I feel I know them well, even though we've only met face to face a few times, and I know some of you share that sentiment. This past Thursday I received the following brief note from Scott and Louise, accompanying a Philippines News Agency news release:

Thursday afternoon, 24 April 2008 -- This morning the last of our International guests left for home culminating a month of dedications of the Kagayanen New Testament and the book of Genesis. In conjunction with the April 19 dedication celebration was a Wycliffe Vision Trip for approximately seventy international guests from seven different countries. We were also blessed by the attendance of a number of leaders within the family of Wycliffe organizations, as well as local government and church leaders. We were moved by the Kagayanen men and women who told of how this Kagayanen Bible has changed their attitude towards their own language and culture. We were lifted by the music of the Tatos Ta Mga Kagayanen group who wrote and played several songs for the dedications. We were thrilled to hear our International guests express their joy at being able to be present for this memorable event.

#### PHILIPPINES NEWS AGENCY : BIBLE TRANSLATION HELPS KAGAYANEN REGAIN IDENTITY

MANILA -- The lifetime work of an American couple has borne fruit with the landmark Kagayanen translation of the new testament which was presented recently at the Convention Hall of the Legend Hotel in Puerto Princesa City Palawan.

Husband and wife Scott and Louise MacGregor of the Summer Institute for Linguistics (SIL) immersed themselves with an indigenous peoples group for 32 years from 1976 up to the present to deeply understand the Kagayanen language.

Education Secretary Jesli Lopus, Chairman of the SIL Advisory Council, spoke before foreign and local guests during the Kagayanen New Testament and Genesis dedication. "To actually read the Kagayanen language in its written form to understand better the word of God is the most amazing dimension to the whole project," said Lopus. "This is a multi-sectarian effort where language and community come first," Lopus added. "We thank SIL for being with us as we keep our commitment to massively reduce illiteracy," he said.

The Kagayanens have taken pride in this project as it now helps them to regain their identity. There are some 6,000 Kagayanens in Cagayancillo, Palawan and more than 10,000 others all through out the main island of Palawan.



(from a 2003 Christmas card) *Slamat Gid!* is the Kagayanen equivalent for "Thank you!" *Slamat gid* for your faithful support of Bible translation among the Kagayanen people in the Philippines throughout this past year. We look forward to the day when we will see and touch the fruit of our labors. Scott and Louise MacGregor

Schumacher-MacGregor Families  
Nasuli, Bukidnon, Philippines

Congratulations, Scott and Louise! Greenwood Community Church is humbled by and grateful for the privilege of being able to help support your dedicated work and pioneering ministry. "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

*Stephen L. Clark, Pastor*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

[christianed@gccp.org](mailto:christianed@gccp.org)

### News from the Sunday School

Thanks again to all those who assisted with the Heifer Collections! This year we were able to raise over \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of some animals! I will let you know which animals the Sunday School votes for! It was another great year of success with the Sunday School Mission projects thanks to the hard work of the teachers, students and the whole congregation. THANK YOU!



### Upcoming Dates to Note:

Confirmation Sunday	May 11
Youth Sunday	May 18
No Sunday School	May 25
Last day for Sunday School	June 8

### Whats Going on in Adult Sunday School

We're currently meeting the apostles. What a fascinating group of individuals. Find out what makes this unlikely group tick. So far we've met Andrew, Matthew, Thomas and Judas. Missed a class? Don't worry: go to the church website at [www.gccp.org](http://www.gccp.org) click on *Christian Education* then *Adult Christian Ed* then *Meet the Apostles*. From there you can browse through a class you missed, review a class or share it with a friend. Thanks, Dave Williams, for putting this great series together. No class on May 25.

### Web Site

Check out the new web site at [www.gccp.org](http://www.gccp.org). Register as a new user and you're off! Our calendar is now online and up-to-date. If you have an event you would like listed or if you would like your existing listing jazzed up, let us know. More information to come on our new website.

### Pyf News

Check out the new Youth Group (PYF) page on [www.gccp.org](http://www.gccp.org). It's still a work in process so feel free to make suggestions. We will be uploading photos from our retreats and mission trips in the coming weeks/months. All photos will be group shots and will not identify any individuals by name. If anyone does not wish to have their photo on the website just let us know. Contact us at [pyf@gccp.org](mailto:pyf@gccp.org). We just completed an overnight lock-in at the church as well as a camping retreat. So if you see any cranky leaders it's due to lack of sleep. We would also like to thank everyone for their support of the *Soup and Sandwich* lunch and we are looking forward to the *Mother's Day Brunch*.



### Upcoming events in PYF:

Church clean up / Work day	May 10
Mother's Day Brunch	May 11
Mission Trip to PA	July 28 - Aug 1

### Coming Soon

<u>Who?</u>	Matt Barber
<u>What?</u>	Young Adult <b>S</b> unday <b>S</b> chool Class
<u>Where?</u>	In a Church Parlor near you
<u>When?</u>	Fall of 2008 and will go through summer
<u>Why?</u>	Through summer so those college kids can have something when they return home.
<u>How?</u>	Jesus!



Steve Nazareth  
Christian Education Chair

# Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2008



## Treasures of the Nile On an Expedition to Jesus

July 14 – July 18, 9:30am – 12noon  
Ages 4 – entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Come discover the greatest treasure  
of all at this year's VBS!

We'll venture up the Nile River in Ancient Egypt, explore pyramids and learn that God Plans, God Sees, God Empowers and God Saves as we go back in time to the Egypt of the Old Testament. Of course there will be songs at Riverbank Praises, crafts to be made at the Bazaar, loads of games at Chariots of Fun and snacks to keep us going at Pharaoh's Phood Court. Our last day will bring relief from the desert sun at our famous VBS Living Water Park right in our own front yard!

You won't want to miss a single minute, so watch for the sign up information in Fellowship Hall beginning this month. We always need more expedition guides, so if you are willing and able to help with VBS, please see Lisa David.



### THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

**“And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)**



The Investment Committee met recently and discussed how to best manage the Church's investments going forward. The objective was to ensure the excellent return we have experienced since the inception of the Memorial and Endowment Fund. It has been the earnings from these investments that have funded many improvements to our church and from time to time helped us meet our operating expenses.

The committee has forwarded to the Session for its approval two recommendations to improve upon the timeliness of the management of our investments in volatile financial times like we are currently experiencing. The Stewardship Committee is very appreciative of the work of the committee. The committee is chaired by Karen Grande. Current members are: Robert Gungle, Eric Robinson, Stephen Nazareth, Thomas Mays and Norbert Morin.

**“In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.  
We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” (Romans 12:5-6a)**

Blessings,  
The Stewardship Committee

## 39er's MAY GATHERING

Timmy's One Bay Avenue  
In Oakland Beach  
Wednesday, **May 21** - 11:30 AM

### Menu

*Ham or Baked Scrod, Salad, Coffee or Tea, Dessert*

**Cost: \$12.00**

### Program in Fellowship Hall

**The "ROMPS"** (Retired Old Men Playing Swing)  
Music from the 1930's and 1940's

If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Linda Gungle @828-7687.



## Save the Date!

### **Church Spring Work Day**

Saturday, May 10, 8am to 4 pm

\*  
and out.

There is plenty of work for all, the skilled and the novice, indoors

- \* Come for all or part of the day.
- \* Sample jobs: cleaning the flower beds, raking, painting, washing windows, cleaning toys, patching the parking lot, and more!
- \* Food and good fellowship besides!
- \* Come and share your time and talents, make new friends, and help us get the church building and grounds all cleaned up for Pentecost, Confirmation and Mother's Day on May 11!

We're looking forward to seeing you there.

The Building and Grounds Committee  
Elaine Magyar, Chair



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BULLETIN

Last month we looked at the kinds of items you'll find in the Country/General Store area of our Christmas bazaar. This month we highlight the **Bake Shop** and **Christmas** areas.

In the Bake Shop you will find all sorts of delicious baked and not-baked goods to please your palate. If you attend our May Breakfast, you know that Greenwood Community Church counts among its members many bakers and cooks of yummy treats. They will supply this area with a wonderful variety of foods that you'll want to take home for yourself, your family and friends.

The Christmas area features a variety of wonderful products that the members of PW's Circle VII create throughout the year. Additionally, other PW members contribute more hand-crafted Christmas items to this part of the bazaar. A very special part of the Christmas area is the selection of fresh greens that Circle VII members make up into wreaths, centerpieces, and other decorations. Come early to enjoy the selection as well as the wonderful smell.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

### West Bay Christian Academy

We welcomed Carey Jeffrey and Andrea Medeiros (parent) from West Bay Christian Academy at our April 3<sup>rd</sup> Mission Committee meeting who spoke with us about this local Christian school. We heard a summary of the mission of the school and their plans for expansion of their physical plant.

Ms. Jeffrey offered appreciation for Greenwood's support of the school. "West Bay Christian Academy's success is largely due to the relationships we have with many churches throughout the region. It is our desire to continue these partnerships with churches and families as we raise our children to be tomorrow's Christian leaders."



### Angel Tree

We have begun early planning for the 2008 Angel Tree Program at Greenwood. The Mission Committee has requested sixty (60) child referrals for this Christmas' program. Stay tuned!

### World Vision Child Sponsorship

A few months ago, Tessa Will, Child Ambassador representing the World Vision Child Sponsorship program, met with the Mission Committee to outline their program.

"For more than fifty years, World Vision has been helping children and their communities around the world move from poverty to fullness of life -- providing not only the physical resources but also the encouragement and empowerment they need to take ownership of their future and continue to improve their health and quality of life.

Child sponsorship provides the basic necessities that can help a child reach his or her God-given potential, including access to things such as safe water, better nutrition, basic health care, educational opportunities and economic development opportunities for his or her family, community and other children in need."

### Prayer Requests from Supported Missionaries

Walter, LouAnne, Christina, & Emily Copeland with TEAM/Kobe, Japan - (April 12) *Please continue to pray for Pastor Wakasa that God will sustain his health as he leads the church this year at 81 years old. Also, that a pastor of God's choice will be chosen to pastor the church from next April. One of our goals this year is to be in prayer for God's leading in our next assignment as church planters in Japan. Where will we go? With whom will we work? Where will we live? These are big questions that loom ahead of us, but we are thankful as you pray along with us that He will be revealing the answers in His timing.*

### Mission Descriptions

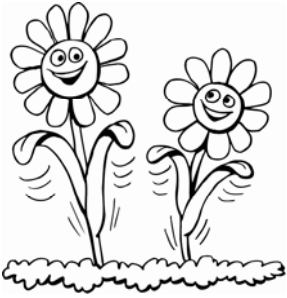
If you have not picked up a copy of the a two-page description summary of the missions that are supported by Greenwood through the Mission Committee, please take one from the table in the narthex or in the Mission Literature Rack in Fellowship Hall. You are also encouraged to select mission literature of interest from the rack and share it with your family.

The Mission Committee:

*Henry Ruppenthal, Chair; Jane Geary, Vice-Chair*

*Myrle Dean, Emmy Kmet, Chris Nazareth, Debra Stacey*

## NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



If you receive this issue before May 3, you still have time to treat yourself to a wonderful time of food and fellowship at our annual May Breakfast (May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-10:30 a.m.). This is a uniquely RI event and should not be missed!!!

Several members of Greenwood PW were able to attend the regional meeting of PW in the Presbytery of Southern New England that was held on April 26 at Woodbury Union, our sister Presbyterian church in Warwick. We now have a member of Greenwood PW on the Coordinating Team of PWPSNE, Nancy Collins, who will be the new mission chair, now called *Together in Service*.

The last meeting of Circle I, our Bible study circle, will conclude their study of Ruth on May 27. Next year we will study Luke, concentrating on some of the unique aspects of Jesus' life and teaching as revealed in the gospel of Luke.

Circle III has had several 'telephone chats' with Carol Snyder at our recent Circle Meetings. She and Ron have already transferred their membership to a large Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine, Fla. We miss Carol in Circles I and III and know she will be an asset to the PW group in her new church.

From Church Signs for May 1<sup>st</sup> –

***Singing is like praying twice.***

Betty Stacey  
for Presbyterian Women

## BAR CODES & BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

This year's collection of Campbell bar codes and Box Tops for Education will be mailed on May 15, 2008 to the Plateau Home School in Lansing, Tennessee. Please continue to save the Campbell bar codes and Box Tops for Education as this is a continuous project. Thank you to all who have contributed to this worthwhile project. Our donation is very much appreciated.

Marge Platt  
for Presbyterian Women

## CIRCLE NEWS for MAY

May marks the last set of regular Circle meetings for the year, as in June most Circles enjoy more informal social get-togethers. At the May meetings we will fill out our Circle Choice forms for next year, so be thinking about the future! Extra forms are always available in the narthex or from any officer, and we urge you to take a look and hopefully join us next fall. But first, let's take a look at our May schedule:

Circle I – will meet on Tuesday, May 27, at 1:00 PM in the parlor for their Bible study on "Ruth". All are welcome.

Circle III - will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 13, at Joan-Sandra McKnight's for a hymn sing.

Circle IV - will meet on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 PM in the church parlor. They will have a pound auction.

Circle V - will meet with the MS Group on Wednesday, May 7, at church at 10:30 AM.

Circle VII – will meet on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 PM at Lynda Baker's to work on Bazaar projects.



***Blessings to all the moms on Mother's Day!***

Karen Baxter  
Circle Coordinator

## MIKE-ee's MUSINGS

First, let me tell you what prompted this musing. One who had heard the story asked if it would be too much of an imposition submitting it to Fishermen's News. So here goes.

On Sunday, September 9, 2008, Mike-ee sat in the narthex as usual listening to Pastor Clark's sermon ... excerpts from Max Lucado's book *And the Angels were Silent*, which gave a history of a caring San Francisco congregation to that congregation's descent. The People's Temple moved to Guyana, and too soon its infamous Jamestown Massacre occurred. "Perhaps if the members of the People's Temple had recognized – and taken seriously – the fact that all Christians are called to be priests of God ... each responsible to personally know God's word and each responsible to personally seek God's will and each responsible to personally test the spirits ... they might be alive today." ...when suddenly a very loud bell rang out in Mike-ee's belfry!

Just two days before this sermon he had been rummaging through tons of accumulated flotsam and found about a hundred negatives which were taken 65 years ago with a Graphlex camera, the prime photo instrument of the era. These had been presented to Mike-ee by Col. Love, military historian at Wright Patterson AFB. They were misplaced and never printed. How does this relate to Steve's sermon?

Mike-ee has **two "unfond" memories** related to British Guyana. On the day of the Pearl Harbor attack, Mike-ee & Donna became engaged. Upon returning to duty as Sgt-o-the-Guard at Wright Patt. AFB, it was his chore to secure the air base ... better known as "the dual engagement" ... Mike-ee's and Japan's.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Mike-ee and Donna Wilgus became one ... then he became designated Flight Chief on a secret mission, en route to Recife and Natal in a negotiating gesture with the government of Brazil. Mike-ee was placed in charge of the cargo manifest and the maintenance of 12 aircraft. He was also official photographer with unlimited access privileges. West Palm Beach was the debarkation point. As the fleet approached a potential Caribbean landing site, the C-47 would circle the field while Mike-ee photographed from all angles. Upon landing, more photos showed potential service and housing facilities.

Mike-ee's C-47 "was aching" so there was a brief layover in Georgetown, British Guyana while Mike-ee "administered the pills". He parked the girl on an off-ramp near the runway, found a ladder and did the "doctoring". He was hot and thirsty ... Mike-ee took a long swig from a bubbler ... and thus began the **first "unfond memory"** of Guyana. Mike-ee got dysentery, which slimmed his waistline considerably. However, the mission remained "interesting" ... landing on a sod field jungle outpost near the Amazon, refueling 12 aircraft by hand-pumping from 55-gallon steel drums, being paddled to a stilted grass hut village by natives in a 20 foot leaking dugout canoe, partaking in native custom ... visitors sharing a quaff of home-brew with the village chieftain ... viewing black panther paw prints or a 25 foot snake.

The journey ended in Natal where the combat aircraft were swapped for landing rights on Brazilian soil ... this was the jump-off area for the combat zones. Upon return to the States, Mike-ee's close buddy paid a visit. He was unaware of Mike-ee's cruise. Donna had been on the job at a radio station and getting the apartment in shape. She tilted the beam at less than a hundred pounds. Don took one look at this "diminished" couple and jokingly remarked, "Are you two sure that this marriage thing is good for you?" ...

Back to the sermon: In October of 1972, Mike Prokes, a newsman/photographer from Modesto, CA was dispatched to do an expose on Jim Jones and the People's Temple. In the process he became very impressed with the group's activities, which resulted in an offer of Public Relations Executive from Jim Jones. He was a real communicator, had a pilot's license, mingled with well-educated clientele, and had been an outstanding high school football player. Just prior to the Jonestown massacre Mike's mother Mary, a devout Christian Scientist planned a visit to Guyana ... fortunately her departure was delayed.

It is still unknown how Mike was able to avoid detection despite the international alert, in making his way from Georgetown to Modesto. Shortly after his arrival he agreed to an interview with the police and news media. Partway through the grilling, he excused himself to go to the restroom. Seconds later a gunshot was heard, he had put a pistol to his head to end it all ... resigned to relieve himself of a guilt-ridden life for having been involved in the death of hundreds of people. This ... the **Unfond Memory #2**.

Mike Prokes was Mike-ee's nephew and namesake. Needless to say, our families were devastated by his departure. A few months before the Guyana disaster, Mike had phoned me from Boston and I planned to visit him in hopes of gaining some insight regarding the Temple sect. His stay in Boston was too brief for a visit. His dad, Tom had played semi-pro ball and Mike-ee had attended all of his practice sessions which were at Mike-ee's high school football field in a suburb of Cleveland. A big plus ... he was privileged to be on the sidelines of the newly built Waterfront Stadium during the championship playoffs. (Tom and Marg arranged a huge homecoming for Mike-ee when he returned from overseas combat duty in 1945 ... friends and relatives from all over Ohio and Pennsylvania attended.)

Footnote: Belated photos will appear on the "Presby Profiles" bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for Listenin'  
Mike-ee



**HOSPITALIZED since the last issue:**

Ruth Gorton      Dan Hayman  
Doreen Harrop    Kathy Cheney  
Cheryl Bullock

**SYMPATHY is extended to:**

Sandy Murray on the loss of her mother on March 30 in Ohio.

Glenn Fairbairn and family on the loss of his mother in Ohio on April 18

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A baby boy, Shane William, born to Sarah and Andrew Fraser on Saturday, March 22. Big brother is Ryan, Grandmother is Anne Fraser and Aunt is Jean Greco. Congratulations to all!

A baby girl, Isabel Jean, born to Becky and Jorge Sanchez deLozada on April 11. Grandmother is Jean Brown and proud great-grandmother is Barbara Kendall.

Congratulations to Barry & Karen Baxter who have a new granddaughter, Lillian Grace, born to Eric & Kelly Baxter on April 20.

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

Congratulations to Ron & Wilma Swanson who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on May 24!

**CONGRATULATIONS, DEB!!!**

At the recent annual meeting of the RI Family Shelter, **Deb Stacey** was presented with their 'Volunteer of the Year' award. Deb has been on the Board of Directors for many years and is also secretary for the board.

**GRADUATION Congratulations!**

Sarah Hurd, a Dean's List student, will graduate from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst on May 24 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management.

Please submit any graduation information by the deadline (May 11) and help us include all our graduates in the final issue of the season!



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- Joyce Alexander
- Nancy Allen
- Logan Barnes
- Karen Baxter
- Jeff Black
- Don Boyle
- Bob Brown
- Cheryl Casinelli
- Lisa Curry
- Madison Damm
- Dave Dickerman
- Jon Farnsworth
- Bernie Ferrante
- Brad Fink
- Kathryn Flannery
- Andrew Fraser
- Chris Gastall
- Frank Geary
- Gillian Gillard
- Joanne Giroux
- LuAnn Grafe
- Florence Hachadorian
- Joe Hurtubise
- Jaime Jacobs
- Courtney Jacobsen
- Rowen Klyberg
- Dayna Krahenbill-Pickup
- Nick LaBanca
- Shelby Mahoney
- Trey McCaffrey
- Betty McLeod
- Leana Nordstrom
- Charlotte Paquette
- Philip Paquette
- Wendy Petrucci
- Peg Phillips
- John Pickup
- Mike Quigley
- Scott Ruhren
- Becky Sanchez de Lozada
- Kate Snyman
- Mike Snyman
- Heather Soave
- Anne Svenevis
- Becky Tanner
- Betty Tanner
- Chris Walstead
- Corey Walstead
- Tara Weathers

DEADLINE for **Summer FISHERMEN'S NEWS** is **May 11**.  
Please leave articles in the church office or e-mail to: [Karen52542@AOL.com](mailto:Karen52542@AOL.com)  
(please include Fishermen's News in the Subject line.)



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