



Special points of interest:

Coming soon:

- Trustee's Update
- Mission Update
- Evangelism Update

“Mission”

A Note From Pastor Kevin Slough

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Greetings with the love of Christ! As many of you know I was on mission in Telica Nicaragua from Dec. 28 – Jan 13. I had a wonderful time that was filled with the Lord revealing glimpses of the Kingdom all day long. My experience serving the Lord was awesome and amazing to the point that once again I have been transformed through my encounters with Christ. The people I served and served with were a true blessing.

Following is a description of our average day in Telica: Between the roosters and church bells blaring we were all awake and up around 6AM. After 20 people had finished using the same bathroom we would gather at about 7AM for coffee, cereal, and rice and beans! Prior to eating a different person each day would offer a devotion, lead a song, and offer morning prayer.

By 8AM we would arrive at the school to be greeted by around 200 children eagerly awaiting VBS. VBS ended each day around 11:30AM and was followed by a meeting with all teachers. Around 12:30PM everyone gathered for lunch and conversation. Lunch consisted of meat, tortilla shells, plantains, and rice and beans. Around 1:30PM we would arrive at one of the construction sites where we would dig, mix concrete, lay brick, and drink lots of water!

Typically, around 5:00PM everyone would magically appear from their perspective

ministries in need of a shower in prior to dinner at 6PM...And some did not!! Dinner was usually meat, plantains, and of course rice and beans. From the time we would be finished with the work day through the time we would go to bed around 10PM there were numerous children and adults that we would play games with, hug, and simply spend time with.

This was the average day for many while on mission. There were many other things going on by different people each day as well. One person did all the finances for the entire trip, many would go for a few hours to the public market for our food, some spent the afternoon preparing for the next day of VBS, some worked construction all day long in the heat, some would organize the clothing drive while others would go to homes built by us years ago to repair, and others would pour out their love on the children all day long!

As a result of our mission trip; lives were transformed, 4 homes were built, 6 homes were repaired, over 200 children heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and 38 teenagers confessed Jesus to be their personal Savior and Lord, medical equipment was delivered, clothing and shoes were distributed, numerous children received

uniforms for school and supplies, a few young adults have been enrolled in college with tuition paid, jobs were created to finish the construction work and so much more. The most important result I saw from everyone involved in this mission trip was the fact that God received all the glory and praise for everything!! It was an amazing and wonderful journey.

As I mentioned in a recent sermon based from 1 Samuel 3: 1-20, “Telica Nicaragua is not everyone’s calling from the Lord, but for every person there does exist a calling from the Lord! When we take the time to listen for God’s voice we become the answer to someone’s prayer. How awesome is that?”

I wanted to give all of you a brief description of what I was doing while away for almost three weeks. I want to thank each of you for supporting me in this mission trip and to let you know all of us that went could feel the presence of your prayers in our hearts and are grateful for them. As great an experience I had while on mission, I also wanted to let each of you know that I missed you and am so glad to be back at home with you.

I would love to sit down with you and hear about what you feel the Lord is calling you to do in 2012 and help make that dream a reality for you. My phone is always on and my heart is always open for you.

May you know how much you are loved by God and your Pastor!

Peace and Grace, PK

Fellowship Notes

In January we did a soup luncheon for the whole church. We also did a wine tasting party for the adults. Everyone enjoyed the time to share the evening together.

We are looking forward to February, you think of Valentine's Day. Our committee will celebrate

Valentine's day by giving everyone a treat on 2/12/2012.

Then as we look forward to March and spring there will be a Pasta luncheon on March 11.

Looking way ahead on May 12 we are having a Mother and daughter

lunch. The cost will be \$5 per person. So mark your calendar.

If we take it one day at a time that means we are getting closer to spring. We need to be so thankful for the mild winter.

In God's Love,
Marilynn Amberger



Trustees Notes

Greetings from the Trustees of East Rochester UMC.

We would like to thank everyone who helped so far with keeping the walk cleared of snow and ice, thankfully it hasn't been much.

We had the carpets cleaned, please try to keep our rugs looking great, be careful with your drinks.

And as you have noticed we now have a new sign for the church. Thank you all who contributed.

We are looking forward to spring and will be looking for volunteers to mow and do general gardening.

God bless you all,
The Trustees

Christian Education & Discipleship Ministry Notes

With the New Year beginning I am going to try a few new things for the children. In order to encourage all of the children to sit quietly with their families, I am going to create a reward system. Every week each child will have the chance to earn a sticker for sitting in church for the whole service without being disruptive. After 4 stickers have been earned, a small prize will be given. (Thank you to Jen for donating some

great prizes) Hopefully a lot of prizes will be given in the coming months. Let's all help the children of the church be successful in this by giving them gentle reminders to stay seated with their families.

Sunday school has been such a joy. During the month of December we talked about the birth of Jesus. The children made some beautiful angels to decorate the trees that were put up in the church. Thank

you to Allison for planning lessons and teaching the children in January. We are so blessed to have the time with the children to teach them and watch them grow in their faith. Please remember that Sunday school begins at 9:45 and you are always welcome to bring some friends along! Thanks to all who have donated craft items, books and personal time to make Sunday school fun for the children. If any-

one would like to help in any way let me know.

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Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" Matthew 19:14



Mission Corner

This year was successful as all the other in the past, we had 4 pastor and 1 deacon as well as several special missionary people willing to go the extra mile to serve the Lord.

The devotions were share by all the pastors and some missionaries every day, we were able to work together as a family and accomplished more than what we all set up to do, even though we had 6-7 missionaries got sick with a virus *(one of us carried with us from the States) we managed to complete all the work we set up to do and more.

We were able to work on building 3 homes, and fix 4 and left money to complete the 5 house . This makes a total of 30-31? homes since 2003.

We did VBS for over 200 children and purchase

food for all of them as well . We brought 16 little bags made by one of the missionary and fill it up with goodies for each one of the local teachers that help us with the teaching of the VBS.

We had the help of several young adult that are being sponsor for college and middle to high school. This young adults that volunteer their time for the time we were there. This Young Adults are leaning English to be able to help us in the future. (pay it forward system).

We were able to purchase 47 complete uniforms (shirt, under shirt pants, skirts, shoes, socks, belts book bags, 100 notebooks and 300 pen and pencils), we had some school supplies left from the VBS and this were left to the teachers at the tutoring program.

We distributed clothing to several families starting with the ones we build a house for and some of the families we had served in the past.

We brought 102 Anger of Mercy dresses many of them were made by our members, my work office at Monroe County DSS and other churches .

Our Dentist was able to do a presentation on how to clean and keep your teeth clean and healthy through a video presentation in Spanish of (Bob Esponja) Sponge Bob, distributed over 300 tooth paste, tooth brushes, as well as being able to fix over 174 people teeth in desperate need of pain release .

We donated several suite cases full of medical supplies, as well as a wheel chair to the free local clinic.

We purchase medicine for two families and some of our missionaries purchase food, and other items for children and families they made a connection with.

We hope that after 1/31/12 we will be able to collect videos and pictures to make a church presentation so you will be able to see all it was done.

We the mission group want to thank you all, who help one way or another, with the preparation of the mission trip because without your help the group missionaries who went wouldn't be able to accomplish all that was done on this trip.

So Thank you . Halyma Chevez



Adult Spiritual Growth Opportunities

The adult Sunday School class meets on Sundays at 9:45am with our present study, [A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23](#). The book has been giving us additional information on sheep and shepherds and how their relation to this Psalm and also our lives.

We will take a break from this study during Lent. We have decided to undertake

Adam Hamilton's Lente study, "24 Hours That Changed The World." A DVD is included as part of the study and there will be material for the children as well as the adults. The lessons will inform us and challenge us as we examine our relationship with God.

In addition, the Wednesday morning Bible study will

also be doing the same study as the Sunday school.

Please join either group this Senten season as we seek to draw ever closer to Him.

Pastor Carol

Evangelism Notes

Well, it's time for another newsletter update. The website is caught up to date with video's and the newsletter will be added shortly. The dvd to welcome people and give them an idea of what our church is about is done. Now on to the new. Evangelism conjures up



visions of going door to door, and getting those doors closed on you as you begin witnessing to the person who opened them, at least it does for me. Many, many years ago I went to a church that seriously believed in going door to door. This was well before the personal computers we have now. Anyways, it was (and still is) a scary proposition for someone who is not blessed with that gift.

So, how do we "evangelize" others? We all have some gift or another and we need to figure it out with God's help. Some are gifted with music, others are made to be Pastors, or teachers, or artists, writers, you name it. But what if you aren't good with any of that? How about just living your faith, let people see Christ in your life in all you do.

There are two quotes by St. Francis of Assisi I really like: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary

use words." and "The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

So chin up, we all really do have a ministry to evangelize others whether we think so or not even if it is just by living the Gospel.

Every blessing to you,
Jeannine F McMullen



**Jesus Christ said:
"the Son of Man
came to serve, not
to be served"**

Worship Notes

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him

upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." **Psalm 150:1-6 (KJV)**

Do you wish that we could try something new in the service? Have a favorite song that we haven't sung in a while? Do you have a talent for decorating or sewing or flower arranging? If so, the worship committee needs your help! Please let me

know if you are interested!

In God's Love,
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Calendar for February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 10:30a to noon w/lunch	2	3	4
5 Worship 10:45 AM	6 Girl Scouts Div 7pm until ?	7	8 Bible Study 10:30 to noon w/lunch	9	10	11
12 Worship 10:45 AM 5-7 pm Emmaus	13	14	15 Bible Study 10:30 to noon w/lunch Girl Scouts 6:30p— 7:30p	16	17	18
19 Worship 10:45 AM	20	21	22 Bible Study 10:30 to noon w/lunch ASH WED service at Elmgrove at 7PM	23	24	25
26 Worship 10:45AM	27	28	29 Bible Study 10:30 to noon w/lunch			

Calendar for March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Worship 10:45 AM	5	6	7 Bible Study 10:30 to noon w/lunch	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:45 AM 5-7 pm Emmaus DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS!	12 Girl Scouts #44 5p til ?	13	14 Bible Study 10:30 to noon w/lunch Girl Scouts 6:30p-7:30p	15	16	17
18 Worship 10:45 AM	19	20	21 Bible Study 10:30 to noon w/lunch	22	23	24
25 Worship 10:45AM	26 Girl Scouts #44 5p til ?	27	28 Bible Study 10:30 to noon w/lunch Girl Scouts 6:30p-7:30p	29	30	31

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Poem of the Month

ARE YOU SAVED?

Are you saved tonight?
Where would you go
To heaven above
Or to hell below

Do you know the Saviour
Is He livin in your heart
If you don't
It's time to make a start

Because if you died tonight
Without knowing Him
You'd be lost forever
Tormented because of sin

There'd be no crystal shores
No one to take your hand
Only pain and torment
In a hellish land

So get right with God
Ask the Saviour in
Let Him change your life
Cleanse you from your sin

Do it before it's too late
Know His peace and love
Know when it's time to go
You have a home up above

Jeannine Faith