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Our Task at Hand

In our small group meeting last night, we were discussing different religions. We discussed the fact that there are roughly 2.5 billion Christians in the world. From a distance, that number seems impressive. However, when you compare that to the 4 billion people that haven't accepted Jesus as their Savior, it puts our task at

hand into perspective.

"You shall be witnesses to Me..." (Acts 1:8). How many of us are willing to spend every bit of our nervous, mental, moral, and spiritual energy for Jesus Christ? That is what God means when He uses the word witness. But it takes time, so be patient with yourself.

Am I willing to

be broken bread and poured-out wine for Him? Am I willing to be of no value to this age or this life except for one purpose and one alone - to be used to disciple men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ? Our task at hand does not start with the 4 billion people that don't know Jesus...it starts with us accepting the challenge to be a disciple.

by Tracy Sutliff

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Cory and Cassidy Fountain are missionaries that Cross Lane supports. They serve with Team Expansion.

Jesus asks His disciples a simple question; 'who do the crowds say I am?'. The answer is, in a sense, confusion. There were competing theories about who Jesus was, probably a reincarnation of one of the great prophets, but which one? The fact of the matter is that the folks in 'the crowds' just did not know what to make of Jesus. Then Jesus asks His disciples, 'but what about you guys?'. Of course Peter steps in and answers before anyone else has a chance to, and his answer has become known as The Good Confession. I would be willing to bet that nearly all of us who have been immersed repeated the words of Peter just before our baptism. "You are the

Christ, the Son of the Living God". I couldn't tell you how many times I have read this passage of Scripture, but as I read it again recently something really struck me. You have to understand something about 'the crowds'. It might be easy to dismiss the fact that the crowds hadn't really figured Jesus out, because they were, after all, just part of the crowd. But don't forget that a large number of these people were a regular fixture in the crowd as it moved along with Jesus. If the disciples had passed around pew attendance cards at Jesus' gatherings, a large portion of the crowd would have checked "Regular Attendee". But even 'regular attendance' was not sufficient for these people to get an accurate picture of who Jesus was. It took Peter, who easily had one of the most intimate relationships with

Jesus of anyone, to clear up His true identity. Peter went miles beyond 'regular attendee' status in order to get the full view of Jesus. They lived together, travelled together, ate together, slept near one another, for over two years in order to reach that kind of intimacy. We want to give people, who might otherwise never had the chance, the opportunity to get to know Jesus for themselves. Many people have a fuzzy or incomplete picture, just like the crowds in the Gospels. So we know it will take more than a casual introduction to Jesus, it will require a deep and abiding commitment, living out Jesus' character with them in intimate ways. Pray with me that more and more previously unreached people will come to know Jesus in a personal and powerful way once and for all!

by Cory Fountain

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ June 2nd - Christian Women's Fellowship
- ◆ June 7th - Barefoot Sunday
- ◆ June 28th - Who Would Jesus Feed?
- ◆ July 7th - Christian Women's Fellowship
- ◆ July 16th - Blood Drive
- ◆ July 25th - Community Care Day
- ◆ July 26th - Who Would Jesus Feed?
- ◆ July 26th - 31st: Vacation Bible School

Visit the calendar at www.clcchurch.com for a complete listing of events.

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Congratulations 2009 High School Graduates!

As the 2008-2009 school year comes to an end, we want to congratulate the High School seniors that attend Cross Lane. We have been able to see many of them grow up through the years and can remember when they were just little tykes. Others have joined us more recently, but are still a big part of our family. Nonetheless, we are proud of all of our graduates!

We have several students that graduated from Terre Haute North. They include **Vanessa Bruner** (daughter of Donna Bruner), **Stacey**

Cuthbertson (daughter of Troy and Cheryl Cuthbertson), **Kelsey McHenry** (daughter of Mark and Amy McHenry), **Austin Stewart** (son of Greg and Lynette Stewart), **Jordan Willocks** (son of Dave and Michelle Willocks) and **Bennett Wilson** (son of Brett and Myra Wilson).

We have one graduate from Terre Haute South. He is **Michael Nasser** (son of Steven and Kelly Nasser). We also have one graduate from West Vigo. She is **Katelynn Ramsey** (granddaughter of Max and Vickie Ramsey).

We also want to recognize graduate **Samuel Walden**. Sam is the son of Rick and Kathy Walden, missionaries in Thailand that Cross Lane supports.

We congratulate all of our graduates on a job well done and will be praying that the next step of their life be filled with success and that they will always keep Jesus in the midst of all that they do.



“GLORY TO GOD IN
THE HIGHEST, AND
ON EARTH PEACE
TO MEN ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR RESTS.”-
LUKE 2:14

2nd Annual Barefoot Sunday

Soles4Souls has a simple mission - to collect new and ‘gently worn’ shoes to donate to victims of natural disasters and those living in extreme poverty. One of the core groups that help transform its mission from a simple idea into a living example of God’s love is the church.

On Sunday, June 7th, Cross Lane Community Church and hundreds of other congregations across North America are participating in “Barefoot Sunday”, where people leave their shoes at church to be donated to the poor. Barefoot Sunday is a unique opportunity for people to remove their shoes and walk out of worship services barefoot.

“Churches have al-

ways been incredibly responsive to our programs”, said Wayne Elsey, Founder and CEO of Soles4Souls. “This engaging event will not only leave a mark on the hearts of your entire congregation, but it will also help Soles4Souls con-

participating congregations will go directly toward helping put shoes on the feet of barefoot children around the world. The U.S. government estimates that 300 million children around the world don’t own a single pair of shoes. A sad irony is that Americans threw away the same number of shoes into landfills last year alone.

Soles4Souls has distributed more than 4.3 million pairs (currently donating one pair every 17 seconds) to people in over 125 countries, including Honduras, Uganda, Romania, and the United States. Last year, Cross Lane Community Church collected 1,082 pairs of shoes during the Barefoot Sunday campaign. Can we get more this year?



tinue our mission to ‘Change the World One Pair at a Time’”, Elsey said.

The efforts of Cross Lane Community Church and

Vacation Bible School

Are your kids ready to sink their teeth into BIG fun? Get ready for Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light.

We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School being held July 26th - July 31st and we are looking for participants and volunteers. It takes many volunteers when you have over 140 kids participating. There are many jobs available...and there is one that fits you!

Sign up to volunteer

and/or register your child(ren) on our website at www.clcchurch.com.



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Volunteer Spotlight - Larry Macke



Our latest volunteer spotlight focuses on Larry

Macke. During the summer months, it is common to see Larry mowing the Cross Lane grounds. Larry always has a smile and a handshake to greet you with.

We appreciate Larry and all of our volunteers that so graciously give of their time to the many different ministries

at Cross Lane. Every job, no matter what caliber, is important and contributes toward our mission of Bringing People to Jesus.

Larry and his wife, Suzanne, have been attending Cross Lane for several years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

“THIS IS MY
COMMAND: LOVE
EACH OTHER.” -
JOHN 15:17

Student Ministries

It's going to be another busy summer for our students!

In June, a total of 15 high school students/chaperones, will be traveling to Panama City Beach to attend BigStuf. BigStuf is a church camp unlike anything you have experienced before. The theme this year is TIME.

BigStuf's mission is to creatively communicate the refreshing spirit of Christ, the

truth of His word, and the difference living for Him can make in our lives. Their desire is to create environments that enhance the opportunities to lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. This is the 2nd year that our students have attended BigStuf and they are sure to have fun.

Then in July, a group of 13 will be traveling to St. Louis, Missouri for a mission trip with Know Sweat.

Know Sweat amplifies the call of Christ for junior and senior high students to be kingdom workers through age appropriate work projects. Life change occurs when Know Sweat challenges the hearts and minds of students to demonstrate their faith in God and love for Jesus Christ by meeting the physical needs of people. In 2009, Know Sweat is hosting 20 summer service project trips in 11 cities in the United States.

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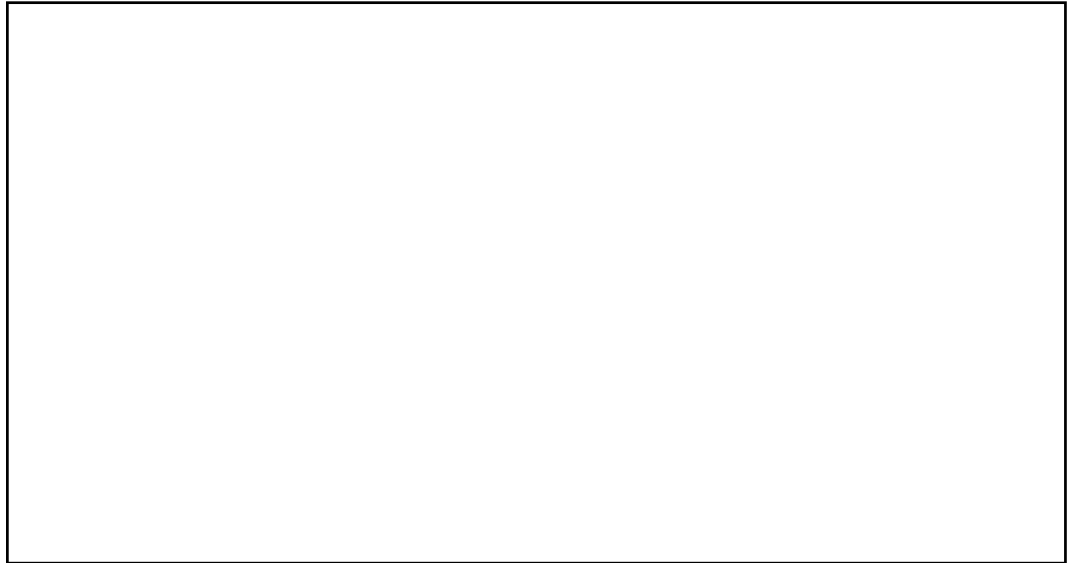
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Meet the Royers ...



Dull moments are rarely found in John and Stephanie Royer's household. With 5 children, ranging in ages from 5 - 15, John and Stephanie are always on the go! The Royer's have attended Cross Lane for only a year, but they have quickly immersed themselves into a small group and the kids

are involved in youth groups.

Outside of their family responsibilities, John is a Managed Care Financial Analyst for Union Hospital and Stephanie is an Interpreter for the Deaf at South Vermillion Middle/High School. The Royer children consist of Alyssa, a Freshman at North Vigo High School; Malcolm, a 7th grader at Otter Creek Middle School; Aramis, a 6th grader at Otter Creek Middle School; Carolyn, a 4th grader at Rio Grande Elementary School; and Emma, a kindergartener at Community Christian School. The children all keep busy with activities such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, tumbling and dance. (Also pictured is nephew Brett.)

On Friday nights, the

Royers have family pizza/movie nights. During the Summer months, the kids enjoy swimming and doing crafts.

After starting their family with Alyssa, the Royer's decided to become foster parents when Alyssa was four. They had 37 children in their home (including a foreign exchange student from Japan) prior to deciding to adopt siblings Malcolm, Aramis and Carolyn. Stephanie said that God then showed them His sense of humor when He blessed them with their youngest daughter Emma.

The Royer's also enjoy their 2 dogs, Louie and Anastasia; and four cats, Jessie, Sarah, Oreo Cookie and Sleeping Beauty.



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