



Give Me ...Something

by Josh Jenkins

Imagine I walked up to you and said, "Give me \$10.00, and I'll give you something." You'd probably ask, "What will you give me?" My reply will simply be, "You'll see."

I stumbled upon a web site the other day that offers just that. You pay them \$10, and they will ship you "something". They won't tell you what it is, and you can't return it. You only know what you've purchased after it arrives in the mail.

Is this a tribute to our excesses? It's buying something we don't need, and actually might not even want. Is it any different from my Starbucks habit?

The book of Mark tells the story of a rich young man coming to Jesus, asking how he could earn eternal life. Jesus knows this man won't understand the truth: that he can't earn eternal life. So Jesus tells the man to go give all of his possessions to the poor, and then return. We don't ever read of him returning to Jesus.

Let's examine our priorities. Have we focused on the right things? Could we simplify our lives to make room for helping someone else?

As I've traveled on three mission trips this summer, I've witnessed so much unfilled need, and so much suffering ignored. I won't be abandoning my Starbucks. I will budget both my time and money understanding that eighty percent of the world's population lives in poverty, and I have a responsibility to them.

Dinner to the Door is Back

Get your orders in today! This special fundraiser allows you to arrange delivery of fully prepared lunches to your home or office. At a cost of only \$5 per person, you can have a full meal delivered to you. Round up everyone at the office for a good cause! Deliveries will be done on either December 8 or December 15, you pick which day (or choose both!) and tell us what time to deliver your meals. You tell us how many chicken enchilada meals you want, and how many lasagna meals you want. Both types of meals come with a dinner roll, salad, and choice of coconut or chocolate cake. To get the ball rolling, go to our web site to print out the order form, and return it to the church office. If you prefer, you can submit your order directly to Karen Frazier by email: karen@newhopefellowship.com. All proceeds benefit mission work this summer.

Year End Grace Giving

The economic challenges of 2009 have caused many of us to be very careful about our choices concerning how we give, save, and spend our resources. For many, the final month of the year is a time make strategic giving plans to maximize Kingdom impact. With proposed changes in federal tax laws on the horizon, giving this tax year may never save you more tax dollars. We encourage you to evaluate where you are financially, count your blessings, and make a wise decision about year end giving. Much of the ministry work at New Hope depends on your faithfulness and strategic giving at the end of each year.

Amazon Mission Update

by Brandon Carroll

Our ministry in the Amazon region of Peru works to accomplish three things:

- 1) Independence-to minister with or without aid from us.
- 2) Reproducibility-to duplicate lessons in their own cultural setting.
- 3) Indigenusness-to relate our teaching and the Bible to their worldview.

We strive to teach the people of this region to become “fishers of men.” Discipleship is the key to growing the Word of God. We want to see the people of Peru take ownership of the Great Commission.

Montana Mission Update

by Alan & Sarah Damron

Just last week notification was received that we have been approved as Mission Service Corp. Volunteers with the Southern Baptist Convention. We had a brief commissioning service in Haugan on Sunday. We are also in the process of being approved as Church Planters. We are so grateful for the help from our Glacier Assn. Director of Missions, Sam Birky and the Church Planter Team Leader for the state of Montana, Dave Howeth. As a matter of fact, the Glacier Southern Baptist Association and Montana Southern Baptist Convention gave us financial assistance to complete the winterizing of our 5th wheel. These two men have helped us tremendously since we arrived and are a source of great encouragement.

IT'S A NEW DAY... and can you believe 2009 is almost history!!! And even harder to believe we have been in Montana for almost six months and serving in the West Valley for four months. My how time flies when you are in the midst of God's kingdom work & having fun!

Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico

Eddie Landreth will be leading a New Hope mission trip to the Texas-Mexico border Dec. 26-30. This is our second year to be involved with NAVIDAD A REYNOSA (a Christmas Fiesta). The mission team will help organize and will participate in this event giving special gifts to the children. Mission team members are: Eddie, Rhonda, Michael, and Sierra Landreth, Lynn and Tobey McCutcheon, Tom and Mary Albright, Amy Epperson, Shane Harris, Kittie Hornor, Melody Jenkins, Brad Koogler, Mike and Barbara Pocius.

Please pray for the team to have many opportunities to share the Gospel and for their safety as they travel.

*Merry Christmas from
your staff
at New Hope Fellowship*



Important Events

⇒ **B.A.S.E. 101**

Sunday, December 6, we will offer B.A.S.E. 101 at the RAC from 3:30-5:30 PM. This class is designed to tell you everything about our church, our beliefs and our priorities. Each participant receives a binder that serves as a church handbook. Completion of this class is required for church membership. Please sign up at the information table on Sunday morning or online at www.newhopefellowship.com.

⇒ **Women of Hope Progressive Dinner**

Ladies, we want to set a place for you Sunday, December 13, from 5:00 - 8:30 PM at our progressive dinner. Please call the church office (750-4673) to let us know you are coming or you may email Karen Frazier (karen@newhopefellowship.com).

⇒ **Baptism Service**

Sunday, December 20, we will baptize during our morning worship. If you would like to be baptized, please contact the church office and someone will be happy to share with you about baptism and the details of that morning.

⇒ **Candlelight, Carols, and Communion**

Make plans now to share this special time on Christmas Eve with your church family and friends on Thursday, December 24, 8:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Conference Center.

⇒ **Mission Trip-Reynosa, Mexico**

Please be in prayer for our team that will be ministering to the people in Reynosa, Mexico December 26-30.