

NORTHWEST CONNECTION

MAY 24, 2016

Greetings! I know this is a busy month with birthdays, graduations, end of the year school functions and plans being made for the fast approaching summer months.

I do have a lot of information to pass on to you and ask that you keep this information handy and not throw into a drawer or trash after you have read it.

First of all, I have received word that the International Global Mission's Board met and has decided to include four areas in North America to be promoted with the Harvest Partners. Our Northwest Territory is one of the four.

What this means is that any church or state in North America may decide if they would like to "partner" with our territory as a whole or certain churches. This means we may receive a lot of donations or none. One restriction is that a Harvest Partner cannot donate within their state or region.

The Harvest Partner may donate monthly, quarterly or make a onetime donation. If your church is chosen to receive a partner, you must send them information on what the fund was used for and how your church has ministered to others in your community.

At the Assembly in Orlando in July, there will be four hours given for the thousands of attendees to walk around and visit the mission booths in an arena. Theresa and I will be at the table answering questions and promoting the Northwest Territory. We plan to have a continuous video showing pictures of our pastors and churches that you are sending to our office. We can also offer free gifts representing our states. We can also take items to sell. Do any of you have ideas? Email me. I am excited and believe God is going to provide finances to repair/ remodel, replace buildings and also for much needed material for training and funds to bring out headquarters representatives to minister to our area.

Appointments and Resignation

I am thrilled to announce the appointment of a new Children's Director for our Territory. I have appointed Paul and Tabitha Hopper to be the new directors. They are pastoring Cody but also feel a calling to work with children. Part of their job description is to connect with our International Children's Ministry Department and to co-ordinate with each local church children's director and hopefully some of the children from your church.

I am also excited to announce the new Youth Director for our territory. Our new director is Michael Marshall. Michael pastors the Billings church but approached me sharing that God has birthed this in his spirit. Michael has been asked to also connect with the International Youth Department and each local church youth director. Michael stressed to me this will be a slow, planned process.

Please work with Paul, Tabitha and Michael and give them information on your local directors and encourage communication. All the directors are computer friendly and plan to utilize social media and help our children and youth have opportunities that don't exist right now. I hope you have sent information to Territorial Prayer Director, Mabel Rangel and Territorial Chaplain Director, Chuck Knauer.

If not please send them information on your local prayer chairman and any chaplains that attend your church. Thanks.

I'm also announcing I received the resignation from Dave Seratt as District Overseer for western Wyoming. Dave is pastoring Grace Fellowship in Greybull and the Church is growing, which is exciting, yet this takes more and more time and energy. The district overseer pastor is like pastoring a church in one town and having responsibilities in several others. When you care and love the people, you are torn with many needs. God called Dave to Greybull to pastor and that is his first love and priority. I would like to formally thank Dave for all the time and effort he has put in, especially at Worland Church, with all the meetings and stress from trying to help a church from dying from long distance. Thanks Dave.

PROXYS

I have received proxies from Rapid City and Golden Valley. I am working with Casper who did not receive any information.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

June 1	Committee Meetings in Billings, Montana
June 5 – 8	Revival at Rapid City with Evangelist Eric Washburn
June 19 -24	Bishop Don Stanton in Sisseton, S.D. (ministering on reservation)
July 13 – 17	International Assembly in Orlando, Florida
August 1 – 5	Youth Camp Director: Evan Treu Location ABBA's HAVEN

There will be other events happening and when they are scheduled I will send you that information.

One thing that is tentatively set:

2017 June 7 – 10 Regional Convention at Bethesda in Sheridan, WY. International guest is Bishop Brian Sutton. Brian is the newly appointed International director replacing Bishop David Bryan.
Info:

Children's Director	Youth Director	Chaplain Director	Prayer Director
Paul & Tabitha Hopper	Michael Marshall	Chuck Knauer	Mabel Rangel
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YOUTH CAMP FUND

It has been suggested that I present to each local pastor and church a new program. This program asks that you invest in our territory's children and youth by donating to the camp program each month like a harvest partner. As you know the cost continues to rise to have camp and this is a vital ministry for all of us. There were some years when we had no camps unless some local churches conducted them. Now we are putting the camping program (kids and youth) under the direction of this office. Scott Lee is the Coordinator and the directors will work with territorial children and youth directors. If you can donate any amount monthly, it can help to keep the tuition cost down. Thanks for your support.