

# *new life news*

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## **Honduras Power and Light Project**

**Steve Kistler**

I wanted to remind you about our commitment to Honduras and the project that we are undertaking as a congregation to join in partnership with the Lifeline Christian Mission and the Choloma Church and to help raise funds for the electrical work on the multi-purpose building at Cary Hill.

Cary Hill is the name of the compound where American groups stay when they go on a trip to Honduras. Currently there exist two dorm buildings for groups to stay in. Each building has bunk beds, showers, flush toilets, and air conditioning. There is also a small house for the caretakers to be in. Currently the kitchen and living areas of the house are used by groups for meals; forcing the caretakers into a tiny apartment area. Finally, there is a partially completed multi-purpose building that will house a kitchen, large main (eating) room and a few offices when complete. When completed, this building will allow the property to be used for retreats and seminars for the Hondurans as well as for teams who come in on trips.

New Life has committed as a church to raise **\$11,000** for the electrical work on this building. In order to reach that goal we are asking every family in the church to donate \$100 by **April 3rd**. As of the writing of this article (Feb 25), we have raised approximately \$2,000 toward that goal.

We are planning to send a work team to Honduras to help do the actual work on the building. Just this week we have finalized the dates of **Oct. 5-12, 2016** for this trip. We are going to be looking for men and women who have some knowledge of electrical work and/or are willing to work on this building. (Not everyone needs the knowledge because there will be plenty of “gopher” work to be done.) If you are interested in going on this trip please contact Scott Cromer or Steve Kistler.

The most exciting part of this trip is that we will be able to visit Choloma and meet some of the church people. This will be the first step towards building a lasting relationship and partnership between our two church families.





C. H. Spurgeon, in a sermon from September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1859, speaks victoriously when he says, *"Have you ever thought that the cross could be the scene of a TRIUMPH? While those hands were bleeding, the acclamations of angels were being poured on his head. While those feet were being rent with the nails, the noblest spirits in the world were crowding round him in admiration. And when upon that blood-stained cross he died in agonies unutterable, there was heard a shout such as never was heard before for the ransomed in heaven, and all the angels of God with loudest harmony chanted his praise. The Lord shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords."*

We invite you to join us for Easter Weekend |TRIUMPH on March 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Our triumphant celebration begins with Good Friday service on March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00p. Listen to the testimonies of some closest to Jesus as they share their stories at the foot of the cross. Join in song and devotion as we reflect on the TRIUMPH of Christ over sin.

On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be various activities made available to you as we turn our thoughts from Christ's death toward the TRIUMPH of his resurrection. An informational booklet containing instructions for the activities will be available on the New Life table beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Resurrection Sunday begins at 8:45a and 11:00a for a gathered time of worship as we exalt our Risen Savior and his TRIUMPH over death. Come and learn about the customs of a Roman Triumph and see its relationship to Christ's TRIUMPH detailed in the book of Mark. A continental breakfast will be served during the Sunday School hour at 10:00a and all are welcome to attend.

Spurgeon concludes his message with these encouraging words. *"We know that the time shall come when the triumphant procession shall cease, when the last of his (Christ) redeemed shall have entered into the city of happiness and joy, and when with the shout of a trumpet heard for the last time, he shall ascend into heaven, and take his people up to reign with God, our Father, for ever and ever, world without end."* The TRIUMPH of Christ lives on for eternity and is seen in our lives as we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Join us for Easter Weekend as we celebrate the TRIUMPH of our King.





## A Line from Liming:

God is so good to us. He blesses us all the time with one joy after another. I can make quite a list with things like my new wife, Sylvia, my two children, my grandchildren, one great-grandchild, friends all over the place, oh I could go on and on.

When I start adding up the blessings, I have to add our wonderful church. We have a nice group of people, middle-age and younger and one super dynamic group of seniors. The love we seniors show to each other is so great. Please keep your eyes open for opportunities to be a help when someone has burdens. We can understand the senior life much better than the younger folk.

When I have a load to carry, I will be sure to call on you. I love you all so much.

Steve Liming

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## JASON'S JAM

### C.I.A. Thus Far

I have been very pleased with how the program has started with averaging 20 kids each Sunday Night. Kids enjoy a meal together to start the evening followed by worship. Then, we are doing a puppet show each week, and the kids volunteer to be a part of it. Then we do crafts and activities that help teach the chapter we are on in the Story. It's been awesome to see the kids having fun and fellowshiping as well as worshipping and learning about what's in the Bible and how it applies to our lives. I continue to ask for prayer for C.I.A. in that it will be an effective tool to show our kids how much God loves them and how awesome it is to let him be our Lord and Savior.

## March Birthdays

- 1 – Brennan South
- 2 – Olivia Dudgeon
- 3 – Ashley Twedt
- 5 – Kyle Thompson, Cody Mann, Ava Williams
- 6 – Laurie Fox
- 7 – Marjorie Snelson
- 9 – Obed Snelson
- 10 – Bonnie Fry
- 12 – Wanda Bender
- 14 – Deb Cromer
- 15 – Brittany Dudgeon, Ron Landis
- 16 – Emily Broughton, Elise Nunn
- 18 – Lori Walker
- 19 – Jonah Beveridge, Lucas Starling
- 20 – Myles Sharp
- 21 – Abigail Hickerson
- 22 – Betty Lou Woodward, Kurt McLaughlin
- 23 – Kathy Sargent
- 24 – Ryan Mowry
- 25 – Emily Hart
- 26 – Cayden Sharp
- 27 – Michelle Sharp
- 28 – Jessica Dawson, Kurt Hamilton
- 29 – Clint Shaffer, Donna Shank
- 30 – Drew Kistler
- 31 – Luke Roseberry



## Kyle's Korner

This March brings us to the finish of another year of Upward Basketball. This season we had 105 basketball players & a record 31 cheerleaders participate in the program. There were many important ingredients that contributed to making this season a meaningful one for everyone involved. I want to take a little time to thank all those that helped in many different ways to keep the season running smoothly.

Thanks to Mason Armstrong & Greg Sharp for their help setting chairs up for game days. I also want to thank anyone else who helped move chairs, tables & goals that I may not know about! Drew Kistler took on a huge role in helping prep teams before each game, making sure they were lined up & prepared to play at the right time. Leroy Sargent blessed us with another year of score & time keeping. He helps keep the games running along at a healthy pace! Thanks also to all those who jumped in to help with score keeping throughout the season.

Our concessions staff was amazing this year & I want to acknowledge all the hard work they put in both in running the stand & cleaning up afterwards. Thanks Mary, Karen, Clint, Phyllis, Lori, Kayla & all the teens that helped! I can remember specifically Brayden & Garrett Carroll, Trey, Mikayla & Eric Vail, & Ethan Dudgeon. Thanks also to those that I am probably forgetting! A very special thanks to my amazing wife, Hannah, who took over the task of making sure that we had enough food & drinks to sell each week. Donna Shank coordinated our halftime devotions. She was able to recruit (or coerce) several men, women & youth from the congregation to share devotions during halftime all season. Thank you Donna, for your many years of commitment to this important aspect of Upward.

No games could have been played without our referees, & I am very grateful for all the time they put in this season. Thanks to James Twedt, Len Fry, Darryl Jones, Troy Metcalf & some coaches that pulled double duty, we were able to have all our games covered, & I barely had to ref at all! I can't thank you enough for that.

No season could happen without our coaches. I thank all who coached & want you to know how great of a blessing you have been to myself & the families who participated in the league. We had many coaches from outside of New Life, but many from our church family. Acknowledgments & thanks are due for Parker Hawkins, Caleb Kindt, Jason Sharp, Renee Sharp, Rhett Dudgeon, Shelly Rogers, Cameron McWatters, Isaac Kistler, Josh & Sarah Johnson, Nathan Hickerson, & Gary Fry. Coaches are the backbone of our league & your many hours of work with both the kids & their families has not gone unnoticed!

Special thanks to Gary Fry for investing so much into the Upward program over the years. He has done everything from referee recruitment, refereeing games, coaching & league planning. He is at every meeting, game & evaluation & it is no understatement to say a very large part of Upward's success is due to all the time & work he has put into it for more than a decade.

Thanks to all those who helped us out during a pinch on February 27. I had to leave & I knew that the day was left in trustworthy & capable hands. Thanks for taking the reins & being so supportive & helpful!

Blessings,  
Kyle

## Mark Your Calendar

### March 2

Comfort & Joy Sewing – 9:00am

### March 5

Last Upward Game

### March 9

Community Meal – 5:00-6:30pm

### March 12

Marriage Conference – 9:00am

### March 25

Good Friday Service - 6:00pm

### March 26

Youth Rally

### March 27 –

Resurrection Sunday

### March 31

Senior Moments Activity

