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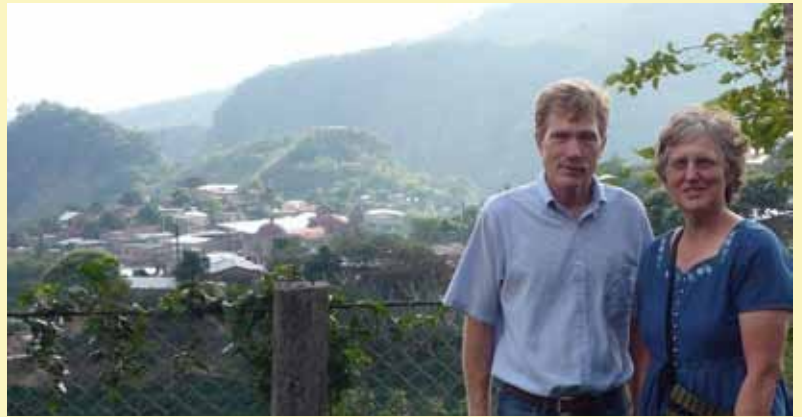
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A WEEKLY  
NEWSLETTER FOR  
THE PEOPLE OF THE  
NEWBERG  
FRIENDS CHURCH  
COMMUNITY

## “...INTO ALL THE WORLD”

by Donna Kreutz

This week, in our house in a Mexican town in SE Oaxaca State, my desk calendar is open to a photo of a cedar waxwing on a branch in front of its nest that holds four wide-open beaks,



pleading for food. I've been looking at this snapshot from a bird's life this week and wondering: Which mouth is he or she going to feed? Which one did it feed last? Since they all act hungry every time the parent arrives with food, how do the parent birds keep track of which one's turn it is? All four baby birds appear to be the same size, so although it may seem from the open beaks that the little things never experience the pleasure of satisfied tummies, they are obviously growing, each one getting what it needs. Isn't it amazing the "gifts" God gave this cedar waxwing to keep all of its young ones fed and growing, as well as to the little ones to respond by pleading for food each time the parent arrives? But, if any of the little ones would not open its beak to receive from its parent, it would not be fed, and would grow weak and die.

We are spending this month "in the village" while John and our lay pastor friend work toward completing the book of Romans in the Zapotec language of this town. Meanwhile, now that all four Gospels are among the New Testament books that have been completed and approved for publication, I have been working through them in Zapotec, checking punctuation and spellings of problematic words (some words vary significantly, depending upon the preference of the speaker) and trying to identify complex sentences that should perhaps be rewritten a bit for easier reading.

As part of my work on the Gospels, I've been reading through the Gospel of John in Zapotec with the mother of a teenager. They have had an absent husband and father since the teen was little, and the mother, whom I will call Maria, has had to find ways to support her child, along with help from her parents. Since it is hard for women in the village to find steady work, unless they have the resources to run

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a small store in their home, Maria has spent long periods of time working far from home, sending money to her parents for expenses. A couple of years ago, with the child having entered teen years and not being cooperative at home or school, the grandparents told Maria she needed to come back in order to provide parental guidance. I think Maria sees that this is a better place for her to be—spiritually and in other ways.

About a year ago, Maria came to us, somewhat as a baby bird eager to receive a morsel of food, seeking work. I believe she came not only for income but to be involved in work that would feed her spirit. Though we are not able to employ her in the translation ministry to the extent she would like, we have given her various types of checking projects, which have helped supplement her income, along with other part-time work she finds to do. So she has been able to avoid seeking work far away during this crucial time in her teen's life.

As we have read through John this week, Maria reads aloud and I follow along in my copy, marking where she stumbles on either the spelling of a word or other complexities. For her, this is the first time to read straight through a book of the Bible aloud in Zapotec. She reads smoothly and with understanding, and often it is easy to see that what she reads from Jesus' life and teachings touches her heart. Yesterday she picked up the book of John and said: "Do you have more of these? People here need to read this. It should be read in church because many people don't understand scripture that is read in Spanish. It is clear in Zapotec!"

Along with the picture of the cedar waxwing with its hungry young, observing Maria reading John has given me a mental picture of our village friends, seeking with open hearts as the baby waxwings do with open beaks, to receive from their heavenly Father. They receive the scriptures more easily through their own language, and it has a greater impact on their lives.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6). Thank you, NFC, for all you've done through the years to help us minister in this community, so they too may be "filled" by means of God's word in their own language. Thank you for your prayers for us as we get close to completing the New Testament in G. Zapotec. We face many details and challenges at this stage, but it is a blessing to see hearts open to receive from God and to see how scripture in Zapotec speaks clearly to them.



*John and Donna Kreutz serve as linguist-translators with Wycliffe Bible Translators and SIL, Int'l. They met in Mexico City in 1983 and were married at NFC in July 1984. They have two married daughters and are proud grandparents of 5-month-old Janelle, who was born in Ecuador. Donna has been a member of NFC since 1971.*

## NEED • SHEET

### NEEDED:

- Looking to buy a "light table" for our son, who is an art student. Contact us at [dennis@camptilikum.org](mailto:dennis@camptilikum.org) or Joan 503-812-6095.
- 10' plastic lawn edging; hazelnut shells and mulch to cover a ten-foot diameter circle for a memorial tree. Contact [froggylcb@yahoo.com](mailto:froggylcb@yahoo.com) or 503-550-2536.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: [sherry@newbergfriends.org](mailto:sherry@newbergfriends.org)

• mail: NFC, P.O. Box 487, attn. Sherry

• bring a written ad to the NFC office at 600 E. 3rd Street

deadline: October 23 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

**The Need Sheet can now be found online at  
[newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/](http://newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/)**



### Bible Foundation's Annual October Bible Drive

Gather up the Bibles you're no longer using and drop them in the basket marked "Bibles" in the ramp entrance by the library. They'll go to many places, near and far.

# Your **NFC** THIS WEEK

## READING ASSIGNMENT FOR OCTOBER 13

Luke 7:36-50; John 20:11-28

### SUNDAY . . . . .

Sunday school for children and adults — for times and classroom information, find “Educational Opportunities” at each entrance, each “Info Center,” at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.

**9am** | worship gathering

**10–10:45am** | Community Time | in the social hall and library

**10:15–10:45am** | library open

**10:45am** | worship gathering

**4:30pm** | Bible Quizzing practice | youth house

### Monday, October 14 . . . . .

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance) | 6:30pm | social hall

### Wednesday, October 16 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Middle school youth group | 6:30pm

Listening Life: “Sacred Compass” | 6:45pm | Barclay B

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

Worship ensemble rehearsal | 7pm | Room 246 | all singers welcome

### Thursday, October 17 . . . . .

Women’s Bible Fellowship | 8:45am | social hall

### Friday, October 18 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

5 o’clock gathering

### Saturday, October 19 . . . . .

Men’s prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

### Sunday, October 20 . . . . .

Reading assignment: Matthew 9:9-13; Galatians 2:11-16

### Plan Ahead . . . . .

October 18-20 | NFC hosts NWYM Quiz Meet

October 21 | K-2 Fun Night | 6pm | Friends Center gym | dinner, games, and stories for Kindergarten through 2nd graders

October 26 | cemetery volunteer work morning | 9-noon

October 28 | 3:4-5 Fun Night | 6pm | Friends Center gym | dinner, games, and missions stories for 3rd through 5th graders

October 28 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Dorothy Sherman, China teachers

November 3 | Daylight Savings Time ends

November 24 | combined Thanksgiving worship service at Bauman

December 8, 15, 22 | directory photo opportunities

## NFC’s Calendar on the Web!

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## Connie Magee Joins the Library Team

**Connie Magee**, a longtime NFC attendee, has joined the library team. Welcome and thanks, Connie! The group now includes Carolyn Staples, Connie, Jen Maurer, Lisa Nauman, and Pat Brown.

Need help finding something? Want to request a specific item? Hope to put a popular title on hold? Just ask a member of the library team who is on duty Sundays from 10:15 to 10:45. What if the library is not officially open when you are in the building? Everything is accessible during non-library hours except for the children's and AV items. Help yourself, fill out a purple self-check form, and leave it in the box by the library computer.

Questions? Contact Jen at 971-226-3347 or [library@newbergfriends.org](mailto:library@newbergfriends.org).

# we can help

*We have several psychology grad students who are part of our church family. I got to sit down with one and hear about the focus of her dissertation. She's doing very interesting work! We can help her out by completing a survey. Would you consider taking the time to help? Thanks!*  
—Gregg

Here are her words of invitation, as well as a link to the survey: "Hello. I was wondering if you would be willing to help out a George Fox graduate student? I am currently looking for those who identify as *evangelical Christians* to take a survey on personality characteristics and faith for my dissertation. The survey will take approximately 20 to 30 minutes of your time and is confidential (ie. I will not know which response is yours). I really appreciate your participation!

**Here is the link to the survey.**

If you have any questions you may direct them to **Joy Hottenstein**. Thank you!

## UPDATED!



Newberg Friends will host a Bible quiz meet on the weekend of October 19. That means we'll have more than 200 students, coaches, and parents coming to Newberg for the weekend. And we still need help. Please let me know if you might be able to help with any of the following:

**Housing**—We need three or four more homes for teams coming from out of state. Here's what's involved: 1) Provide floor space

for groups of 4-6 (regular group) or 8-12 (large group). Most groups will sleep at your home on Friday and Saturday nights. Most groups have an adult chaperon and are all of the same gender. They will have their own sleeping bags and pillows. 2) Provide breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. 3) Although most groups have their own vehicle, some churches bring lots of groups on a bus. Let me know if you have a vehicle that you are willing to use to help transport a group to your home.

**Officials**—I think we have enough quiz masters and scorekeepers (training provided), but it would be nice to have two or three on-call folks in case anyone isn't able to show up on Saturday, October 19. Let me know if you're able to fill in as needed.

**Meals/Kitchen**—We provide coffee, a mid-morning snack, lunch, a mid-afternoon snack, and dinner on Saturday, October 19. The food is ordered in, but we need help with setting up and managing the food line, and cleaning up the kitchen. Let me know if you can help for a shift. I still need two more people from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you can help in any of the roles listed above, please let me know by sending me an email ([eric@newbergfriends.org](mailto:eric@newbergfriends.org)) or by calling me at the church (503-538-8381 ext 106).



**Monday, October 14**

**6:30-8 p.m. • NFC social hall**

Our October 3M includes a meal for the whole family, followed by free childcare, a group discussion on individuality within the context of marriage, and then time for you and your spouse to talk and pray together. 3M provides a space in your monthly calendar to focus on Christ at the center of your marriage.

Contact **Michelle** Akins or **Steve** Fawver if you plan to attend. RSVPs are always helpful as we prepare for the evening.



**There are still a few spots open** on the Newberg Friends Church team to Rwanda — July 2014. The purpose of our trip is 3-fold: to spend time with the Thomas family (and other EFM missionaries) to learn how Discipling for Development is bringing hope

and holistic healing to the people of Rwanda, to serve as VBS directors at Kumba (a camp for missionaries of all denominations in Rwanda), and to visit our Compassion sponsored children. The trip will be approximately three weeks in length. If this opportunity seems like a good fit for you or if you're interested in more information, please contact **Michelle Akins**.



Nora and I have college friends who serve with **Christar** and about 15 years ago got involved in some of their missionary support activities, which included such

things as visiting mission schools and consulting around children with learning problems. They are a low-key organization that ministers to least-reached people groups. They also seem able to keep administrative costs at a low level in order for most of their donations to go toward meeting the needs of staff on their various fields. We've followed their various ministries with interest over the last several years.

An "opportunity" with the Syrian refugees seemed to fall into the laps of one of their missionary couples who were church planting in Lebanon, because they could not turn away people in such dire physical need. The efforts were originally underwritten by the couple and the needs for food and shelter are apparently staggering; therefore, they now invite fellow believers to help out. **Christar** has agreed to make the need known and provide accountability for the finances even though they are not primarily a "food and shelter" charity. I volunteered to make the needs known to our community at NFC. For specifics on this particular need, [click here](#). See if you are nudged by the Spirit to "give a cup of water" in his name.

—Wayne Adams



**Erica Brand** took on the creative assignment of turning Mary Oliver's quote into a work of art for

the wall in **Elaine Koskela's** office at Springbrook Education Center.

