

April 2014

# Good Tidings

Monthly Newsletter of Pioneer Bible Church



## We Are In His Right Hand

By Sandie Hanson

I think in pictures. In the little book *Jesus Calling*, the author often quotes scriptures about how the Lord holds our hand. This intrigued me, so I did some investigation into the Word. In Psalm 73:23 and Isaiah 41:13 it says God holds me by *my* right hand. Yet Psalm 63:8 and Isaiah 41:10 says He will hold me with *His* right hand. But if we're both using our right hands, that can't be right! Instead of side by side, maybe we're facing each other, holding each other's right hands as if in a handshake. That image felt rather stiff and formal, and didn't make me feel at all warm and fuzzy. As I was pondering this dilemma another image came to mind; one of a loving papa with his right hand extended protectively, holding his child's right hand as she takes her first, awkward steps. That image even surpasses the image of a friend walking beside me! It is one of security, safety, guidance and trust, as well as love and friendship. I asked Rachelle if she'd draw a picture for me so I could share it (at left.) She did a lovely job!



For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

Isaiah 41:13

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## April Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Potluck
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale
- 12<sup>th</sup> Quilting Group
- 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Mexico Outreach trip
- 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service
- 20<sup>th</sup> Easter sunrise service, breakfast, & children's musical performance
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ladies' Book Club meeting

## *In the News*

After being detained for two weeks for attempting to distribute gospel tracts in North Korea, John Short, 75, was released by North Korean authorities on March 2. The Australian missionary, who resides in Hong Kong with his wife, had traveled to Pyongyang as part of a regular tour group on Feb. 15. The following day, he was questioned about the gospel tracts and subsequently detained. Upon his release, he was flown to Beijing, where he was met by officials from the Australian embassy. He is expected to return to his home in Hong Kong. At least two foreign missionaries, including American Kenneth Bae

and a South Korean Baptist, remain in custody. Bae was sentenced to 15 years hard labor after his 2012 arrest, and he is believed to be in a North Korean labor camp infamous for its practices of torture and starvation.

## Pioneer Community Preschool Update

By Tamara Richards

Our preschool program is in jeopardy of being cut due to the budget, and as a matter of legality, the district gave me a "pink slip" (effective at the end of this school year.) At this time, I am doing everything to spread the word that this wonderful program exists in our community. If enough students can be enrolled for the fall, the district can rescind the pink slip. We are also looking for outside funding support. It is my prayer that the district can find a source of support that enables many more families to be able to afford preschool for their children. The district is looking at grants, federal supplemental programs, and other options. There is also a piece of legislation currently being reviewed that will provide preschool in the state's elementary schools.

Prayers are welcome for the well-being of this preschool program. It has been my "baby" since 2009 and it is breaking my heart to have to once again fight for something I believe is so essential, especially in our community where there are so many who would benefit. This is a personal ministry for me. When I moved to this county in 2000, my children attended Head Start and State Preschool and through their experiences and growth in these programs, I was moved to take college courses toward my Early Childhood Education credential. It has been a blessing to be able to grow this program and share my love

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## 2014 Awana Grand Prix Results

### Cubby & Sparks Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #23 Chase Hill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #29 Bradyn Crow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #46 Valerie Rice

### T & T / Trek Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #20 Hannah McCreary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #12 Jostin Bailey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #43 Abbie Ethridge

### Adults Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> - #14 David McCreary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - #2 Steve Kammerer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - #52 Clayton Holmes

Pictured Below: Charlie McCreary & Dennis Fike



# Forward Bible Camp Dates 2014

Grades 2 & 3, Co-Ed	June 16-18
Grades 4 – 6, Boys	June 18-21
Grades 4 -6, Girls	June 25-28
Grades 7 – 9, Boys	July 15-19
Grades 7 – 9, Girls	July 22-26
Grades 10 – 12, Co-Ed	July 28- Aug 2

10321 Wentworth Springs Road, Georgetown CA  
www.forwardbiblecamp.com

EVERYBODY NEEDS BEAUTY AS WELL AS BREAD,  
PLACES TO PRAY IN AND PLAY IN, WHERE NATURE  
MAY GIVE STRENGTH TO BODY AND SOUL ALIKE.

-JOHN MUIR

## Sponsor a Camper At Forward Bible Camp this Summer!

Forward Bible Camp provides youth with a terrific opportunity to make friends and build self-confidence in a safe, Biblically focused environment.

Last year, through the generosity of the PBC family, we were able to financially help 15 kids go to camp. If you feel led to help out again this year, little brown envelopes with “feet” on them are available in the lobby.

Place a donation inside (be sure to write your name on the envelope if you are donating cash so that you will be properly credited on next year’s tax statement) and drop in one of the offering boxes at the rear of the sanctuary.

Applications for the summer 2014 sessions are now in the lobby, under the wall display by the sanctuary doors. Take advantage of the early bird discounts, and contact the office for more information on scholarships!



... *Preschool,*  
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for learning with the youngest members of our school community.

It's not about my job, it's about the program and the children and families it serves. God has given me a sense of peace about my situation and a purpose to promote and spread the word in the hopes to keep this going. The school board is in a difficult position, they unanimously agree on the benefits and need for our preschool and do not want to close the doors. That being said, I am grateful for their support, but the bottom line from a budgetary standpoint is that the program must become self-supporting to continue.

Applications for Fall 2014 are currently being accepted on a first-come-first-served basis, but availability is limited. For more information, contact the school office at (530) 620-7710 or [trichards@pioneer.k12.ca.us](mailto:trichards@pioneer.k12.ca.us).

# Crisis Response Training

By Mellanie McCreary

In March, I was able to attend four days of training down at Bayside Church in Rocklin. This training was suggested to me by Pastor Jim, who, with his wife WilleJune, has taken the training himself in previous years. There are four main components to the program, which can be described as: the individual one-on-one component (sometimes called "emotional & spiritual first aid"), critical incident stress management (group intervention), understanding grief & trauma, and suicide intervention. At the Rocklin seminar, each component was a two-day, 8-hour per day class. Two classes were being offered simultaneously, so it wasn't possible for me to complete more than 2 components this time around.

First, I completed the C.I.S.M. class, where I learned (and practiced!) how to properly conduct a debriefing. The goal is to help people understand what happened and begin to think clearly after a traumatic incident such as a natural disaster, terrorism, or an act of workplace violence. I was taught what the physiological manifestations of stress are, how to assess them, and how to recognize if a person's post-traumatic-stress is becoming problematic and requires professional mental health intervention.

Second, I completed the class intended to help caregivers & aid workers understand grief as it occurs in a traumatic context. It was an emotionally challenging experience, as we learned about the stages of grief and its effects on the mind. We even learned the basics of death-notification, and how to help someone get through the experience of identifying the remains of their loved ones, which are skills I sincerely hope I will never have to put to use! Although I enjoyed the wonderful instructor, Jennifer Cisney Ellers, and made new friends in the class, I was glad to get home to my family after that final, emotionally draining day!

I'd like to thank the congregation for their patience with our reduced office hours during that second week of March, and especially the ladies (who know who they are!) who took on the role of receptionists for me so I could relax, knowing the office was in good hands. I am grateful to work at a church that invests in my on-going training and professional growth.



*One of the principal rules of religion is, to lose no occasion of serving God. And, since he is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve him in our neighbour; which he receives as if done to himself in person, standing visibly before us.*

*John Wesley (1703-1791)*

## Are You Ready to Serve?

Our goal at PBC is for everyone to have a place to serve one another & the south county community. If you are looking for an opportunity, here are just a few of the *many* positions available. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, or even in a different capacity, please contact the church office.

Driver- An additional driver is needed for distributing food on Friday mornings. Must have a pick-up truck. Please see Pastor Rob or Al Eberhart for more information.

Decorator- If you have a talent for decorating, a creative & self-motivated individual is needed to seasonally organize displays in the lobby.

Meals Coordinator- Our previous meals-coordinator stepped down in April. Meals are currently being managed through the office. However, if you feel you'd like to organize this important ministry, please let us know.

Child Advocate- A one-time position is available on Mother's Day, May 11, assisting at the Compassion Sunday sponsorship table. Must be a current sponsor, available after both 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

Teacher- There is a great need for people who love children to lead the youngest members in our congregation during second service children's church (12:00-12:45 on Sunday). Training & curriculum will be provided.

Clothes-Closet Team Member- Help is needed in getting the clothing set up, sorted, displayed, and put away every month. The ideal person for the job would have good physical stamina (clothing & display racks can be heavy) as well as organizational skills & fashion sense!

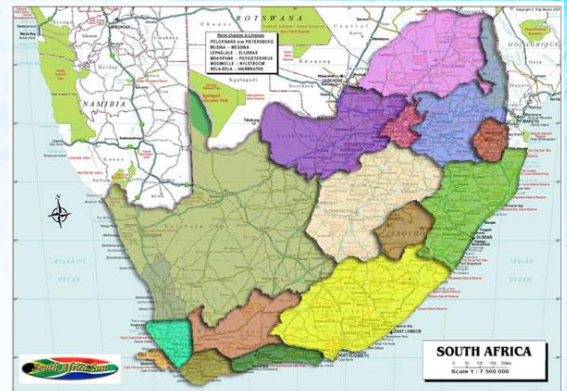


# Child Sponsorship Matters: South Africa

This month is the beginning of autumn In South Africa! That is where 18 year old **Nobihle Zorrbo** lives, a young woman sponsored by members of our church.

Nobihle is part of the Okhahlamba Area Development Program. (Located in the bright-green shaded area on the eastern side of the map.) With support from sponsors like Nobihle's, World Vision was able to accomplish the following at the Okhahlamba ADP in 2012: trained 172 community members in sustainable agriculture; formed two garden cooperatives; provided training to 30 community health workers on the management of childhood diseases; organized 11 awareness campaigns to help community members know their HIV status; worked with the Philakahle Wellbeing Center to raise awareness of the importance of breastfeeding & immunizations to improve child health; provided 1,200 children with life-skills education; partnered with local churches to organize discipleship studies; collaborated with the Okhahlamba Christian Council to organize prayer days, and also to provide children with needed clothing.... And that's only a partial list!

Nobihle is one of the more than thirty children sponsored by members of our church. If you would like to learn more about Nobihle and her community, and to see pictures of this lovely young woman, please visit our child sponsorship bulletin board



across the hall from the library.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child in poverty, or would like to learn more about the process, PBC is hosting a very special Mother's Day Compassion Sunday event during services on May 11, 2014.



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