

GEETINGSVILLE GREETINGS

October-November 2007

GEETINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PURPOSE STATEMENT

As Christians, we are to love God and love others, with the privilege of being disciples of Jesus Christ, our Savior, through teaching and baptizing in his name. (Matthew 22:37-40 & Matthew 28:19-20)

Time and Talents= New Life for Our Church

The year to complete our work and the funds secured to finance the improvements are both coming to an end, or is it a beginning? So much of our building is still very familiar and yet there are many noticeable improvements.

As you read this I expect nearly everything to be completed in the sanctuary, with the exception of the new ceiling and accent painting around the cross, windows, and arches. The lighting and controls will add much to our services in many ways we have yet to experience. The larger area at the front of the church will allow so much more unobstructed surface area for many special services and performances of plays or special music.

Lighting, ceilings, paint, a little landscaping, new windows, new electrical services, our improvements in the kitchen, so much has been done. None of this was possible without a nudge from God for us to commit not only our monies but many hours of volunteer labor too. This is a reflection of commitment from so many friends and members to God and the works to be done ahead with the church facility not just for the church itself.

We have spent or committed nearly \$144,538.00 of the \$149,000.00 available. There are a few relatively inexpensive projects that will not be able to be completed, unless the finance team is successful in raising the funds required. However, what has been or will soon be completed are truly a gift and a blessing.

Please come not just to see the work completed or yet undone, come to see and feel the new life God has breathed into his church in the middle of the country. God has a purpose for this church and its members and it is far greater than a worship service on Sunday mornings. God desires and deserves a lifetime commitment. A little work on the inside of each of us can be as noticeable as the work on the inside of our church, together the light of Christ can clearly be seen in Geetingsville.

Thanks be to God and his people close to Geetingsville.

Phil Wilson
CMT team leader

Take Note!

All newsletter articles must be given to both the newsletter editor and the secretary via e-mail or hard copy. Please email Barb at barb@wlcco.com and Polly at gpc@geetel.net. Hard copies should be left in the Newsletter mailbox at the church. Our next issue's theme will be **Beginnings**. The deadline for submitting articles is the third Sunday of the month. Next deadline is **November 18th**. We will make every effort to include all articles submitted by the deadline. Any omissions are unfortunate.

Worship services are now available on CD. The worship team has been producing tapes each week for the Shut-ins, as well as, extra's for anyone who wants one. They have now switched to CD's due to the lack of inexpensive tape players available. The CD's are located in the fellowship room in a red box marked "This Month."



Elder of the Month
October
Mona Harness



Elder of the Month
November
Phil Wilson



**Count your blessings,
name them one by one.
Count your blessings,
see what God has done.**

We counted our blessings at the Geetingsville Presbyterian Church's annual Hog Roast on Saturday September 22nd. There was great fun had by all. The Get Hope group performed some wonderful praise hymns that brought smiles to everyone's face in attendance. The kids had an awesome time jumping in the inflatable jump pen. The food was delightful as always and the weather was a definite gift from God. It was so nice to be together as a Church family and celebrate.

Submitted by Katie Deboy

CARES AND CONCERNS

- † Esther Bogan
- † Herb Click
- † Phil Colby
- † Doris Crum
- † Alberta Lemke
- † Marjorie Paul
- † Harley Shaffer
- † Nondas Shaffer



Women's Retreat 2008

Attention women!! Are you ready for a retreat? We are planning one for you right now. After the busy holiday season, you will have your opportunity!! On January 25th and 26th, 2008, we will have an overnight retreat at Geneva Center in Rochester, Indiana.

Many women enjoyed themselves this past January, and we would like to have as many come and relax again this time! This will be a time of fellowship with the other women from our Church family. We will also worship, rest, relax and enjoy our hobbies as we take some time to focus on our relationship with our Lord and each other.

Please mark your calendars now!! If you are interested, let me know.

Jennifer Spear
258-3660
jspear@geetel.net

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Standard size Lowrey Organ with double keyboard. It sounds good and everything works. It is free for the taking to a good home.
See or call Linda or Lewis Flohr at 765-379-3344.

SESSION INFO

A folder with the current Session meeting information will be left in the fellowship room for members to review. The folder will be updated the week following the meeting. Please do not take the folder from the building so that everyone will have access to the information when they need it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

1-Bobbie Sharp
6-Brian Springer
13-Nondas Shaffer
16-Phil Harrison
21-Brienne Hauptert
22-Mike Gochenour
27-Lauretta McCullough

Children

7-Abigail David

November

3-John Spear
9-Mary Lou Spear
11-Norma Miller
11-Michelle Sunday
15-Jean Gilbert
26-Brenda Welch
27-Teri Harrison
30-Betty Connaway

Children

22-Mason Reagan

If you know someone's birthday that should be included on this list, please contact Polly at 258-3142 or gpc@geetel.net. We apologize for any omissions.

FLOWERS FOR SALE!!!

The Preschool is having a fall fundraiser. We are selling spring-blooming flower bulbs, which will bring you beauty for years to come.

You may see and purchase the bulbs on Sunday mornings after church or on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings during preschool hours.

The money raised will help pay for our recent purchases as well as go toward some of our future plans.

THANK-YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PRESCHOOL!!!



CHILI SUPPER

(Capital Improvement Fundraising Event)

**Saturday, November 10th
4:00-8:00P**

Menu Includes

**Chili Soup
Cheese and Crackers
Carrots and Celery
Lemonade / Ice Tea / Coffee
Choice of Dessert**

Adults	\$7.00
Children (6-12)	\$5.00
Children (under 5)	Free

Carry-outs will be available.

Church Bazaar

(Capital Improvement Fundraising Event)

**Items for Sale in
the Noah's Ark Room
(Held during the Chili Supper)**

**Homemade Apple Dumplings
Woodworking Items
Stained Glass Items
Hand Stitched Items
Handmade Jewelry
Handmade Stationery Items
And Much, Much More**

The Chili Supper is just a month away!

Our Fund Raising Team is looking for volunteers to help with the Chili Supper. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to contribute to this event; by donating your time, baking desserts, making an item or two to sell at the Bazaar, a monetary donation for Chili soup supplies, or purchasing tickets.

Mary Lou Spear is coordinating the Fund Raising Event; Dennis Moriarty is in charge of the Chili Supper, and Barb Wilson is heading up the Church Bazaar.

We will be asking for donations of dessert items: pies, cakes, brownies, and cookies. Also, you may donate baking supplies for the apple dumplings.

There are many ways you may help the day of the supper; setting up, taking tickets, serving and clean up are the obvious, but there are many more things to do in order to have a successful evening. So when you receive a call asking for your help, please say yes!!

Please contact Mary Lou Spear (258-3403) , Barb Wilson (659-5483), or Dennis Moriarty (566-3219) if you would like to volunteer or donate.

CAPITAL FUNDRAISING TEAM REPORT

The annual Geetingsville Church Chili Supper will be November 10 from 4:00-8:00P. In addition, this year we plan to have a bazaar in the Noah's Ark Room. If you have a gift or talent and can make something to sell, we would love to have your participation! So far, we've had birdhouses, quilts, afghans, cards with beautiful photos, jewelry and many other items to sell. Barb Wilson will be in charge of the Bazaar, so contact here at 765-659-5483 if you have something to share. We also plan to make and sell homemade apple dumplings. They were a big hit last year. If you can help please contact Brianne Hauptert at 765-379-2151 or Mary Lou Spear at 765-258-3403. We plan to work several Saturdays in October to do this. Men, you will love peeling those apples and rolling out the dough so volunteer!!!

This event requires a lot of help to accomplish; so please give your time and energy to help. The Capitol Fund is making it possible to repay the church loan to renovate our church. If you haven't seen all the wonderful projects being done and those already completed in the church, stop by and take a look for yourself. God's work is being done here!

Plan to bring your friends and family to the chili supper November 10th. (Carry-outs will be available.)

Tickets:	Adult	\$7.00
	Children (6-12)	\$5.00
	Children (5 and Under)	Free

We will keep you posted on upcoming events (All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast, Ham and Bean Supper, etc.) If you have any ideas for fundraisers, please let us know.

We are always looking for new ideas and are willing to try new avenues. All the monies we make goes into this fund.

Our Past Fund Raisers have made approximately:

August 2007	Summer's End Festival	\$ 50 (rained out)
March 2007	Men's Breakfast	\$ 750
November 2006	Chili Supper, Noodles, Apple Dumplings	\$2,077

We are God's people! We believe in God and have faith in God. We need to move from a mustard seed faith to a mountain-moving faith and we can accomplish anything through the power of Christ. Sometimes these projects seem overwhelming to us, but we can and will do them all, for Christ's glory!

In His Name, The Capitol Fundraising Team Committee:

Brooke Meeks	Ryan Wilson	John Spear	Leon Hessong
Darrin and Brianne Hauptert	Dennis Moriarity	Kate Gray	Mona Harness
Kenton Colby	Barb Wilson	Mary Lou Spear	

Being Thankful for Commitments

We are all certainly thankful for the commitment and promise that God has made to us through His Son, our Lord and Savior. The Lord expects us to trust and follow Him in our journey through this life to be delivered to His loving arms in the supreme life beyond this one.

A year ago last June our church family prayerfully committed to upgrading and refurbishing the church building for the current and future of the Lord's work at Geetingsville. Due to the urgency of some projects and the scope of the remodeling, a loan from the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program was deemed a prudent course of action. At this point we are still in the "construction loan" phase as we are drawing on the total allowed credit line of \$149,000 for construction obligations and will complete the entire amount of the loan draw soon. At that time, the total loan amount will be amortized over a 20 year period for repayment on a monthly basis.

Since June 2006 there have been many projects completed and more in progress as you will learn from the Construction Management Team report. (And readily observe as well.) Several of the church family and friends of the church family have indicated through pledges, long term commitments towards this major restoration of the church building to prepare it for future generations of Worshipers at Geetingsville. We are thankful for those commitments, prayer support, financial support, volunteerism and continued follow thru is encouraged as we strive to fulfill our loan obligation. We also encourage others to prayerfully consider stepping forth boldly in commitment to the Capital Fund raising efforts. The Lord works through all of us if we trust in Him. We ask the Lord's blessing on the Capital Fund raising efforts that they are to His Glory and Honor.

It seems there is a perceived risk in communicating needs or opportunities to the church family. On the one hand, some may see this as just another "we need the money" plea, while others are interested in the progress of our capital fund raising and how they might respond to these efforts. So, in the spirit of informing our church family and friends, below is a brief recap of the financial progress of the Capital Fund Raising efforts to date (as of September 25, 2007) realizing that there are pending expenses yet to be paid.

Total paid expenses for restoration projects (including fund raising sales expenses): \$140,540.51
Current outstanding loan from Presbyterian Investment Loan Program: \$127,124.92
Bank account balance: \$41,147.75 (some outstanding payments yet to be made)

Let us continue to pray that the Lord will be glorified in all that we do and that we cheerfully serve Him.

Submitted by the Capital Fund Raising team

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GEETINGSVILLE CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Preschool has so many things to be thankful for this fall! We have a big class of bright, busy kids who love to have fun and love to learn as well. I am grateful to have Mary Harness and Becky Dunnuck assisting me and making sure everything runs smoothly.

We made some new purchases which better serve our growing enrollment. We are excited to be using: a sturdy new yellow table and chairs, a large green screen used as a room divider when needed, a see-through water table to replace the old cattle trough and a paint rack to hold many "masterpieces" while drying.

Its easy to be thankful when life is going well. However, God wants us to be thankful in all circumstances. Being thankful changes our attitude and outlook. It helps us to focus on God and appreciate all of the undeserved blessings he has given to us. No matter what we're going through, we always have a reason to be thankful.

There are some ways to nurture thankfulness in your children:

- + Role model a thankful attitude by expressing your gratitude everyday. Children will then grasp the great extent of their blessings and may be less concerned with acquiring more material items.
- + Be aware of the beauty and wonder in nature. There is so much to appreciate all around us.
- + Help families that are less fortunate and involve children in such activities.
- + Help your child write or dictate thank-you notes whenever appropriate.

"Always be joyful. Keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." *Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Submitted by Linda Flohr, director

Note: Read about our Fundraiser on page 3





Mission and Outreach

We have several missions that we support in our church. Lately they could use our extra help.

Food Pantry ~

a community mission in Rossville. We usually collect items at church the first Sunday of every month, however we welcome them anytime. The food pantry has been serving several families recently. Therefore, supplies are running low. Our help is greatly needed. Following is a list of groceries they supply. If you feel like bringing other items, they would be a special treat. If you have questions, contact Kate Gray at 258-3150 or Teri Harrison at 258-3078

***dish soap
soup
cereal
spaghetti sauce
canned fruit
pudding (already made-4 pack)***

***canned meats
vegetables
spaghetti
saltine crackers
peanut butter***



Rainbow Haven ~

a transitional housing unit for women and children in Frankfort. The organization is in need of items and workers. Please contact Wendy Davis at 765-659-4739 or e-mail at office@rth.org

***office printer paper (white or pink)
2 cent stamps
kitchen cleaning products
new bed pillows
carpet for stairs
air conditioning & duct work
purchase bug spray & spray once a month or pay bug man \$35 monthly
yard work sprucing up
data computer work needed***

***garbage bags (tall or 33 gal.)
laundry products
crib sheets (new)
gallon pastel paint
repair help needed
running phone jacks
help pay for newsletter***

Rainbow Haven is selling hats as a fundraiser. Check them out on www.godspeakshats.com.



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<i>Rossville Food Pantry</i>	Kate Gray	765-258-3150	gray@geetel.net
<i>Local Service</i>	Barb Taylor	765-258-3400	
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Preschool	Linda Flohr	765-258-3344	lflohr@geetel.net

Note: There are changes to the Contact List !!

Take a look at the list and if you don't feel that your answer can be found on this list, please notify me. I will find out the contact for you and it will be added if appropriate to do so. *Barb Wilson*



Two children visiting while eating their meal at the Hog Roast !



NEW TRIBES MISSION
Hope Sharp
September 2007



No news from Iwam land. I hadn't really expected any since there is no good way to communicate with our people back there. Guess that just means we need to be praying for them all the more.

The May River Iwam New Testament is in good hands though, down at our mission headquarters in Florida. Our missionaries there are doing the final formatting, proofreading for uniformity in punctuation, spacing, etc. and other such tedious but necessary steps in preparing the translation for printing. The plan remains that I go down to Florida in January to do the final 2-3 week proofreading before the manuscript is sent off to be printed. Its SOOOOO good to have the help of our home staff missionaries on finalizing the technical layout points of our New Testament. I thought I'd have so much time for such projects.....but thankfully this is one of the many ministries they do for us. How great it is to have them on our support team!

Can you please tell me, how my time home has been SO busy and so little seemingly accomplished ??? Seems like everything I do here creates a dozen other projects so that nothing ever gets to the point that I can check it off the list. I don't know how you folks survive and accomplish all you do!

Part of my plan for this year home was to sort thru my mother and aunt's things here at the house. It hasn't happened. Instead I've spent hours trying to get / keep my computer running. It averages at least one major time consuming hang-up each week, often meaning I need to uninstall and then reinstall some program. Vacation Bible School kept me busy for a time too. Since I had never taught before I probably spent more time than was necessary in preparation. I'm sure I learned more than the kids. Then there were numerous eye and dental appointments. Thankfully, that's finally out of the way until "spring cleaning" time. God has worked in some much-needed family times too.

And yes, I've had a few assorted meetings as well. And finally, just yesterday, a second power point presentation for upcoming meetings was completed. Its long and more "technical" on "how we translate" so will have only limited use, but at least it's finally ready now for the group who asked me to prepare it. The challenge was to keep it from being boring! We'll see if I've been successful—or if the audience all go to sleep! Now to get ready in case I'm expected to SAY something too!

There's also the travel itinerary to plan and packing. It will likely be the high 90's when I leave here (Lord willing) just after Labor Day—and there's a chance of seeing snow before I return home again around Thanksgiving time. How does one pack for all that ??? Thankfully, my car has a huge trunk. No comments about the ton of stuff I always travel with. It's either bring it along or buy things I already have in abundance back at the Tremont homestead...

Unlike most previous times home when I've traveled alone, on this upcoming jaunt part of my cross country travels will be with fellow missionary Lori Morley. How I look forward to that! I do love long distance travel, especially out in the wide open west, but having someone along to spell me in driving, and maybe even to make some "quick" sight seeing stops along the way, will be SO nice !!!

I'm including a map of my planned itinerary. If you live somewhere along or near that route and I have not yet contacted you about a visit, please do try to reach me—(573)-772-1032.

With the above map I don't suppose I need to make any of my implicit prayer requests explicit! Except that God be honored and glorified each step of the 7885+ upcoming miles! Thanks for standing together with me to that end!

Co-laborers together,

Hope Sharp

Editors Note: Hope will be in the United States for a yearlong furlough, we will continue to print her letters as long as we receive them.



TEGUCIGALPA CLINIC MISSION
Trevor & Valerie Colby
October 2007



Last month's update was met with several confused looks (at least three, right Joan, Beth and Jackie?) with the Britishisms included. We can not promise some of those nifty phrases won't surface again. In fact, we promise they probably will. But to make amends, we have decided to include just a smattering of the most recently heard expressions, celebrating the distinct cultural identity that seems to be shared by those in the fine city named for our fine president Andrew Jackson on the Florida shore. I will also keep the slang to a bare minimum so as to avoid further confusion. Ok? So do it already! Do it!

Here is the whole shmeer on September. Hurricane Felix was supposed to pay us a visit, instead it went South and hit Nicaragua. Fortunate for Teguc...because brief (less than one hour) unrelated rains later in the month killed two people, caused mud slides, homes flooded, etc. Hard to imagine what the hurricane would have done. Well, not too hard for those that were here during and after Mitch. Thanks to youse that inquired as to our safety and prayed for us during that time...and any time for that matter.

We were blessed with a team from Christ's Church in the aforementioned Jacksonville area. They helped us in the last major group led construction drive at Sampedrana. The chief cook and bottle washer there, Pastor Gender, will be taking care of the supervision on the rest of the projects like the soccer field, the Church development, finishing the storage building and looking after his lovely pregnant wife among other things. The group also helped in a clothing distribution, hospital visit with the youth group, milk project, helping in the soccer ministry they started, corn distribution, and the absoid task of putting up with yours truly.

The Church bakery opened this past month to rave reviews. The NY Times said "What bakery?" But the Bay Goose Gal Pal Gazette said "the humble origins of the wide variety of products belies the wholesome goodness and genuinely tasty nature that one would only expect to find in establishments with a much costlier facade. Truly it can be said that they are letting the product do the talking, and what it says is much more than just simple sustenance ." What high praise from a non-existent periodical. The business is of course designed to provide employment and training for Church members, as well as a high quality product which can be sold, and the profits back into the Church for ministerial use. So far so good, but opening a business like this does take time to get the business from the traveling salesman that make businesses like bakeries really blossom. Already most of the day's production run is being purchased from pulperias (or bodegas as they are known in New Yowk.) but there is room for expansion and more production as the business takes off.

Speaking of new digs, preliminary construction has begun on the new FAME funded clinic! We have begun clearing the area across from the present clinic, and have the entrance already poured. Now it is just finalizing the design, leveling what needs to be leveled, and beginning the concrete mixing. Praise God!

Oscar and Trevor's trip is coming up fast. For those of you with memory problems...I say, for those of you with memory problems, they will be in the US the entire month of November. Expect another email to follow this month for a wish list for donations to be sent on the annual FAME container December 1st.

Oscar's accident investigation we requested still came back with him at fault. As if there was any doubt the fix was in, our contact at the police department said that the result was already determined when the ruling came into their office in an unusual way, and the meeting with the judge that was set by the police was changed without any notice from 1:30 to 9:30 to conveniently not have Oscar and the other innocent parties that were affected not there. At this point we must swallow hard and just pay the deductible and be done with it. How much that will be to cover all the vehicles involved is yet to be seen.

Prayer requests:

-For Valerie and the kids, and Julia and Annia while Oscar and Trevor are in the US. May it be a peaceful time of uncomplicatedness, unbreakage, and unnegativity in general.

-For Oscar and Trevor's trip, that it be fruitful for the Kingdom in general, and for the mission's work...oh, and not too stressful either.

-For the continued construction all around the mission (Clinic, new clinic, San Juancito and Sampedrana) for safety, planning and For more on what happened this month (such as Lourdes' tragedy, more about our housing change, random thoughts, and video on the soccer ministry), in more detail and with action photos, check out the blog at: www.hiseyeshonduras.blogspot.com

For more pictures (many not previously seen outside Honduras! Ooooooh!) and more check out the website at: www.hiseyes.us

INDNJC,
TVCS

snail mail, (New Address)
Felipe y Valeria Colby
Casa # 1570 Calle de los Alcaldes
Colonia Santa Barbara
Tegucigalpa Honduras

Donations for Trevor and Valerie Colby may be made to the church with their names in the memo.

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October-November 2007

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What's Happening at...

Geetingsville Presbyterian Church

November 10th: Chili Supper & Church Bazaar

January 24-25, 2008-Women's Retreat

(More valuable information inside regarding all of these events)

