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Onward grew from an inspired group of Moravian missionaries and their supporters, the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. Turning 30 years old, Onward is now online, reaching thousands more people across the Unity.

The Mission Society of the Southern Province is seeking a new Editor.

The Holy Spirit through Glenna has brought Onward to new digital heights and expanded circulation, but there's still more to do. Anyone wishing to be considered for position of Editor of Onward can contact

Evon Crooks,

crookse@rjrt.com. Referrals of technologically savvy persons willing to commit Onward to prayer each month and is inspired by cross-cultural servants are welcome.

Managua—Meeting Christ in Faces Everywhere

Daughter Meghan and I returned home safely from our August trip to Nicaragua (via New York City). I would like to thank every one that included us in their prayers for a safe and successful journey. Thanks also to all those who contributed their time and talents in making our June fundraiser such a success. The Christian School for the Deaf in Managua now has a roof on their chapel and multi-purpose room in time for the heavy rainy season.

We had a lovely surprise in NYC when we discovered that our lodgings were just half a block away from The First Mo-



Laurie, Meghan, Xochikth, & her mother Silvia in Tipitapa

ravian Church of NYC, established 1748. We had the opportunity to meet new seminary graduate and pastor, Rev. Charles Harewood, and some of the delightful ladies of that congregation as they ran their outreach clothing sale for their community's poor and homeless. We met more Moravians

in Managua when we had the opportunity of attending the Creole service at Iglesia Morava, under the leadership of Rev. Norman Bent. I

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Can You Adapt to a New Situation?

Dear Friends:

"Can you adapt to a new situation?" I often ask potential volunteers this question. Now I find that I am posing the question to myself! Teaching fulltime has been a big adjustment. At times, I have been reminded of the difficult days when I arrived here 15 years ago. I felt over my head. As time passed, though, we found ways to survive and excel.

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A Message from Our President "What Does Thanksgiving Mean To You"

In 1620, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast which is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations. This harvest meal has become a symbol of cooperation and interaction between English colonists and Native Americans. Although this feast is considered by many to be the very first Thanksgiving celebration, it was actually in keeping with a long tradition of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks for a successful harvest or crops.

We all enjoy the gathering of family and friends to share a meal for which we express a heartfelt gratitude. Many families take turns telling what they are thankful for. The more time we take to give thanks, the more we recognize the bountifulness of our blessings.



This celebration is not indicative of a day but a lifelong journey. We are continually being blessed and should be continually offering thanks to God.

So, Thanksgiving should not be the start of shopping for the holiday season, it is a time to be thankful. We can be thankful by being in prayerful communication with God

This Thanksgiving I encourage all of us to show our gratitude through prayers because our harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few.

Let us be Thankful for:

- * Our missionaries
- * Our military for keeping us safe
- * Our neighbors

God reminds us to give, always give thanks. Let's take him at his word!



O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 106:1

Considering Being a Missionary?

The Bethlehem Moravian Mission Community is an opportunity for young adults, ages 21-26, to live in a community of action and reflection. Each activity will be guided by these guiding principles:

- * Be true to Christ
- * Be kind to everyone
- * Proclaim the Gospel

A typical day will include service in the community, Group conversation and reflection, individual spiritual formation, and sharing gifts and talents with a local congregation. Participants in the MMC will spend 11 months (August 2010—July 2011)

living in community in a house on Main Street in Bethlehem, PA.

Benefits include, individualized site placements, full room and board, health insurance stipend of \$2,500/yr., monthly stipend of \$150.00, private room in a fully furnished house, and free graduate level courses at Moravian Theological Seminary.

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From the Goff-Rudy's

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Praise God that Peter and Hazel have passed their classes during the first marking period of the 2009-10 school year. Praise God for former teachers who are helping me to develop ways to be a better teacher for Hazel and Peter. I am grateful to Diane, Miriam, and Micki for their counsel.

We continue to look for a teacher. Please contact Jay Harsevoort (lharsevoort@rca.org) or us if you are interested or know someone who is willing and able to teach. Jay is Volunteer Coordinator for the RCA.

Praise God for Dr. Perez. Her presence in the Clinic continues to make my teaching, and our presence here in Ahuas, possible.

Praise God that Norvelle was able to get some much-needed paperwork done in the capital. She is there as I write. Her work there has been disrupted by demonstrations. Pray



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also for Norvelle as she shoulders more of the burden of patient care.

Work at the Clinic marches on. We took care of 3 kids with fractured femurs. Often we put them in traction and then switch to a funny looking half-body cast. It works well in young kids. See the pictures. Everybody is happy because they are going home after weeks of traction.

Pray for the leaders of Honduras. For the last 3 months, the political situation has been unstable. President Zelaya was removed from office. Other countries, including the U.S.,

have not recognized the new government.



Alma and Family

We also continue to provide maternal care. Women come to us for normal deliveries and for complicated ones. It's nice to be able to help most of them. We've had a few more patients needing c-sections these months. Alma is one of them. She arrived at term with her baby lying crosswise in her womb. I sent mom and baby home and healthy today. Praise God.



Estrellita and Her Father

A week ago, Estrellita and her father surprised us with a visit. They no longer live in the area and were on their way to visit family. Four years ago, she received life-changing care in the States. Praise God!

We remain grateful to you for your prayers and support.

May it Praise God,

Gerard (for the Goff-Rudy's in Honduras)

Founding Members Move to New Brunswick



Happy Valley Moravian Church held a farewell tea for Don and Una Saunders on October 1, 2009. They moved to New Brunswick in order to be closer to their son and his family.

Just a little history... Happy Valley began in 1943 when three families who had come to find employment at Goose Air Base settled there. They were John Broomfield from Big Bay, Thorwald and Alice (Perrett) Perrault from Makkovik, and Gilbert and Eliza Saunders from Davis Inlet. The men found work with McNamara Construction Company which was building the base, and later worked on the 'American side.' Gilbert Saunders, one of the founders, was the father of Don Saunders. Don was a young and strong lad then. These families, along with a few more, were instrumental in building the Happy Valley Moravian Church and its manse in 1954 where it stands today.

Don and his wife Una have always been actively involved with their community and church. It is with much sadness that we have to say farewell to them, but our good wishes go with them. Many, many people over the past 60 years that visited Happy Valley Moravian, were either greeted warmly by them or stayed overnight in their home. They would even daily lend out their vehicle if it was needed for a lay pastor.

Both were active Chapel Servants. Don was an active Men's Fellowship member and could be seen as late as last March shoveling off the roof or driveway, snowblowing at the church, or chopping down trees somewhere. Una was most active in the Women's Fellowship and

was known all over for her beautiful needlework.

They were presented with gifts made from Labrador tartan, a vest, and a shawl. The following messages were read during the farewell tea held for Don and Una.

Greetings from Lake Mills. We have great memories from working with you and everyone at the church in Happy Valley.

Erna & Bill Kiessling

When I stayed with you, I experienced more fun, laughter, and great work at the women's meetings than anywhere else—the heart and soul of the fall fair.

Brigitte Schloss

You were always there to see what needed to be done. Not only at church, but I remember you shoveling off the roof for Cheryl one winter!

Joan Andersen on behalf of the Moravian Church in NL.

This Christmas will mark the 55th anniversary of the Happy Valley Moravian Church. Don and Una Saunders have been faithful chapel servants during most, if not all, of those years.

Amos Lyall

Submitted by the Moravian Church of New Foundland



Una Saunders, far front right, and Women's Fellowship

Textbooks Donated to Kisanji Girls' Secondary School, Tanzania

The purpose of my trip to Tanzania this past summer was two-fold. First, I went to present textbooks that women from North America congregations were donating to the Bishop Kisanji Girls' Secondary School. Roberta Pettit, Anne Geis, and I have been involved in a second mile project with the BWM to raise funds to purchase textbooks for the girls.

The textbooks were presented last summer during an assembly I attended at the Girls' School. A simple dedication ceremony was



Lilyann Sapp Presenting Books to Katherine Nombo, Headmistress

held in the school auditorium. There were about 200 girls there to receive the books and they were thrilled. Also in attendance were Catherine Nombo, headmistress of the school, Rev. John Italazio, the new chairman of the WT Province, Rev. Hannington Muhanuka, former manager of the school, Rev. Richard Lwali, the new manager of the school, and Dick Mlimuka, who facilitated the purchase of the books.

The enrollment at the school is about 250 girls, but some enrolled had not yet arrived at the school because their families were lacking needed funds for them to attend. This is quite a common occurrence in Tanzania, due to the high level of poverty. The needs are so great that many times food and medicine must come before the payment of school fees. When girls finally do get to attend school, they often have to share textbooks with 10-15 other girls. You can imagine that it was a great joy for me to see the girls' faces light up when we unpacked the boxes

of books! The girls asked me to be sure to thank everyone who contributed to the textbook pro-



Lilyann and Girls from Each Grade Level

ject.

The second reason I went to Tanzania was to continue building relationships. It was wonderful to spend time with friends that I had made at the Women's Conference in July of 2008. I had time to meet and get to know briefly the families of many of these friends, including the newest grandchild of the Rev. Hannington Muhanuka, born while I was in Tanzania. It was exciting to see the new baby boy named Gabriel, only one week old when I held him. I did not want to give him back!



L to R—Rev. John Italazio, Prov. Chair; Dick Mlimuka, Catherine Nombo, Hannington Muhanuka, and Richard Lwali

It was a wonderful trip. I can't wait to get back to Tanzania and continue sharing the journey of faith with our Moravian brothers and sisters there!

Lilyann Sapp, Calvary Moravian, Winston-Salem, NC



Managua

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was able to share my own church's outreach project of knitting Comfort (Duduza) Dolls for HIV/AIDS orphans in Africa. In addition to their work at their medical clinic and teaching women how to knit and sew for income, the good ladies of Iglesia Morava will be starting their own Comfort Doll Ministry for the children in Managua.

The trip to Managua wouldn't have been complete without a visit to the Christian School for the Deaf. Meghan and I were thrilled to learn that she was able to communicate with the deaf students using her American Sign Language. It was amazing to discover how very similar ASL is to NICA Sign! She was also honored to be given her

very own "name sign" by one of the students, which is something that the deaf community worldwide bestows upon one another. This is a tremendous outreach initiative that I hope to pursue in more depth in the not too distant future. There is a great need for volunteers in Nicaragua with regard to helping, and working with, those who are not only deaf, but who also suffer from other physical disabilities as well. Though the Nicaraguan government does have a system in place for educating students with special needs, along with providing orphanages for the disabled, these facilities are very few in number, are not disability-specific, have limited resources and staff, and are physically or monetarily inaccessible to a majority of

the disabled and their families.

Laurie Ward, Member of the Rio Terrace Moravian Church



Rev. Charles Harewood
Fist Moravian, NYC



Meghan Receiving "name sign" from Children



Begging Children in the San Jacinto Volcanic Region



Meghan and Hanoi (World Vision) at a Teltpetlapan ADP Farm

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

Psalms 29:3

New Arrival

We are thankful for the new arrival, Evangeline Lily Joye, in our missionary family in Europe.

Through technology, they are able to share the Good News with people in other countries. They are working to make this possible on a mass scale (worldwide) ability to upload language content from every language group to have access to scripture

products in their language easily and fast on the web and on smart-phones. You can also download 3gp video files for other phones.

In one country, people have lent their voices for Scripture recordings, and they are fearful of re-

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November Pray Every Day 2009

1. Sunday-All Saints Day-My soul finds rest in God alone. Father, as we remember the saints who have gone before, who have given us your words and shared your love and led us to an understanding of your great sacrifice, we thank you for them and for our salvation.

2. Rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Enlighten us O Lord to the effect of our words. Soften our hearts that our words might bring comfort and pleasure and bring glory to you.

3. May the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. Father, we lift up to you all the men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Keep them safe and give them your peace.

4. I believe, help my unbelief. Thank you Jesus, for being available for a personal relationship with us. We lift up our pastors and their families to you. Thank you for their diligent study and preparation in shepherding us as your flock.

5. Who is the faithful and wise steward? Father, touch the hearts of many people to give financially and to volunteer their time and talents to minister to the many who are lost and hurting. Thank you for the many volunteers of the Moravian Disaster Relief teams.

6. Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. Father we pray for your kingdom to come, that it may be on earth as it is in heaven. Bless those who are taking your word to those who have not heard. Be with the missionaries and evangelists around the world.

7. Even the hairs of your head are numbered. Knowing, all there is to know about us, give us your guidance and direction, oh God. Show us where to spend our resources and where to put our energies to best serve you. Pray for Will Sibert and Sam Gray as they lead the Board of World Mission.

8. Sunday-The Lord lifts up His countenance on you and gives you His peace. We pray for all Moravian seminaries. Bless all the students who are devoting their lives to lead in serving your kingdom. May we all enjoy your presence as we worship today and may our worship be pleasing to you.

9. You are all children of the light. God is light. Walk in the light. Let your light shine before men that they might see You and worship You.

10. He shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord. We pray for those who feed God's children with His word. Pray for the Moree's, for the Woo's, for the Braima's, for Jack Davis, and for Robert McGuire. Thank God for them and their ministry.

11. The righteous know the rights of the poor. Pray for Cecilia and Michael Tesh and the children at the Ray of Hope orphanage.

12. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. How blessed we are to have built our lives on the only one true God. Does your life witness to the foundation of your faith? Live so that others will know that Jesus lives.

13. Pray for those who serve as directors on the Board of World Mission as well as the Mission Societies of the Moravian Church around the World.

14. Chief Elder Festival-Our enemies are disheartened when they

realize that the work is done by God. Unless the work is done by God, it will not last. We can do nothing everlasting on our own but can do all through Him.

15. Sunday - Praise Him for Steve and Ann Marx as they work with MAF in Nampa, ID. They moved more than a year ago and have a very fine hangar, landing area, and campus in Nampa.

16. May the God whom you serve deliver you as He did Daniel from the den of lions. Satan roams about like a lion seeking to destroy but our God is faithful to deliver us.

17. Pray for the Antioch Project, that many young people will find new and exciting ways to serve the Lord.

18. Let us hold fast to the confession of our faith without wavering. Praise God for His faithfulness to us. Worship Him today.

19. Pray for many underground churches and home churches and small pockets of Christians who continue to share their faith in countries like China, the Sudan, and other African and European countries where Christians worship and share their faith in spite of the danger to their very lives.

20. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Our joy is found in worshiping and serving Him.

21. God, the creator of the majestic mountains and the mighty winds, reveals His thoughts to us. What an awesome thought! Praise Him. Thank Him. Pray for those who are shut-in's and are unable to get out to worship and do routine activities. Pray also for widows, widowers, and others who might be alone or lonely.

22. Sunday - I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection. Pray for Mountain Laurel Fellowship, for all newly established churches, and Chelsea's, a coffee-shop Moravian worship.

23. Day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house, the apostles never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. This should also be our destiny. Our daily lives should witness to that same good news. Pray for the Lord to bless Bill and Peggy Hoffman from Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pa. who are serving through the Adopt-a-Village Ministry in Tanzania.

24. Don't repay evil for evil, but always seek to do good. Let the love of Jesus shine through your every endeavor. Pray for all Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister.

25. When my spirit is faint, you know my way. I am thine oh Lord. Thank you for my eternal salvation. Enable me to share this great blessing with those closest to me who have not put their trust in you.

26. God of Grace and Peace, we give thanks to You this day for all of Your blessings you bestow upon us every day. May I pray that all have food this day and come to know You as the God of Wonder.

27. Pray for all Inuktitut Moravians around the world. May they find comfort, joy, and peace in their faith. Bring pastors to their congregations.

28. Lord, bring renewal of faith in all believers. Let us rejoice and be glad in the saving knowledge of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

29. Sunday - Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

30. Father, inspire many to answer Your call "Who shall I send?" this very day. Thank you for the Tasedan's and their forthcoming ministry in Happy Valley, Labrador.

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