

# HOLE CONNECTION

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## UPDATE ON OLD BILL'S FUN RUN

Rocky Mountain Ministries raised \$26,060.00 with the matching funds being \$14,350.00 for a **GRAND TOTAL of \$40,410.00** given toward the ministry here! This is a wonderful blessing especially in the area of scholarships for our local kids camps! Thank you SO MUCH to all of you who gave to camp!

## Ministry Updates

by Don Landis

Hi to all our friends,

Beverly, her sister Joyce, and I just returned from an extended trip to Kentucky for an Answers in Genesis board meeting. The Ark is amazing! It has three major "wow" factors: first the size is overwhelming, second the wood structure itself is very interesting, and then finally the exhibits are extremely educational and instructive. I encourage all of you to plan to someday visit the Ark Encounter and the Museum.

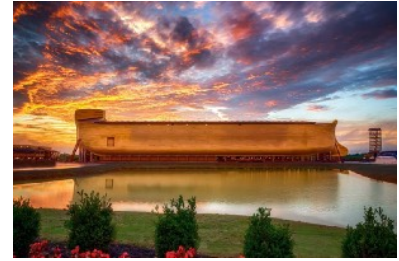
Along the way we visited with Heidi (my granddaughter) and her husband Aaron in Minnesota, visited a wonderful Anabaptist museum (history of the Hutterites, Amish, and Mennonites) in Indiana, spoke three times at Blackshear Baptist church in Georgia, and met with our publisher and editor at Master Books in Arkansas about the new book Legacy. We enjoyed lots of other times with "people contacts" and exciting things along the way back to Jackson.

This week was our annual Pastor's Retreat at camp; it has been another highlight in our ministry year with 25 in attendance (mostly pastors and wives). They tell me this is our 30th year! Many years ago, when we were pretty much alone in a far place from home with few points of fellowship, I wondered if there were others out there serving the Lord who could use some fellowship. We began the Retreat and it has been a blessing every year since. Men and women from small towns (a few from larger populated areas too) coming together to share burdens, experiences, and challenges. We all enjoy the fellowship so needed between pastors and their wives. It is a very unique time to share resource ideas, discussion of concerns in their lives and in their churches, devotionals, and debate pertinent issues. Even just basic fellowship around the table at meals is precious. These are very dear people to us and we are always blessed by their presence.



By the time you get this newsletter we will be on our way with most of our staff and students to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Each college year we have brought in a speaker/professor from AiG

as a part of our training curriculum. This year we decided to try a new approach by taking our JHBC student body out to Kentucky. Not only will the students have the opportunity to do syllabus work at the Museum and Ark, but they will also have about 15 hours of instruction by a number of AiG's speakers. For example, Dr. Dave Menton and Dr. Andrew Snelling (who is head of the research department) will make several presentations.



The students and a few staff will also be working as volunteers at three locations: the Museum, the Ark, and the shipping facility. AiG has been blessed by many volunteers through the years who give time for various tasks. The AiG staff is large but the volunteers still help with special cleaning jobs, outdoor garden work, etc.

The training/lectures will take place in the John Whitcomb Room at the Museum. Each student will also have a list of questions as they tour the Museum and Ark which will help them get the most out of the experience.

On our way to Kentucky we will be stopping at the Ancient Man site, Cahokia Mounds State Park, which is a huge mound site with pyramids and a wood henge. We ask for prayer for the students and staff for safety, protection and alertness during class and discovery times.

Our youth culture is under tremendous stress and attack. The culture is coming apart at the seams and we are losing so many to the world. Working and teaching at the college is a privilege and joy as we see these young people respond to the Word of God as it is presented. Your prayers and support are an important part of this calling.

Meanwhile back at the camp and church Sid & Mary, Lisa, Matt, Brenda, and others along with the congregation will hold down the fort.

## **JHBC 20-Year Reunion**

Sign up now for the JHBC 20-year reunion, July 2-8, 2017! The cost is \$250/person which includes lodging, meals and textbooks for the mini-classes. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will hold your spot in the dorms. For those not staying on campus the cost is \$150, with a \$20 non-refundable deposit. Activities such as Bar-J, rodeo and whitewater rafting will cost extra. For those interested in whitewater rafting, \$70 will be due by March 1, 2017.

We have an amazing week lined up including mini-sessions with Pastor Don and Dr. Benware, with a few other possible professors on the schedule. Plans are in the schedule for free time to hike, sightsee in Grand Teton or Yellowstone National Parks, and class competitions in ultimate frisbee, volleyball, etc.

To secure your spot, send the deposit to JHBC, PO Box 6490, Jackson, WY 83002.

If you have any questions, call Holly at (307) 690-5202.



Serving at my church's lunch ministry to our homeless brothers and sisters blesses me so much. I've made new friends and met some fine folks, on both sides of the counter. We laugh a lot, and take care to lift the spirits of everyone who comes in here.



Karen Diener hiking with me in RMNP. She is my best friend, my outdoor buddy, my girlfriend, a truly precious woman. We are seeking God's direction for our lives together, if that's to be.

## CBC Missionary Updates

*Joe Rogers, Adventures in Missions*

**May 27 to June 3:** Led my fifth team to Cuba in 12 months. So exciting to see God working His plan for Cuba - relational ministry in neighborhoods and small villages. Families choose Jesus. As they are discipled, a new "mission" church is born. When enough families join, they become a sustaining church. And begin to replicate in neighboring villages. Simple, beautiful.

**June 14 to June 16:** Preparing in advance for 2017 missions. Made set-up visits to the Navajo BIC Mission Base, partners serving the Navajo Nation near Bloomfield, NM. And to the East Fork Riverside Church, Apache partners bringing Jesus to the White Mountain Apache people in Whiteriver, AZ.

**June 17 to June 25:** Led a team of 19 mostly adults to Zuni country, Dusty Pines Camp, about 19 miles south of Gallup, NM. Strangest thing...all but four of them left suddenly on Wednesday morning! More on that inside.

**June 30 to July 15:** Led two teams, back-to-back, in Kansas City, MO. Good teams reflecting good leadership. Introduced an emphasis on relational ministry, getting close to families and individuals instead of focusing on work/service. I saw real, faith growth in the teams, as well as big-time encouragement and eyes opened to truth among those receiving our ministry. Made the extreme heat and humidity worth it!

**July 20 to July 26:** Came alongside the Project Leaders for the Wind River, WY, mission. Same amazing team for the third year. They have relational ministry down! They always make a big, positive difference in the spiritual fabric of that beautiful, but divided and angry rez.

### Prayer Requests:

- More support for pastors in Cuba, especially those who suffered through the hurricane
- Peace for Karen's family - Mom went Home to be with Jesus
- Melissa and Noah - they had a fire in their home. They are unhurt, waiting for the repairs to be completed
- Discipleship opportunities for me through our church's Black & Blue recovery ministry
- Many friends sick or injured
- My American Indian listings - they are not yet up on the AIM website for 2017

## Andrei Bandura (Third Quarter, 2016)

Beloved brothers and sisters, our fellow laborers in the Lord's field,  
The warmest greetings to you in the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!  
I am sincerely grateful to our God for His church, through which He saves people in Ukraine. We are sincerely grateful to you for your contribution to the advance of God's Word in Lyubeshov and its surroundings!

May the Lord abundantly bless you and your families, may He reward you hundredfold for your prayer and financial support!

My wife and our congregation in Lyubeshov pass sincere greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters! We would like to know how you are, what your prayer requests are, so that we'll pray and thank God for you.

We are happy to receive your letters, dear brothers and sisters. They encourage me personally and our entire congregation.

I continue preaching the Gospel and have personal conversations with non-believers in Lyubeshov and Lyabyaz. I also continue the spiritual work and serve among children with cerebral palsy and special needs people.

In our home groups of Bible study we currently study the Gospel of Luke.

Through Bible study groups people are growing up spiritually.

Every Sunday we also have the children's Bible school "The Good News" that is conducted by the young members of our missionary team, Viktor and Miroslava. In the average, 20 children attend this Bible school. It is held in the musical school after the worship service.

On July 11-17 we held evangelistic summer tent camp for unbelieving children. In camps children from unbelieving families learned the truths about Jesus Christ. They have time for personal study of Bible, as well as for games and evening communication around the campfire.

On July 18-24 we also held a camp for disabled people. They had been looking forward to this event because there they have an opportunity to communicate with one another, spend time outdoors, and communicate with believers. We are grateful to God for this wonderful, given by God time, which we can use for witnessing about His great love and salvation through His son Jesus Christ.

On August 22-28 we held the day camps on the territory of the park in Lyubeshov. There was an interesting program for children and evening meetings with their parents. Every day our camps were attended by 180 children.

In our church we hosted a refugee family from the east of Ukraine. They are unbelievers but now they attend our worship services every Sunday. Their family consists of three people – husband, wife and daughter. Wife is disabled and I helped them with an electrical wheelchair.

My wife and our church in Lyubeshov pass you, our dear brothers and sisters, their sincere Christian greetings! It is always a joy for us to pray for you.

Our church had prayed for a long time for the purchase of a building for our House of Prayer. In early September, we purchased a small building with a big piece of land for future extension of the building. We thank God for this blessed opportunity.

May our Almighty God bless you and reward you hundredfold by His great mercy for your sincere prayers, for your sacrificial financial support, and for your love, revealed to me and my family!

May God bless you with peace, love, harmony, mutual understanding in your families and church!

With love and prayers for you,

Andrei Bandura

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our families (God's protection and guidance);
- Our missionary team (for unity, vision, dedication);
- Ministry in the village Lyubyaz;
- Repentance of people in the village Lyubyaz and planting a church there;
- Children's ministry;
- Work among disabled children and orphans;
- Gratitude to God for healing of my wife

