

LampLightner

May 2014

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

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Supernatural Vision

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (2 Cor. 4:18).

Wouldn't it be cool to have special vision?! You know! Kind of like a superhero! But I'm not talking about x-ray vision, or the ability to see through walls or anything. What if we could put on some sort of cool glasses that would help us see things the natural eye can't see? What if we could see things from God's perspective? You know – supernatural vision.

How different would the world look if we had that vision? Would we have the ability to see people differently (cf. 2 Cor. 5:16)? Jesus said “the first shall be last, and the last first.” Don't you get the idea that God sees people very differently than we do? If we had His supernatural vision, would certain beautiful people begin to look ugly? And would some of the less attractive people look really beautiful? Would some of the rich people look poor and wretched (cf. Rev. 3:17)? Would some beggars look like princes (cf. Lk. 16:19-31; Ja. 2:5)?

Would we be as enamored with the things of this world as we saw them from God's perspective (cf. Isa. 55:8; Ja. 4:4)? Would some things that don't appeal to us now become stunning and amazing (cf. 1 Cor. 1:28)? Would I change some of my behaviors (cf. 1 Jn. 2:15)? Would I watch as much T-V? Would I begin to protect my eyes more (cf. Ps. 101:3,4)? “Oh be careful little eyes what you see!”

I love the old hymn “Be Thou My Vision.” What a great hymn! If you don't know it, you'll come to love it right away when you read the lyrics. I think that hymn puts into prayer form this wish for having God's supernatural vision. I really believe that if we could see things the way God does, life would really be cool! And, we would live life very differently, too!

So, here's the deal. To a certain extent, we can have that supernatural vision! When we read the Bible, we get a clear image of God's perspective on everything. If you become a student of the Bible, you will come to know God's view on just about every subject under the sun! And if you choose to live by that vision, that perspective, that viewpoint, here's one thing I can guarantee you: You will become one of the wisest, most discerning people around. Your life will be defined and shaped by God's blessings and favor. And you will, I believe, begin to have God's supernatural vision!

So if you're reading your Bible, congrats! You're well on your way! And if you're not reading your Bible, then I urge you to become a student of the Word. Take my advice – it is DEFINITELY worth the read.....daily! God bless you all!

Love in Him,

Pastor Steve



ELIM STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello Elim!

It is a busy and exciting time of year! Another school year is coming to a close and we are getting ready to celebrate 4 students graduation from high school! We will be having a recognition of their achievements on May 18th during the Sunday service and small celebration for them afterwards. Please take a moment to congratulate them on their hard work! The graduates are Leah Hermann, Ociana (Ana) Lewis, Brandon Dang, and Alex Reed.

ESM Night Out is also coming up soon! We are working hard to finalize all the details. The dinner will be held on Friday June 6th. Tickets will be on sale all of May and you can purchase them after the service on Sunday morning or you can purchase them anytime by getting a hold of me! We will once again be serving dinner in a semiformal setting. Tickets this year will be \$10 per person with 100% of the proceeds going to our student fund.

I know that many of you have supported our students who are attending camp in years past by donating scholarship money towards their efforts to pay for camp. This year we are taking 11 people to summer camp and if anyone would like to contribute towards the cost it would be a huge blessing to some of our students who come from homes where paying for camp is a stretch. If you feel led to help out in this way please feel free to contact me or Judy.

Thank you for always keeping out students and youth leaders in your prayers. Elim is a great place to call home and I believe our teenagers feel the same!

In His Name,
Greg Burney

Missions Update

Submitted by Sandy Parrott

CWR UPDATE



Recovery Continues in the Philippines

On November 8, Typhoon Haiyan, one of the biggest storms ever recorded, slammed into the Philippines. The current death toll is 6,201 with 1,785 missing. More than 1.1 million houses were damaged or destroyed. Thanks to generous Covenant churches and individual donors, more than \$190,000 has been donated to CWR in response to this terrible disaster.

BY THE NUMBERS

Because of You, CWR Is Growing

2,120

The total number of churches and individual donors contributing to CWR projects in 2013.

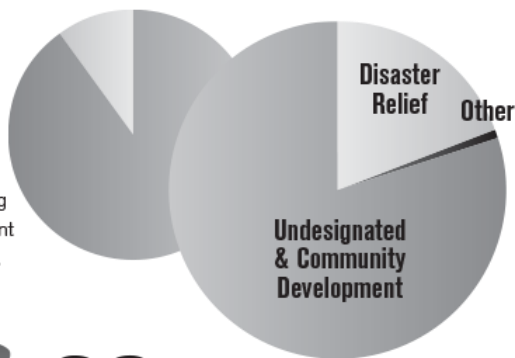


\$1.5
MILLION

More than \$1.5 million was donated to CWR in 2013.

90
PERCENT

90 percent of giving to CWR in 2013 went directly to projects.



23
PERCENT

Increase in undesignated and project giving in 2013, totaling more than \$230,000 in additional funding.

Emergency Relief in South Sudan

South Sudan is the world's newest nation and has experienced incredible violence and conflict recently. At least 800,000 people have been displaced and many have died. In this volatile situation, CWR is providing emergency relief to refugees who have fled the country and to those who are internally displaced. CWR will be involved in a large scale, long-term response in South Sudan and we need your assistance.

Clean Water in Honduras

In two remote neighboring villages in Honduras, eighty families have access to clean water for the first time. They are now the proud owners of a new water system that they installed with their own labor. They also provided some

basic materials and continue to make regular financial contributions to the community water and sanitation fund. CWR and Water 1st provided the bulk of the funding and Cocepradil, a local NGO, provided the expertise and training. Cocepradil organized the two communities and every household committed to full participation. As an example of their cooperative efforts, each family contributed and carried twenty gallons of sand five miles to the site of the water tank. The people are so proud of what they have accomplished together.

One leader said, "We are now a community of trained plumbers. With our own finances and expertise we can maintain our new water system." Now they have their sights set on bringing in electricity, and believe that by working together, they will be able to see another dream come true.

[Learn more and give at CovChurch.org/cwr](http://CovChurch.org/cwr)

Mexico: Homicides Decline Near Border, Report Says, April 14, 2014 (Article from the New York Times)

Murders in Mexico declined in 2013, and they decreased significantly in several cities near the border with the United States, according to a new report from the Justice in Mexico Project at the University of San Diego to be released Tuesday. Using preliminary police data, researchers identified a homicide decrease of about 16 percent, with some of the biggest drops in murders in Ciudad Juárez and Monterrey, notoriously dangerous cities that have recently calmed down as the war between criminal gangs and the government has declined in intensity. Still, experts warn, it is not clear whether the decline is attributable to an overall weakening of organized crime: The number of gun-related murders has held steady as other kinds of killing have declined, and homicides have sharply risen in states farther south. Extortion and kidnapping have also increased nationwide. But with overall murder rates down for the second year in a row from their 2011 peak, some parts of Mexico appear to be on the mend, said David A. Shirk, an author of the report. "The decrease in violence that the government in Mexico is trying to convince people of is in fact real," he said.

Why international short-term missions trip

by Dale Lusk

Over my twenty years of organizing mission trips for Covenant churches I have seen a huge difference in the long-term impact of mission teams. It basically boils down to this: is the trip purely an experience for a group of people from a church to another country so they themselves can be edified, or is the trip's purpose to truly encourage the local host congregation (in their relationship with Christ, in the ministry they are doing within their host church, and their own community) AND for the visiting team to utilize their gifts to enhance the ministry of that international church. I am convinced that encouragement, relationship-building and enhancing ministries are truly the most important goals of any church mission trip. When a mission team can take their eyes off themselves (the ME) and focus their eyes and motivation on CHRIST and OTHERS then strides are made in furthering the Kingdom of God.



Dale Lusk
Executive Director, Covenant Merge Ministries

GIRLS NIGHT OUT APRIL 11, 2014

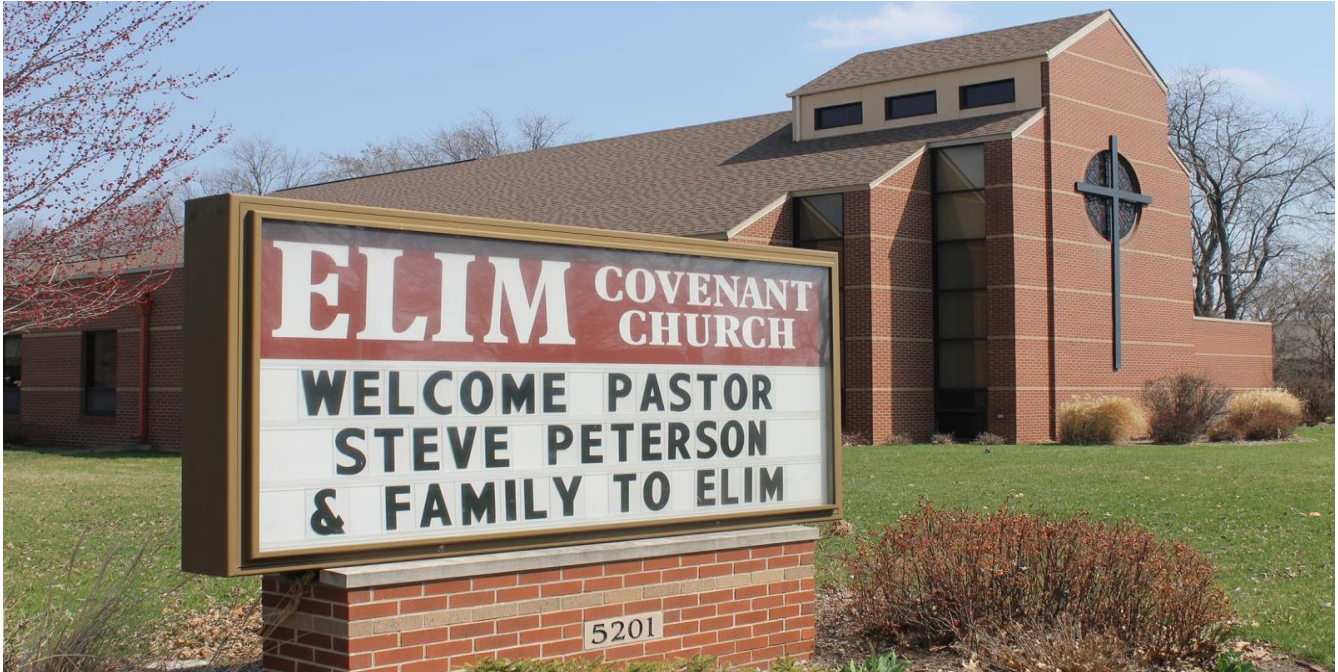
Pictures submitted by Cindy Minard



It was a great Girls Night Out this year. Attendance was over 100 – the parking lot was full. Thank you to Cindy Minard, Emily Spencer & their volunteers! We raised a little over \$900.00 with the silent auction. Nice!!

HOORAY!!!

EXCITING APRIL FOR ELIM!!



VBS 2014



June 15-20, 2014

Ages 3 years through 5th grade!

Registration for Weird Animals VBS is now open!

[Register Your Child](#) – [Contact Elim](#) – [Elim Children's Ministry](#)

Link on website - elimqc.org/events/vbs

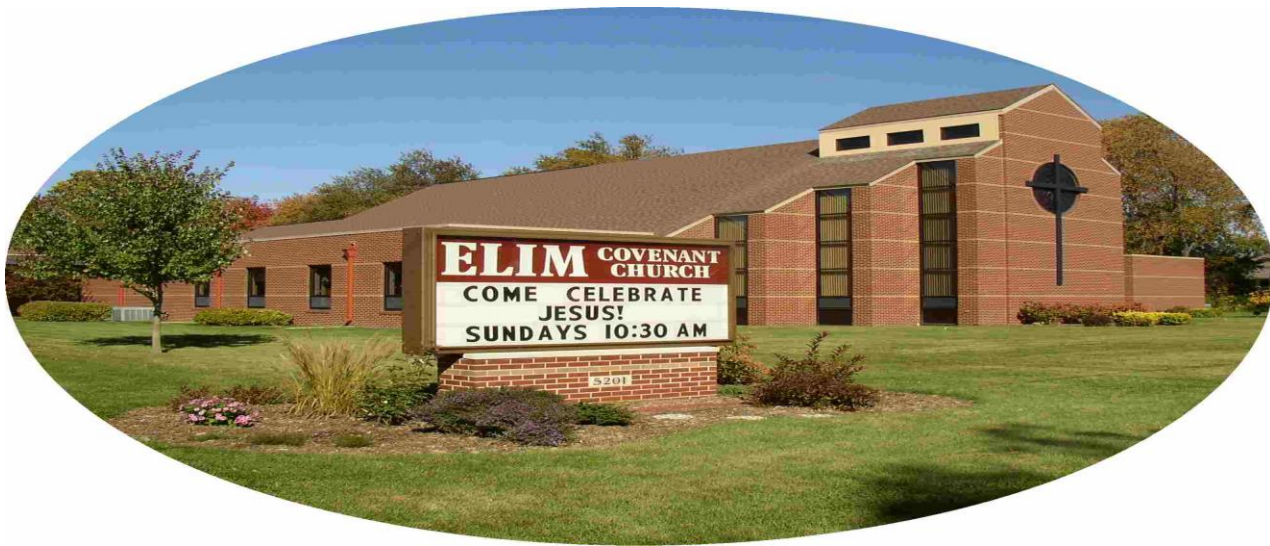
MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Keenagers 9:00 a.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	2  CIU Lauritzson/Scouts 7:00-9:00 p.m.	3 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m. Legacy Cooking 10:00am- 12:30p
4 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Celebration 10:30 a.m.	5 Prayer Team Gathering 5:30 p.m. 	6 Trailblazers 6:30 p.m.	7 Dollar Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth/Choir 6:30 p.m.	8 Keenagers 9:00 a.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	9	10 CIU YMCA Mtg. 9:00-11:00am
11 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Celebration 10:30 a.m. 	12 Prayer Team Gathering 5:30 p.m. 	13 Trailblazers 6:30 p.m. MLT Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14 Dollar Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth/Choir 6:30 p.m.	15 Keenagers 9:00 a.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	16 CIU Pampered Chef 5:00 p.m.	17
18 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Collect for CF	19 Prayer Team Gathering 5:30 p.m. CIU China Painting 10:00a-3:00p	20 Trailblazers 6:30 p.m. CIU China Painting 10:00a-3:00p	21 Dollar Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth/Choir 6:30 p.m. CIU China Painting 10:00a-3:00p	22 Keenagers 9:00 a.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. CIU China Painting	23	24 S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. CIU B. Dang Graduation
25 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	26 Prayer Team Gathering 5:30 p.m. 	27 Trailblazers 6:30 p.m.	28 Dollar Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth/Choir 6:30 p.m.	29 Last Keenagers till fall 9:00 a.m. CIU YMCA Mtg. 9:00-12 noon Last till fall J. Wells Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	30	31  VBS Planning Mtg. 9:00-11:00 am

*"...in God I trust;
I will not be afraid. What
can man do to me?"
Psalm 56:11*



*"For he is the living God
and he endures forever; his
kingdom will not be
destroyed, his dominion
will never end."
Daniel 6:26b*



Elim Covenant Church

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May Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

2 Steve Coil
13 Lorraine Carsell
15 Margo Coil
16 Juanita Arellanos
16 Meagan Bear
17 Dave Christy
20 Martha Peterson
22 Bill Minard
28 Jim Ogden
29 Jay Stanley
30 Kate Schaechter



Anniversaries

(None listed in May,
if you have one call
the church office).