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The Torch of Passion for God

A word from Pastor Jacob



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As the 2008 summer Olympics begin I am reminded of the torch. The torch is a very important symbol of hope and peace that is carried by different runners, traveling thousands of miles, using various transportation methods, crossing several continents, and in the end is used to light the main torch where the Olympics will be held. As Christians we too carry torches. This torch within us was first ignited by the Holy Spirit. It is the torch of our passion for God. As Christians we must keep the fire burning. The apostle Paul reminds us that we must run the race and fight the good fight. Our love for God must not die. Our passion for God will be tested time and time again. One of the values of Light of the World Alliance Church is that its members should have passion for God. Passion for

God can only exist when we are holy and intimate with God, when we continually serve Him, when others support us in our Christian journey, and when we continually reflect on God's love which was demonstrated on the cross. As the Olympic approaches may this be your desire to proudly run, holding high your torch of passion for God, so that you may shine the light of God's hope, peace, and love to a lost and dying world.

Parents Day at the park

For this second quarter, there were many events that occurred, but one of the main events that were most important was Parent's Day. Parent's Day, at Light of the World Alliance Church, was held on a beautiful sunny Sunday on June 15, 2008. It was a day filled with special surprises for the parents as well as a good old barbeque at the park.

One of the highlight of the day was when

the children presented certificates and flowers for their parents. The children chose one word from the fruits of the spirit that represented what their parents meant to them.

Another highlight was a special song performed by LOTWAC youth member Mai Kia Thao. She sang a song called "Ua Koj Tsaug". It was beautifully sung and revealed how thankful we are

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The Special Person in My Life

By Cheng (Pao Leng) Her, LOTW guitarist

Continuation from last quarter's newsletter.

I interpret this as helping others when they are in need, and to be an encouragement to others. He also told me that life is tough but everything will be fine if you have faith in what you do. I carry every word with me and I feel it has inspired me to be a better person. I gain self-confidence through his words. With his encouragement, I know that everything I do is done with no regrets.

I have known my pastor for quite a long time. He married my first cousin so I know him well. I consider Pastor Jacob to be family. I look up to Pastor Jacob for advice and encouragement. He has helped me by providing me with valuable insights and teachings. From

the mistakes I do, he corrects me; things I do wrong, he shows me; things I don't know, he teaches me. He is my teacher in life.

When he talks, his tone of voice is very clear and clean. He is a man with humor and charisma. Every Friday is band practice and we never have a dull moment. There are times when I laugh so hard that tears are streaming down my face. I was bawling. Even though he is twice my age, I connect with him on a personal level. His passionate drive to reach out to everyone is an aspiration to me. Every Sunday, I am so happy to learn from this man and listen to how he engages me to Christ.

Will continue in next quarter's newsletter.

Class of 2008 Recognition



Pao Leng and his mom on his graduation night.

Pao Leng Her graduated from Champlin Park High School in June and will be attending Northwestern College this fall.

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for all of their struggles and hard work in parenting us.

After Pastor Jacob's message, the church members went to nearby Jewell Park for good food and a day of sports. While the men were playing volleyball and the children running around at the playground, the women grilled chicken, fish, ribs and steak for the barbeque. There were a lot of leftover food and many went for seconds and thirds.

Parent's Day was a day of fun. It was a day for fellowship and a day when everyone can recognize and reflect on how grateful we are of our parents. At the end of that beautiful sunny Sunday, we did not forget that the day at the park was not just sports and food, but to remember God's wonderful blessing: our parents.

Sunday schedule:

1:30pm-3:00pm

(Praise and Worship and Sunday message is in Hmong and English)

Children's ministry and Hmong group is during service.

Snacks will be provided following service every 1st and 3rd Sundays.

3:00pm-4:00pm

Small Group and Youth Ministry

Praise and Worship

How do we do it?

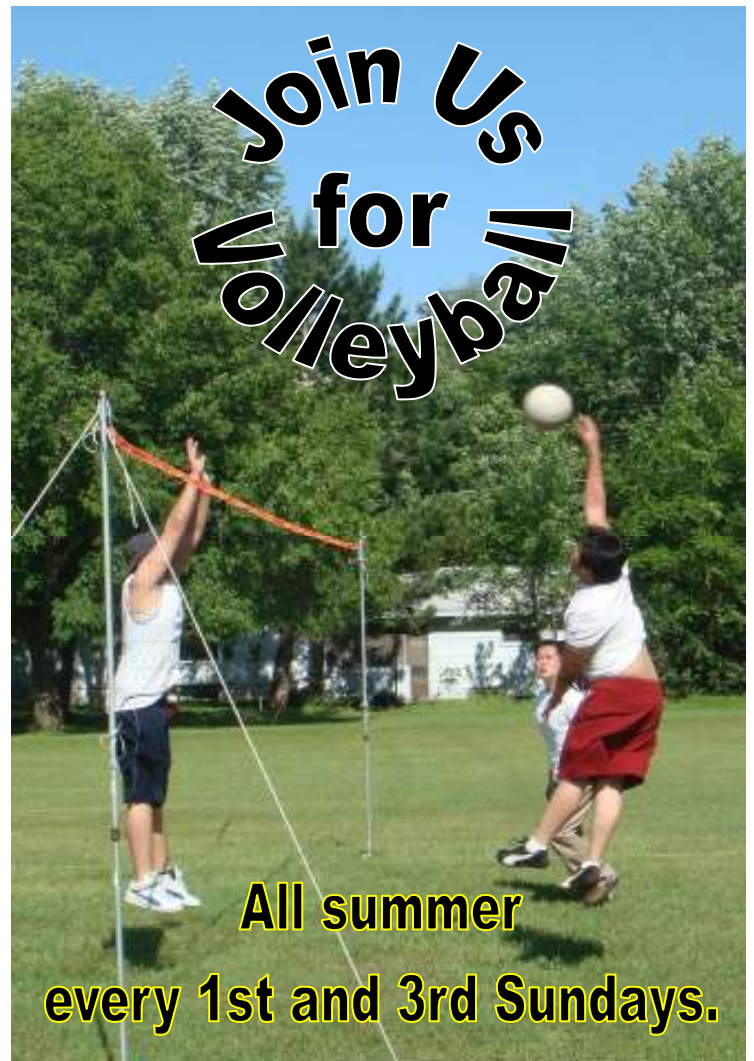
The best way we can praise and worship God is with our every thought and action. John 4:23 says, “Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.”

Why should we do it?

Psalms 28:2 says, “Give unto the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” He is God, who made every star, He is our creator. He has a plan for each and everyone of us –he wants us to have eternal life with Him in heaven. A life of praise and worship fills our deepest needs and remarkably, it brings great joy to God.

What is it?

Many people think that praise and worship is only singing songs at church, but it is so much more than that. It is a condition of your heart, an expression of love and awe to honor God who gives us more than we deserve. God is worthy of all our worship and reverence.



Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer with us for:

- the **Hmong church plants across the nation** (Thrive, MN; Mission Alliance Church, WI; Our City-Our Neighborhood Church, MN; New Life Christian Alliance Church, MN; New Life Alliance Church, CA; Konania Alliance Church, MN; Hmong Family Alliance Church, CA; and Light of the World Alliance Church, MN): that God will use them in special ways to do His ministry and to stand steadfast in God’s calling.
- **Light of the World’s “Shine the Light” carnival**: that this event will introduce God’s love and grace to the community.
- **Susanna Mua**: may God heal her and use her to be a testimony of His awesome power and grace.



Susanna with her parents.



Shine The Light Carnival



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