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The World Needs Jesus

A word from Pastor Jacob

Friends, people need Jesus today more than ever. The other night as I was listening to the presidential debate between McCain and Obama, I realized government is not and cannot be the solution to our country's problems. America is a society that is driven by greed and that's what creates the competitive spirit to come up with better systems and products. All infomercials and commercials talk about the greatest and latest products and services. These products and services help people but more importantly they are there to help the inventors and investors become wealthy. The failed health systems, the falling stocks, and mortgage crises reveals to us that this world is very fragile. We build houses and buildings so high and big, made with some of the strongest materials only to be brought down and leveled by the elements of this world. People today are longing for a better country with authentic leaders, where money and profits are not the center of how this country is run. They want something that is eternal and real. As Christians we have the answer to the world's problems. That answer is Jesus.

I know that sounds vague and general but let me explain. The most important thing a person has to understand is the purpose of life. As Christians our purpose is to live, to serve, and to love God with all of our heart. Focusing on Jesus makes all the difference in the world. In Him we have hope, peace, love, and most importantly eternal life.

Light of the World has dedicated September and October to be months where we motivate and train our members to reach out and share the love of God with others. We don't want to just be normal Christians but rather contagious Christians for Christ. Jesus has commanded us in Matthew 28:19 to share His love, blessings, and salvation to the world. Jesus gave His life for us, the least we can do is share His love and salvation with others.

Shine the Light Carnival

Glory be to God almighty for our successful summer carnival and the warm sunny weather. Thanks to all the volunteers from Way Cross Evangelical Church, friends, family and Light of the World members for making the carnival possible.

Guests were greeted with balloons and bright, colorful streamers. Over 200 visitors attended Shine the Light Carnival - neighbors, friends, and families from near and far. The carnival

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The Special Person in My Life

By Cheng (Pao Leng) Her, LOTW guitarist

Continuation from last quarter's newsletter

A path in life is bumpy and curvy. One way you can change that path to be smooth and straight is to have someone in your life that can encourage you and believe in you. I know that I have a smooth and straight path in life because I have a special someone who taught me all the things I need to know in life. He is my Pastor. Pastor Jacob has given me advice and through his image I was changed. I learned to believe in myself and to have confidence in what I do. I want to thank him for helping me realize my dreams and aspirations.

Here I am sitting and looking up at this nicely dressed



man as he faces me with a warm smile. Pastor Jacob is speaking of encouragement again. New words, new knowledge, and a new beginning of life have just started for the week. I am excited and am waiting anxiously like I am

thirsting for water in the middle of the desert. Pastor Jacob will always be my special teacher, teaching me the knowledge of life that I thirst for.

Celebration of Life

Congratulations!!!



Nang Her and Pao Vang on their engagement.



Welcome our newest member

Selah Kajsiab Moua
D.O.B.: 6/29/08

Parents: Pastor Josh and Kia Moua



Class of 2008

Kayla Moua
Globe College
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kicked off with refreshments: popcorn, cotton candy, and freezies, and lots of fun games and activities. Children gathered around the games, winning bags full of candies and prizes. The inflatables drew the most crowd. The most popular activity for the youths was the basketball court. A crowd grew on the sidelines cheering on the youths as they took their turns to make a basket. A popular ride that everyone enjoyed, young and old alike, was the Shine the Light trailer. It was a nice break from the crowd and noise.



Pao defeated Nang in the obstacle course

Members had a chance to meet visitors and shared about their faith, and built friendships. It was a chance to be a contagious Christian and shine the light of Jesus Christ. This event surrounded our theme for the year:

love your neighbor as Jesus Christ loved you. Everything was given freely just as Jesus Christ gave his life freely to us. The food was great with a combination of Asian and American cuisine. Everyone took a break to eat inside the church dining hall and when they were full it was time to go back outside where the fun and laughter continued.

The event ended with praise and worship, a concert and door prizes. It was encouraging to see God's children singing and praising Him. For some people it was an experience of praising God for the first time. The special songs were powerful, inspiring and encouraging. In the end those that came received gifts



Serena and Crystal

that expressed God's love, sweet treats, balloons, and literatures about Light of the World Alliance Church. A visiting family even received an iPod to take home. Everyone who came to this event went home blessed!



On Saturday September 27, 2008, a group of us had the opportunity to go and watch “FireProof” at the Regal Cinema. I have been praying for good weather and turn outs. We had planned to arrive at Light of the World Alliance Church before heading out to watch the movie at 5:00 PM. When I first heard that there was a wedding taking place at church, I said to myself, Lord you done it again! I recall the first miracle of Christ took place at a wedding as Christ turned water into wine; and the bride and groom received the blessings. We were not expecting a wedding ceremony at church. So when we saw the lot filled with cars, we were a little perplexed as how we would meet up with the others. I believe the Lord, who instituted marriage, created the perfect environment to prepare us for this movie as we were going to watch a movie that would help strengthen and affirm marriages. God orchestrated everything accordingly.

If you are still wondering what is “FireProof,” I encourage you to stop wondering and go see the movie. Take your spouse, if you are married, and go watch it together. If you are single, you need to go watch it as well, as this will help prepare you for your own marriage down the line. Fireproof is action-packed, heartwarming, humorous, relational, and last but not least, it is about the love of God and how God keeps on loving us even when we reject His love. You will learn that love is not love until you first experience love in the most purest form of love, a love from above where there are no strings attached, no conditions to the love freely given to you.

In the movie, Caleb, a brave fire fighter is a hero to his town’s people but in his own home, his marriage is crumbling apart. He is a hero to everyone except his wife. They constantly argue over every little thing. Caleb has agreed to his father’s “Love Dare” challenge for 40 days to try to make his marriage work. We see the struggles that he goes through using his own strength and knowledge to win his wife’s respect for him but his heart is not there. No matter how hard he tried to show his affection towards his wife, she is constantly rejecting him and finally told him that no matter what he does, it will not work because she does not love him! There is a popular old saying: “when the going gets tough, the tough gets going.” It seems like everything Caleb does up to this point have been a total failure and he is ready to give up. How can you win the heart of your spouse when the person no longer wants you or cares about you?

No matter what the situation may be or how hard the situation is, God is able and willing if only you will be willing to let Him. Caleb had been rejecting the love of God all his life. He considers himself to be a righteous and good person who does everything he could to help others as best as he knows how. But what else can you do when you have exhausted everything you can do and nothing seems to be working? You got it, when the going gets tough, the tough needs to go to Almighty God. Remember, God is able and willing. So no matter what the situation may be, do not let your past rob you of your present and future. God is able to put a new desire in your heart and that is exactly what Caleb received from the Lord. After Caleb received Christ into his life, God filled his heart with real love, a love only a God can give and fulfilled.

Friends, we all have our own weaknesses and strengths. The devil loves to take your eyes off of Jesus and points you to yourself so he can accuse you of your own flaws. Satan is a master of lies and deceits and he will throw all kinds of addictions and temptations at you. Satan knows that such parasites are hindrances to a successful marriage and relationship with God. The devil's tactics is to turn your eyes away from Christ and to make you focus on yourself which then he can accuse you. The truth is that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus Christ has already defeated the devil at Calvary. Revelation 12:10 says, "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses

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them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. Don't let the devil rob you of your joy in the Lord. Bask yourself in the Lord and you will find love, peace, and joy (Galatians 5:22-23).

1Peter 5:7-8 implies that the devil can only devour people who are full of worries and cares. But God wants us to cast our cares on Him and to live a care-free life and rejoice in the Lord! Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28).

In the movie, we see that Caleb tried to do things out of his own strength and failed miserably. In the book of Deuteronomy 28:7, the Bible says "The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. So trust not in your own strength but in God who will fight your battles for you. So take your spouse and go see "FireProof" and may you be bless by it. We pray that you will see more and more of Jesus and his love for you, each and every day. God's Blessings!

Pastor Appreciation

When God tugged at their hearts, they responded by dedicating their lives to meeting our needs. Often times, we forget the responsibilities our pastors have in leading our church, and take care of their own family. They are the ones who prepare a message each week. They are the ones who answer their phone in the middle of the night to comfort those in need. They are the ones who comfort us during times of pain. They are the ones to give us support and courage through hardships. They are the ones who visit us or a loved one in the hospital. They are the ones who selflessly serve our Lord. They are the ones... We would like to honor our Pastors and their families: Pastor Jacob, Rev. Chong Ge, and Pastor Josh for inspiring us to grow our relationship with God.

October is pastor appreciation month, but we shouldn't limit ourselves to appreciating our pastors just this month, we should show appreciation to our pastors every day. Here are 7 simple ways to show appreciation:

Thank you to all the Pastors of our church. I really appreciate all the work you have put in. Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your family.

- Dana Thao

- 1) Tell him "Thank you" for being your pastor
- 2) Tell him "Pastor I appreciate you for serving our Lord"
- 3) Tell him "God bless you and your family"
- 4) Give your pastor a hug
- 5) Give your pastor a kiss (the chocolate Hershey wrapped in silver tin foil one)
- 6) Pray for your pastor
- 7) Support them with your attendance and participation

Reverend Chong Ge Mua



Pastor Chong Ge and wife

You are a role model for many of us and the younger generations to follow. God has poured blessings to our church and brought you from Ohio to Minnesota for this very purpose. Your fish recipe is unique. I have personally enjoyed eating fish cooked by you. However, you are not only a good cook, but also a fisher of men. May God continue to use you and bless you in your Hmong adult and Prayer Warrior ministries. May the Lord increase His grace, love, peace, joy, and blessings on you and your wife. - Keith Vang

I am thankful to have someone who cares so much about me. I appreciate your willingness to share your wisdom and especially for your optimistic outlook.

You give me hope when I feel like giving up. - Pao Vang

Your passion for the Lord and commitment to His people are such blessings. You are very much appreciated... "He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them."

Hebrews 6:10

Pastor Jacob Mua

We remember when the both of you first came out to meet us at our apartment. We had a good lengthy conversation and you both prayed for us. At that time, we did not know it, but that was the beginning of a long lasting friendship with the both of you and Jesus Christ. We are thankful the both of you had a vision of starting a church and the both of you sought out that dream and made it come true. It is truly an opportunity that God opened our hearts and our eyes to become members of Light of the World Alliance Church. For we have found true love in Jesus Christ. Thank you Pastor Jacob and Mai for serving our Lord. Thank you for showing us what God's love is all about. We thank you. May God bless your family with love and grace.

Thank you for continually praying for me and your encouragements. As a new Christian its easy to go astray but I am stronger with someone like you who is always there to support me. You are a blessing. - Pao Vang

With Great Appreciation and Love, Va Thao & Darling Thao

My family and I am thankful to have friends like you and your family. I want to personally say to you that I am glad to have a friend like you and also a pastor who is open to talk to about life and ministry. More over, my heart is content now that you and your family are living in the City of Brooklyn Park, which also makes us neighbors. May you continue to receive fresh bread from heaven each and every day as we serve Him together. May the Lord increase His grace, love, peace, joy, and blessings on you, your wife, and your children. - Keith Vang



Pastor Jacob and family

Thank you Pastor Jacob and Mai for your passionate drive. I am inspired by your giving and willing spirits. I have grown so much under your leadership and guidance. Thank you does not fully express how grateful I am for your genuine love. - Nang Her

Pastor Joshua Moua

Josh, you are KOOL! Thanks for being awesome and a fun leader. Praise the Lord! - Meng Her

You have brought a new style of music to our church as you lead worship each and every Sunday. We are very blessed and appreciative of your dedication and hard work. You not only inspired the worship team but also the youths to want to learn music. You have been chosen by God to lead a young group of individuals, may God continue to be your source of strength and guidance. May the Lord increase His grace, love, peace, joy, and blessings on you, your wife, and child as well. - Keith Vang

Thanks for being a leader to my brothers and me. Even though it seems so small, you have made a big impact on our lives. - Pao Vang



Pastor Josh and wife Kia

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

GAMENIGHT



5 PM - 10 PM

You are invited to join us at 5 PM for Game Night. There will be games and activities for you to enjoy. The event is open to all and ends at 10 PM. Come meet new people and fellowship with members of Light of the World Alliance Church.



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There is FUN for EVERYONE!!!

Food Board Games Fun Nintendo Wii

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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