



1Thessalonians 5:13-15

Rise and Shine

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

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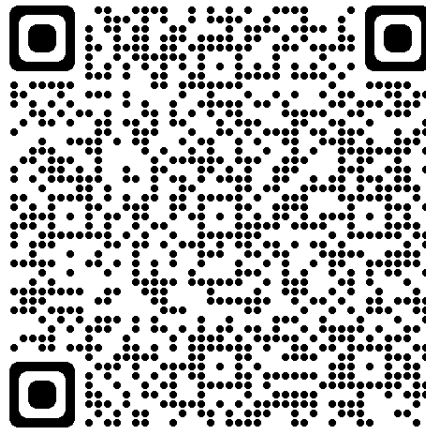
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's time to start preparing to fill Shoe Boxes for the Operation Christmas Child collection in early November. There are free boxes in the church narthex available for you again this year. Watch for more information on what to put in the boxes.

A New Beginning for Génesis In the mountains of Ecuador, 8-year-old Génesis was invited to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event by her cousin. There she heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ clearly presented and was surprised with her first gift ever—a shoebox filled with a stuffed animal, doll, and her favorite toys. Even “the box itself made me very happy,” said Génesis. Scan the QR code or pick up the flier from the narthex desk for the rest of Génesis’ story and get some ideas on what to include and not include in the boxes.



November 13th, 2022 is Shoebox Sunday.

Church website: www.plymouthapostolic.org

Church email: secretary@plymouthapostolic.org

Prayer Chain: plcprayerchain2021@gmail.com

If you would like to receive this by email, please send a message to secretary@plymouthapostolic.org

October at PLC

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Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
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Sundays:

- 2,9,16,23,30** **10:30am** Worship service
also via YouTube & FB live
- 11:30am** Coffee Fellowship
- 16** **10:30am** Worship service with
Communion
- 23** **11:30am** Abbreviated Communion

Tuesdays:

- 11** **6:00pm** Mission Committee meeting
6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

- 5,12,19,26** **9:30am** Ladies Bible Study
- 5** **4:30pm** Feed My Starving Children

Celebrate Our Congregation

October Birthdays:

Rachel	Olson	10/7
Trevor	Olson	10/10
Andrew	Walters	10/11
Tom	Neadle	10/11
Jennifer	Barhorst	10/12
Marilyn	Dahlmeier	10/13
Jan	Pelto	10/13
Marvin	Barhorst	10/15
Tim	Jukuri	10/20
Alex	Walters	10/21
Eva	Vahakangas	10/22
Brian	Lunn	10/23
Katrina	Vahakangas	10/28

October Anniversaries:

Neil & Deb	10/23
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Save The Dates



Join us at FMSC in
Chanhassen to pack food on
Wednesday, October 5th,
4:30-6:15pm.

Sign up sheet is on the Narthex desk.
Carpooling is welcome.

Sign-up sheet on the Narthex Desk or email
the church secretary.

Site Address: 18732 Lake Drive East,
Chanhassen, MN 55317



THE BUZZ

FROM THEFIVEHIVE

September 2022: Earthquake update

This email is a not-so-quick update since so many of you have asked about how we are doing after the earthquake. First, a little summary for those who are unaware:

On the morning of September 11, while we were all getting ready to go to worship, we experienced the largest earthquake we have ever felt, a magnitude of 7.6 centered about 40 miles away. Earthquakes in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea (PNG) are fairly common; we feel an average of 2-3 per month. Most of them really are just little shakes and many times not even enough for us to pause during conversation or work. But this last one was different.



This is what prevented barefoot Derek from exiting the house.

Our house was violently shaking and the noise was nearly deafening. Barefoot Derek got stuck in the house (broken glass prevented him from exiting) while the rest of the family struggled to stay upright as they made their way to the backyard. While supporting himself in a bedroom door frame, Derek was yelling at the top of his lungs to assess where the rest of the family was. Nobody in the backyard could hear him.

This violent shaking lasted for about 1.5 minutes.

There were many things that were damaged on our mission center, but no people were injured! We lost about $\frac{3}{4}$ of our dishes (see pic above). Our house had suffered very little damage considering what took place. Our hot water tank on the top of our house suffered only minor damaged and thankfully our rain metal water tank survived, but it will need to be replaced soon to prevent future disaster. Our propane line was torn off our house and bent (thankfully no leaks), but that was easily fixed. Our kitchen faucet was bent, but it doesn't leak! Our house is still on its foundation and none of the support posts were broken. Some of our friends homes were not so fortunate.

We are very thankful that this earthquake has not seemed to affect our boys much at all. They've done well to keep it in perspective and were even out assisting the community the afternoon of the earthquake. It was really remarkable how quickly the Ukarumpa community has been working to get everything back up and running as close to normal as possible.



This water tank is located two doors down from us. We have a similar but much larger water tank, and for some reason, it came through the quake unscathed.



Here, Nate and Derek are helping to fix a friend's solar water heater that was in danger of sliding off the 15' tall roof. Our water heater was also jarred loose but the pitch of our roof is very shallow so we will wait to fix it until other more urgent issues are attended to. (Photo courtesy of Martha Boyd)

The clinic was all cleaned up by 11:00AM on Monday morning, just 24 hours after the earthquake. There are several repairs that need to be made, but the primary structure of the clinic is intact. The school had a delayed start on Monday, but classes were able to resume on Tuesday, as the remaining issues will just take some time. Derek's math classroom was hardly impacted but the shop was a different story. He will be cleaning up for a while! Watch this video from the two security cameras in the school shop. <https://youtu.be/RH2ai1t-nDI>

One thing that is not back to normal is our internet. The earthquake caused a break in the submarine mainline that connects PNG to Australia. That is estimated to take about two months to be fixed. Until then, we are back to the irregular and slow DSL-type speeds that we had when we first arrived in 2016.

Thank you so much to each of you that have reached out to see how we are doing and to ask how you can help. We can definitely use help shipping small to medium packages of supplies. If you would like to help out in some way you can contact us directly and we can give you some ideas. To adapt the common proverb, "Many small packages make light work".

We would greatly appreciate your prayers. We already had feelings of frustration & discouragement from some of the difficult cultural situations we have had to navigate recently. We also had feelings of helplessness & anxiety about the health issues of some dear family members back home. The earthquake has added another layer of burdens to that list.

But we are not giving into those burdens; we will keep seeking the Spirit's guidance. Here is a testimony about how God cared for Derek the day school resumed:

Each week this term, I've been sharing a verse or two from Psalms 143 with my

classes. The verse for the week after the earthquake just happened to be the second-to-last verse because it was the second-to-last week of our school's term. That verse (vs 11) reads, **"For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!"** What a perfect verse to snap me back to the reality of our faith walk!

Yes, we're burdened; yes, we're troubled. But the Holy Spirit is still guiding us as we continue to seek after a deeper relationship with Jesus.

As always, thank you for your messages, prayers, and encouragement!

If you're already a prayer, encouraging, and/or financial partner, **THANK YOU!**

PRAYER PARTNER: Either contact us directly using our information (below) or click [HERE](#) to sign up to become a member of our prayer team.



Unswervingly,
Hebrews 10:23

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Ideas from the American Family Association

Hear what AFA's governmental affairs affiliate, AFA Action, has to say about taking voter engagement to the next level...

As we all know, voting is effective only insofar as people participate and legitimate votes are counted correctly. Now that early voting for the General Election is nearly upon us, it's crucial to be reminded of the actions you can take to preserve our liberty.

In recent years, election fraud has been the focus of much attention. As citizens work with state legislatures to enact laws that make voting more secure—and stop destructive federal overreach—do you know that it is within your power to make a difference right now?

Less than twenty percent of those eligible actually vote, and even fewer take part in facilitating the voting process, which is essential to free and fair elections. I want to give you an overview of three things that you can do this season besides casting your vote:

Practical Actions to Actively Participate in the Election Process

1. Become a volunteer voter registrar or hold a voter registration drive.

Millions of eligible voters are missing from America's political decision-making process. While many complain about voter integrity, one of the simplest ways the effects of fraud are countered is when like-minded people register to vote and show up at the polls. Once registered, people are more likely to take the next step and vote. Honest voter registration is a safeguard against fraudulent registration, and YOU can help.

Nearly one out of every two Christians who are eligible to vote do not consistently take advantage of this tremendous opportunity. Imagine the impact even a registration drive at just one church can have! One of our partners provides everything you need to hold a registration drive at your own church. [You can access it here.](#)

In some states, you can apply to become a deputy voter registrar who collects and submits completed registration forms. Other states do not provide a deputy registrar program, but they make registration forms available for individuals and organizations to hand out at registration drives. Contact your county elections office to find out how you can help register voters. This is an ideal time as we approach the November 8 election.

2. Become an election worker.

Election workers facilitate the voting process on election day. It wasn't until later in life that I became aware that this opportunity is open to people like you and me. **By working at a local polling location, you take responsibility for protecting the right to vote and the security of part of the process.** It's also a great chance to meet your neighbors!

You can sign up to be an election worker here through the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. You may be paid a nominal wage for your service. Training is usually provided through your county elections office. Your duties may include:

- Setting up and packing up the voting equipment at the polling location
- Making sure voters are registered in the county in which they are voting
- Transporting the ballots and election equipment back to your county elections office—a major responsibility!
- Guarding against electioneering (illegal campaigning) at the polling location

How important are poll workers, you ask? In a 2004 Tennessee election, a vigilant poll worker caught one lady trying to vote in her deceased sister's name. In a 2010 primary in Dallas, a poll worker attempted to use another person's registration information to cast a fraudulent vote. Her attempt was thwarted, thankfully, by another poll worker who was honest.

The integrity of those entrusted with administering our elections are critically important—and the opportunity is available to you.

3. Become a poll watcher or observer.

Accountability is a key component to an honest election. Volunteer poll watchers observe the voting process at the polling location. As a poll watcher, you make sure election workers are enforcing and observing the law and that no illegal electioneering is taking place.

Poll watcher (also called election observer) duties may include:

- Alerting an election worker to potential errors or violations in facilitating the voting
- Documenting all observations and reporting any incidents
- Observing the setting up and dismantling of election equipment, and the handling of ballots at the end of the night

Poll watchers may be appointed by a political candidate or political party. In addition, election observers may be needed at the location where ballots are counted, not only where the voting takes place.

You can find information on your state requirements for election observers here as well as training through a resource provided by one of our partners. Be sure to contact your county elections office for specific information.

Does it make a difference? Yes, it does