

Crossolutions Communiq  

Save the Date!

Sunday, Dec. 19
10:00 am
Breakfast Potluck
at Koinonia Outreach

Friday, Dec. 24
5:30 pm
Christmas Eve
Communion Service at
Koinonia Outreach

Koinonia Outreach

Sundays
Gathering 10 am
Soaking Session 6 pm

Wednesdays

6:30 pm
1st Wed - Worship
Last Wed - Prayer
All other weeks - Teaching

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The Pastor's Pen



Christmas means opening the presence. Emmanuel, God is with us is one of the basic tenants of orthodox Christian theology. God became flesh and dwelt among us. During this Christmas season we



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have had abundant evidence throughout our fellowship of the presence of God among us. Our new international churches have renewed our focus on the gospel mandate to take the news of Emmanuel to the world. Near or far His presence, in us and among us, is the same. When the veil was torn on the cross, access to the holy of holies was transformed from one high priest once a year to every person who puts their trust in Jesus

Christ for the forgiveness of sins. In American culture we tear the wrapping off of the present to get to it. On the cross the body of Christ was torn, thus the veil was torn, opening to the world his presence. This truth is a gift we can, and should share with everyone.

God bless each of you this Christmas season.
Pastor Bob

Women of Faith...& More

This month the "More" I write about is the Christmas tree, but not just any Christmas tree, Charlie Brown's Christmas tree. Those of you who attended Koinonia Outreach last Sunday, December 5th, may have seen the Christmas tree sitting in front of the window. If you were there and didn't see it, that's okay, it's kind of small. I've known about Charlie Brown's Christmas tree for quite a while, but this year it's as if I saw the tree for the first time as I was paging through the many store advertisements that we received the week of Thanksgiving. It stood out to me and I thought "I want that tree", so at 5 a.m. on 'black Friday', the day after Thanksgiving, I was standing in a long line with one item to buy, my \$5.99 Charlie Brown Christmas tree.

My reason for being drawn to that tree was that it reminded me of the Christmas trees my Grandpa and Grandma Berg had for many years. They would just go out in the trees and cut a branch (it seemed any branch would do) and that would be the tree that would be set up for our family Christmas gathering. It didn't matter what the tree looked like because Grandpa and Grandma's home was filled with love and there were always presents under the tree, and lute-fisk and lefsa waiting to be eaten. Those are such wonderful memories for me and, for whatever reason, this was the year I needed to have 'that' tree.

After I got the tree home and it was set up, I begin to enjoy it even more, because as I looked at the simple tree with the single ornament on it, it seemed to be the perfect tree for Christmas and so that is why I brought it down to Koinonia Outreach. It's simplicity just speaks "Jesus" to me. Christmas is all about Jesus and yet so many times Jesus gets covered up by all the trimmings of the season. What is even better is that the single ornament is red. The red to me represents His blood. One of our Christmas books that we bring out each December is called the The Christmas Child and it states "Baby Jesus was born to be crucified. He came not just for Bethlehem, but for Calvary---not just to live with us, but to die for us. Born with love in his eyes and the cross in his heart. He was born crucified". My prayer for each of you is that no matter what your Christmas tree looks like, Jesus would be the focus of your Christmas and your life.

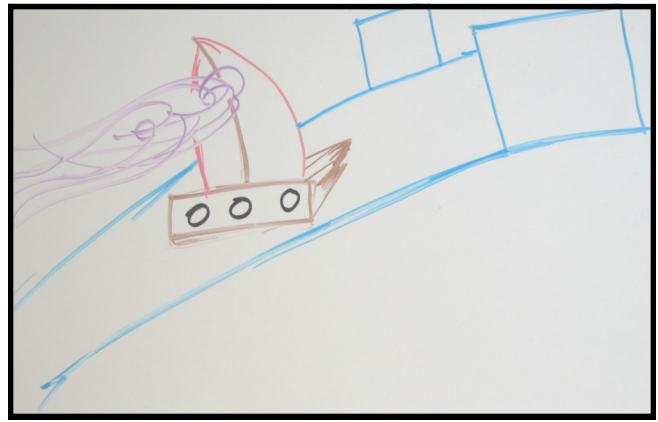
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!!
Love,
Marcy



Prophetic Pictures

Here are some pictures God has given during our Sunday gatherings. Some have obvious meaning, some are a bit more obscure.

How is God speaking to you through them?



From the Editor's Seat

Short and sweet. That's the newsletter this month. That doesn't mean there isn't anything going on. Quite the contrary!

So in the hustle and bustle of the holidays, keep each other, and all the pastors and fellowships who are part of the Crossolutions network in prayer. Here's a list you can cut out and keep handy to help you remember who they are:



CROSSOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL PRAYER LIST

- Klemen & Carol Vidic - *Slovenia*
- Mike & Robin Shaver - *Servant's Heart Ministries, IL*
- Pete & Diane Morgan - *The River Fellowship, NE*
- Chris & Betsy Savage - *Soaking Ministry, SD*
- Pastors Daniel & Rebecca Ling Thang - *Myanmar*
- Pastor Phillip Borbor Joshua - *Liberia*
- Pastors Bob & Marcy Williamson - *CSI & Koinonia Outreach*

Wishing you and yours a very
Merry Christmas
 and a
Happy New Year.

And in the words of Tiny Tim,
 "And God bless us, everyone!"

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 your copy of
 Communiqué?

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 website! You'll find it
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