

THE GOOD NEWS



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Is a nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3), Internal Revenue code. Also known as "The Sending Place". We exist for the purpose of training and sending Christian missionaries to proclaim Jesus as Lord to the ends of the earth.

Director Begins Full Time on June 9, 2003

Pastor Darrel Deuel will switch from part-time to full-time as Executive Director of "The Sending Place" on June 9, 2003. He will spend most of June in the St. Louis and Minneapolis areas, so if you would like to invite him to speak to your congregation there, or if you would like to get together with him then, make arrangements with him by calling (916) 689-7300. Pastor Deuel will be in South Africa most of July, but will again be available to speak in August.

Fund Raisers Needed

If you are starting to catch the vision of "The Sending Place," and want to see it come into its full reality as soon as possible, please vol-

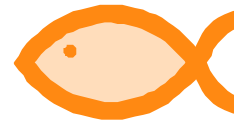
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unteer to work at fund-raising for it in your area. We are looking for people willing to visit congregations and individuals on behalf of "The Sending Place" to let them know what is happening. Call or e-mail us if you are interested.

Next Team Training Begins August 23, 2003

If you are ready to say "yes" to god and become a "goer" the next training for a short-term mission trip will begin on August 23rd, with your team leaving right after Christmas for two to three weeks. We still have quite a few places that want a team, so we have not finished narrowing down the place just yet. But register now. Because the training center is

not yet built, this will again be part-time training, with on-site sessions being held in both the Minneapolis, Minnesota and Sacramento, California areas. If you are too far from either of those locations, we will work with you from a distance. You will still do the same reading and the same work, though on your own. There is an application on the insert in this news letter. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.



SUPPORTING CHURCHES

The list of Lutheran congregations continues to grow who are supporting "The Sending Place"! All of the prayers and financial support are appreciated. If you do not see your congregation listed here, please encourage them to come on board! The more of us who partner together to preach the Gospel and send missionaries, the more fruit we will bear in saving the Lost. Current supporters include:

Ascension Lutheran
Waterloo, Iowa
Hope Lutheran
Corinth, Texas
Poplar Lake Lutheran
Fosston, Minnesota
St. Timothy's Lutheran
San Jose, California
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
Yuba City, California

Cross & Crown Lutheran
Arlington Heights, Illinois
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Davis, California
Redeemer Lutheran
Chico, California
Trinity Lutheran
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Simi Valley, California
St. Peter's Lutheran
Elk Grove, California
United Lutheran
Manteca, California

Gloria Dei Lutheran
Sacramento, California
Our Savior's Lutheran
Patterson, California
Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran
Galt, California
Zion Lutheran
North Highlands, California

The Passion We Need

Are you living with passion in your life? No, I'm not talking about romance. I mean, what are the things you are the most passionate about as you live your life? Do you have a powerful passion for golf, or basketball or other sports? Do you have passion for certain teams in those sports? Do you have your strongest passion toward your children or grandchildren? Or is your passion just to have fun and have a good time?

While it certainly is good to live your life with passion, we must make sure it is the right one! In Colossians 1:15-18, we read "Jesus is the image of the invisible God....all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent." And in John 5:23 we see, "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him."

These and many other passages in the Bible show us that God the Father has a passion for His Son, Jesus Christ! Anyone who fails to understand God the Father's passion for His Son, is in grave danger of misunderstanding the entire Christian faith! And therefore, in danger of spending eternity in the wrong place.

Everyone in the world who chooses a belief other than Christianity, obviously has no clue about God the Father's passion for Jesus. After all, if there was another way into heaven without faith in Jesus, that would mean Jesus' death and resurrection were unnecessary and meaningless.

Wrong. God the Father put his whole plan together, and it is ultimately for Jesus' sake, not our own, that we are forgiven of our sins and given eternal life. That's right, it's for Jesus' sake (which is what we hear during the absolution of our sins at the beginning of worship each week.) You see, God the Father is absolutely passionate that we will not cheapen His Son, will not count His Son's work as no big deal.

And also be sure you notice there is a flip side to this passion. Because there is a strong relationship between the Father and the Son, the passion goes both ways! As we understand that everything God the Father does comes out of his passion to honor His Son, so at the same time, everything Jesus does comes out of His passion to honor His heavenly Father!

That's what we call love. That's what we call a relationship. We see Jesus' passion for His father in John 2:15:26, " And making a whip out of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and the oxen, out and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, " Take these things away: you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." Jesus' passion for His Father moved Him to action, when He saw His Father's house being abused and His Father's name not being honored!

Jesus also said in John 8:29, "He who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him." Notice that Jesus' passion for His father moved Him to want to please His father. Is that how you are living? As you make your decisions each day, what you are going to do and not do, do you always do what is pleasing to your heavenly Father?

My friends, if your strongest passion is directed toward anything else besides the Lord, it's time to shift your focus back to the passion you need. Grow in your understanding of the Father's passion for His Son, and Jesus' passion for His heavenly Father, and then shift more and more of your passion into the same direction! When you have that right passion, you are ready to " go and make disciples of all nations".

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**Spend Some Time
On Our Web Site**

There is a lot of information about "The Sending Place" and our ministry on our website at www.TheSendingPlace.com. You can find all of our past newsletters, photos of the Redding, California property where the facility will be built, extensive information about the places our mission teams are going, and much more. Check it out and send us your comments, we would love to hear from you.

MISSIONARIES CONTINUE TRAINING

I am so excited to announce that three mission teams have now completed over half of their training, and all of the individuals are eager to board the planes and get started on their missionary journey. The Russia team has already raised all of their financial support that was needed! Thank you to all of you who have so generously donated to these missionaries. It's great to have "senders" like you!

The mission teams going to Kenya and South Africa need to raise almost twice as much money as the team going to Russia, so they have a ways to go yet. So far, a little over half of the necessary money has been received, so continue praying that all the funds will be donated that are needed, and if you would like to help send them, send a check to "The Sending Place" marked for Kenya or South Africa mis-



Mission Teams for Russia, Kenya and South Africa at a training session in South Lake Tahoe

sion teams. Here at "The Sending Place", we always strive to send out all missionaries with excellence. 3 John 6-8 says, **"you will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to**

support such men, that we may be fellow workers with the truth." And in Titus 3:13, Paul tells Titus to diligently help send a couple of workers on their way, **"so that nothing is lacking for them."** This is an important principle. We want our missionaries to be able to focus on their task, not wonder where their next meal will come from. So just as we want excellent people who are willing to go preach the Gospel, we also want excellent senders., **"so that nothing is lacking"** for those who go. Therefore, whether you are a "goer", or a "sender", strive to do so with excellence. As you pray for or give your financial gifts to the missionaries, do so with love for them, wanting what's good for them. And do so with love in your heart for those people on the other side of the ocean who will be ministered to.

**“The Sending Place”
Mission Team Registration Form**

Please return to: **Registrar
P.O. Box 730
Elk Grove, CA 95759**

Phone: 916-689-7300 Fax: 916-689-3462
E-Mail: thesendingplace@hotmail.com

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Name of Mission Team Applying For (If Known) _____
Beginning Date of Training: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$35.00 USD/single \$50.00 USD/couple)

Personal Information

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss _____
Last/ Family Name First Middle

Current Address _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Permanent Address (If different than above) _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Country _____ Current Address Until (Month/Day/Year) ____/____/____

Telephone () _____ Fax () _____ E:Mail _____

Birth Date ____/____/____ Age _____ Place of Birth (City, State/ Country, Province) _____

Social Security # _____ Drivers License # _____ Type(s) _____

State Issued _____ Expiration Date _____

Height _____ Weight _____ Eye Color _____ Hair Color _____

Citizenship _____ Passport # _____ Date of Expiration ____/____/____

Marital Status _____ Spouses Name _____
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Children Accompanying You	Name	Date of Birth	M/F	Grade in School
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Languages (Spoken) _____ (Scale of 1-10 how well)
(Written) _____ (Scale of 1-10 how well)

Church Information

Home Church Name _____ City _____ State/Country _____

Pastors Name _____ Denomination _____

Phone # (____) _____ Fax # (____) _____ E:Mail _____