

# THRIVE!

M A G A Z I N E

## Faces...

When you call the Calvary Office, you will usually get the friendly voice of Cindy Tillie saying, "Calvary Church, this is Cindy..." Cindy is our Receptionist and Administrative Assistant for Missions...



...And if you are looking for help with "all things Student or Children's Ministry-related", our new Administrative Assistant in those areas is Deb Moncivais! Welcome, Deb!



## JOANNE ARENTSON

# REBUILDING TOGETHER

**For a good time call Frank, 563-260-3143.**

Frank Iliff is the not-so-bashful coordinator of Rebuilding Together Muscatine (RTM). And Frank is pretty sure if folks volunteer for a work team on Saturday, April 24, when RTM takes on repairs for eight local homes and the playground structure at Franklin Elementary School, they'll be glad they came. They'll have a great time working, making some new acquaintances and finishing the day knowing they accomplished something of worth as they helped make someone's life better.

Rebuilding Together Muscatine, a subset of the nationwide Rebuilding Together organization, is one way people can get involved locally to benefit individuals and families who live in substandard housing. Or, in the case of the playground at Franklin Elementary School, a team will replace splintered wood and reinforce the structure, repaint, and put down pea gravel to make it safe again for the children who play there.

RTM is the intersection where resources meet need. Frank dreams about the good that can be done with time, talent and treasure for "Changing Lives, One Home at a Time," the

group's mission. "We're on this planet for a reason – the things God puts in front of us that we chose to do or not do affect people in a tremendous way," he explains. His wife, Deb, can attest to Frank's 24/7 commitment to helping people when he sees need, from changing tires for folks on

the side of the road to mowing the grass for someone who isn't able.

He is a cheerleader, an organizer, and coordinator for RTM, connecting people with time, energy, skill, and money with those who don't. Volunteers scrape, paint, rake, plant, sweep and visit, as well as wield power tools and hammers.

"Not everyone is talented in construction, but there is something for everyone to do." And Frank will also point out that if a person is not available to work on Saturday, April 24th, there is always a need for money to pay for building and repair materials and necessary appliances or fixtures. Donations are tax deductible and always gratefully received.

Having completed three seasons



# UPCOMING EVENTS

# CALENDAR

april:: may :: june :: july 2010

Date	Event	Description	Location	Time
<b>APRIL</b> 11	BAPTISM CLASS	For any adult who desires to be baptized Contact <a href="mailto:gale@calvaryonline.org">gale@calvaryonline.org</a> .	Auditorium	<b>10:30 AM</b>
17-18	CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM	Baptism Services. Register at Info Center or contact <a href="mailto:gale@calvaryonline.org">gale@calvaryonline.org</a> .	Auditorium	<b>6 PM SAT</b> <b>9 AM SUN</b>
<b>MAY</b> 1	SPRING CLEAN-UP	Campus Clean-up.	Calvary Campus	<b>9 AM</b>
2	MEMBERSHIP CLASS	For anyone age 16 and up interested in joining the Calvary family.	Space 1	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>JUNE</b> 12-13	ANNUAL VISION WEEKEND	Join us as we review our year and look forward to the future	Calvary Auditorium	<b>6 PM SAT</b> <b>9 AM SUN</b>
12-13	NO KIDZONE	KidZone will take a break as we move into our Summer Curriculum, "Loosen the Fear Knot"	KidzTown	
<b>JULY</b> 3-4	NO KIDZONE	There will be no KidZone over the Holiday weekend	KidzTown	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>VARIOUS</b>	SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMPS	Summer Camps offered. Visit <a href="http://www.springvalleycamp.org">www.springvalleycamp.org</a>		

## LOOSEN THE FEAR KNOT:::THIS SUMMER IN KIDZONE!

This year, our Summer Curriculum is called "Loosen the Fear Knot." It explores the questions of "what are children afraid of" and "what does God's Word teach about how to overcome a "fear knot" inside?" This series covers the eight most common fears of children, including fear of heights, snakes, drowning, scary movies, spiders, the dark, bullies and strangers, and will show them how God can help them to 'fear knot' based on Joshua 1:9.

As usual, we like to give our regular volunteers a break for the summer, so we will be needing volunteers! Watch for sign-up sheets later this Spring! For more information, contact Pastor David Stern at 563-263-3367 or [david@calvaryonline.org](mailto:david@calvaryonline.org).

# TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

Nathan Belzer's stomach was growling. "Are you hungry?" I asked him.

"Yeah sorta," he said. "I've got rice to look forward to today. Today's my last day. I'm going to start eating real food tomorrow so I can get some good energy going."

Nathan was making reference to a challenge that Pastor Dan issued a few weeks ago, to live on rice and beans for a week, so that we can better understand what many people around the world deal with on a daily basis – and he decided to accept the challenge. For six days he ate two meals per day that consisted of some sort of rice and/or beans (for lunch and supper – he doesn't usually eat breakfast) and he was feeling its effects. He decided it was time for the challenge, at least for him, to come to an end.

As Calvary's volunteer *Unleash* Coordinator, Nathan had a huge task ahead of him and he needed his strength. The next day he would be loading over 10,000 pounds of food into a 24-foot straight truck to bring to the church for a special Kids Against Hunger (KAH) event that was held on Sunday, March 7. Over 450 people, made up of small groups, families, friends and individuals "Unleashed relentless love to our broken world" by assembling the food into nearly 75,000 vitamin-, mineral- and protein-enriched "casserole" packets, consisting of rice, dried soy, dried vegetables and chicken flavoring.

"Rice is a substance found around the world. There's no place you can go where they don't know what rice is. It's also not objectionable for religious purposes," Nathan said. "And it has a three-year shelf-life. I ate some of it this week that was packaged last year. When you've had nothing but rice all week it's not bad."

The food packages were then shipped to earthquake victims in Haiti, via Carnival Cruise lines.

"(Carnival does) it for free and they don't really advertise it. Apparently they've been involved with these sorts of things before. They see the need for this and when they've got a ship on the way down there because there's a resort, why not throw a bunch of food on there and be a part of the relief effort at the same time?" he said.

Nathan was quick to point out that he didn't coordinate all the details of the KAH food packaging event by himself. He had a team of dedicated volunteers who helped with every aspect of the project and gave special recognition to Mona Askren who manned the sign-up booth before and after services and handled a variety of other tasks.

In addition to KAH Nathan gives oversight to other all-church Unleash initiatives: Liberia's Prime System School of Christ Child Sponsorship, Water4Christmas, Rebuilding Together Muscatine, The Salvation Army Red

Kettle Drive, Foster Care and Adoption, and Reading Buddies at Jefferson School.

"These are all-church initiatives, but there are others that other people are doing. Some of these things require money, some require time and some require both," Nathan said. "Kids Against Hunger is a one-time event, whereas Reading Buddies is an ongoing commitment. We want to give people ideas of what they can do. The idea is to get people out of the pews and to get active."

*Nathan and his wife Rebecca live in Wapello with their two children, 8-year-old Tabitha and 5-year-old Elijah, and have been coming to Calvary for a little over four years.*



Nathan Belzer, unleashed.

leading Rebuilding Together Muscatine, Frank is still seeking that perfect blend of compassion and wisdom. "We learn something new every year," he said, "and we evaluate what we did right, what we did wrong, and what we can do better." Despite lessons learned and experiences gained, Frank still finds it difficult to accept that not everyone who needs help gets it. The concern on his face is genuine; the limitations frustrate him and he cares deeply about widows and the elderly who live in dangerous or inadequate housing. "Our goal is to have a safe and healthy home for every person."

Almost everyone can help on April 24th, with the exception of unsupervised or very young children. For details about volunteering to work and/or donating funds for materials, visit the sign-up table in the Commons, call Frank at 563-260-3143, or email [RTMuscatine@hotmail.com](mailto:RTMuscatine@hotmail.com).

## Help Wanted

### Spring Clean-Up May 1, 2010

Come and join us on Saturday, May 1, here at Calvary Church for spring clean-up! We will be doing some deep cleaning, painting, and light duty repair work throughout the campus. Come help create a fun atmosphere, and maybe a challenge or two, with your friends and small groups.

We are planning 3 hours in the morning, starting at 9:00 am, and 3 hours in the afternoon with a lunch in-between. Come for part of the time, or all of the time; any help is appreciated! Sign up will be in Calvary Church Commons. Have questions? Send an email to Jamie Brookhart: [jamie@calvaryonline.org](mailto:jamie@calvaryonline.org).

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

## URBANA 2009

The Student Missions Conference, an arm of InterVarsity, began in 1946, and meetings were held at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana campus from 1948 until larger venues were needed to support the growing attendance. Today, Urbana® conventions, the largest mission conferences in the world, have challenged more than 212,000 people to participate in the Great Commission. Conferences are held every three years.

One of Calvary's Missions goals is to train our young leaders to go into all the world and tell others about Jesus. In December 2009, we were fortunate to be able to offer scholarships from the Calvary Missions Team to students and young people who were interested in attending and investing in the conference. While there, our Calvary participants were able to connect with World Venture missionaries that Calvary supports, and they also saw God move strongly in their own lives. Here are notes from five of the outstanding young people who attended Urbana:



**Amanda Noller:**

God used Urbana to be a blessing beyond imagination for me. Through speakers, worship, and various sessions, God has begun to shape and transform my understanding of what it looks like to be a Missional

Christian. My heart for the nations increased as a result of Urbana, while God challenged me to be Jesus in my own neighborhood right now. Jesus stepped into our neighborhood and entered our brokenness from His home in heaven. All so we might come back to him. We have been called to be the same to our broken world, the question He asks is, "Will you go to your neighborhood?"



**Jeremy Koskie:**

There were two sessions that really stood out for me. The first one was on engineering and missions. Being a structural engineer I

found this session very insightful as the speaker talked about an agency called Engineering Ministries International. Being able to use my experience in engineering to reach people for the Gospel of Christ is exciting for me. The second session that stood out for me was on prayer - prayer for people that have given their lives to serving God on the mission field using scripture to form the prayer. I have already seen the results of reading through the scriptures in my prayer life as God continues to bring more and more scripture to mind as I'm praying.



**Stefanie Martin:**

I went into Urbana with many thoughts and views and opinions of what to expect from this conference only for them to be shattered. I

was so excited to go and to meet God, and I did, just not in the way I expected. He always surprises me. It was so incredibly amazing to see 17,000+ people from literally all over the world come to one place at one time with the same purpose and heart for God. How beautiful! Although God didn't answer my plans for the five years in the future, He taught me how to be obedient here and now at Iowa State, and what a joy and a privilege it is!



**Kristina Goemaat:**

If I had to describe Urbana in two words they would be "sincerely transforming". My heart aligned with everything Urbana was about. The emphasis on missional

work, social justice, and breaking of old social norms - I especially liked how the organizers emphasized a total faith, one that lives with the "least of these." But what I learned from Urbana was that I needed to look within myself and resolve the own issues I had nagging on my heart. God showed me that before I could spread God's forgiveness I needed to daily forgive myself through Him. By being honest with God and one's self real freedom can be reached. So God can make me a functioning instrument of his peace.



**Rachel Stern:**

Urbana had helped me to realize that despite our place in life, God's heart for the nations can be pursued by anybody. Limitless

opportunities exist for furthering the Kingdom of God through missions. Not only did Urbana open my eyes to mission opportunities around the world, but it also strengthened my Christian roots. The Bible studies allowed me to see the Bible as a tool for evangelism. However, I believe the most important result of Urbana was connecting with the worldwide church through worship with thousands of believers who also desire to serve Christ on the mission field.

# MISSIONS 2010 SCRAPBOOK

## GUATEMALA TEAMS

### Adult Team - February 12-20, 2010



Todd Allen  
 Jeff Allgood  
 Steve Allgood  
 Joyce Barton  
 Don Boldt  
 Craig Butler  
 Ginny Chamberlin  
 Barb Gipple

Randy Green  
 Teresa Green  
 Kelly Gubser  
 Sarah Harrison  
 Lori Harvey  
 Roxanne Henley  
 Will Henley  
 Kim Jones

Judy Keith  
 Bruce Martin  
 Jim Mott  
 Chris Nichols  
 Jason Noble  
 Heather Oepping  
 Cheryl Petersen  
 Rich Thompson  
 Ramiro Vazquez



The adults served in three major areas: construction of a retaining wall, dental and medical care clinics and playing with the local children. They even opened an impromptu hair salon!



Students spent mornings painting walls and ceilings for the church, and rooms at the Compassion property. In the afternoon they played with the children. They also had the chance to teach the students at the Comunion school, interact with the youth from the church, help out with Sunday School and pray with families in the hospital waiting areas.

### High School Team - March 12-20, 2010



Ashtin Bartels  
 Brendan Bartels  
 Brooke Batha  
 Sabra Cacho  
 Kaeley Hogan  
 Erin Meyer  
 Ashley Owens  
 Dalend Pearson  
 Shelby Schmidt  
 Davis Schrock

Anna Snyder  
 Bessa Stern  
*Leaders:*  
 Steve Ott  
 Scott Mauck  
 Peggy Allen  
 Alberto Avila  
 Miquel Johnson

# CAROLYN BROOKS

## EARSTO HEAR

At 3:25 in the afternoon (2:25 on Mondays) those of us waiting for the school bus from Jefferson School stand just inside the door and bask in the lull before the storm. As upwards of fifteen or so boys and girls K-5 come racing across 5th Street and through our parking lot, and others arrive on foot in an effort to beat the bus, all breathless and glad to be out of school for the day, here's a sampling of what we hear:

*Overheard at Flickinger Learning Center:*

"I got an A on my spelling test! You missed seven."

"Your mother is fat."

"Your mother is a ---- ----!!!"

"You better watch your back at school tomorrow."

And this memorable quote near the end of a recent evening, yelled loudly enough at the back of the building to be heard clearly in the front: "I told you to get outside right away. I've been parked

out here wasting gas for five minutes. Hurry up!!! Where's your junk?"

*Spoken directly to me at Flickinger Learning Center:*

"Hi, Mrs. Brooks. I'm back!"

"I don't have any homework." (A closer look revealed twenty problems in Math, ten pages to read, and a spelling list to define and use in sentences.)

"I can get you fired."

"Can I call my mom? My grandma was worried about her because she had to work at a bar last night (whispered: do you know what a bar is?) and she's afraid she got drunk because she didn't come home."

"I missed you when you were gone."

"I love you."



*Spoken awhile ago and recorded for my learning:*

"He sat down and summoned the Twelve. "So you want first place? Then take last place. Be the servant of all." He put a child in the middle of the room. Then cradling the little one in his arms, He said, "Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me—God who sent me." (Mark 9:35-37)

Got extra love?

Looking for a challenge?

Come on down and join us. We need you, want you and will tell you so when we see you walk in. (Best to arrive before the school bus!) Thanks!

# AMY GUBSER

## NEW FACES

Self-proclaimed Air Force brats Will and Roxanne Henley have settled into Muscatine with their four children fairly easily, after moving here for Will's job with River City Hardwoods last year. Even the cold Midwest winters haven't scared them off, nor has the absence of Southern draws. They are used to change.

Roxanne hails from just north of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Will is from Virginia, although they both called a lot of other places "home" before landing in those spots. They met at a singles outing at a lake and their relationship blossomed from there. They have been married for 13 years and their children include Nicole,

10; Christiana, 9; Ben, 8; and Zach, 6. If given a chance, they would all likely be hiking in a State or National park when weather and time permits, and they roll their eyes and laugh when relating stories of some of the camping misadventures they've shared.

Both Will and Roxanne are involved with the Care Team at Calvary, and have recently returned from Guatemala, where Will acted as cook for the team. (He served up some pretty mean chili at the recent Chili Cook-off, too!) Will also works in the Starting Point ministry, and has interests in playing the bass and photography. Roxanne is demure when asked about her interests and activities, however she enjoys cross stitch



The Henley Family

and knitting, and riding herd on their lively family, and she is interested in pursuing her social work licensing in Iowa.

Welcome to the Henleys from the Calvary family!

# CALVARY CHILI COOK-OFF

The Calvary Connection Team (comprised of Judy Snyder, Jill DeVore, Suzie Norton, Amy Smith, Laurie Roumfort and team captain, Teresa Chavarria) reported that the Chili Cook-off held Friday, February 27 was a bang-up success and raised \$625 for Water for Christmas.

The well-attended event gave folks the opportunity to socialize and vote for the best tasting chili in town. Cooks included Frank Iliff, Casey Edkin, Blaine & Sara Carroll, Judy Snyder, Gayle McSwiggin & Bobbi Whitlow, Lynann Edkin, Will Henley, Jon Brauns, Jill DeVore and Amby Corder. Judges for Critics' Choice included Doug Jones, Mark and Jared Roumfort, Tyler Kovach, and Janet & Victor Iwanowski.



Critics' Choice - 1st runner-up, Judy Snyder and Champion, Lynann Edkin



Peoples' Choice - 1st runner-up, Casey Edkin and Champion, Jon Brauns

## Taco Chili - Lynann's Recipe:

Brown and drain:

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 lb sausage

Add:

- 2 packets taco seasoning
- 1 packet ranch dressing mix
- 2-3 tsp chili powder
- 2 cans Rotel tomatoes
- 1 can diced tomatoes (14 oz)
- 1 can stewed tomatoes (14 oz)
- 2 cans pinto beans (15 oz)
- 2 cans chili beans (15 oz)
- 1 can tomato paste (6 oz)
- 1 28 oz can prepared chili (any kind)
- 2 cans whole kernel corn, undrained (15-16 oz)

Simmer together for 1 hour. Serve with grated cheese, sour cream and corn chips.

## Never Tastes the Same Way Twice Chili (for a few) - Judy Snyder's recipe:

- 1 lb hamburger fried, scrambled, drained and seasoned with Mortons seasoned salt
- 1 - 29oz can chili beans

- 1/2 pint - 1 pint salsa (I use homemade or Pace)
- 1 - 8oz can tomato sauce
- 2 good shakes of Worcestershire sauce
- chili powder and pepper flakes to taste

Mix all together and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer one hour or ready to serve.

## Casey Edikin's Recipe:

Brown:

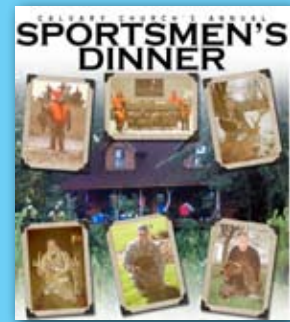
- 1 pound burger
- 1 pound turkey sausage
- 1 chopped onion

Add browned and drained meat/onion to:

- 1 large can tomato juice
- 4 cans drained kidney beans (2 dark, 2 light)
- 2 cans chili beans (not drained)
- 1 chopped green pepper
- 2 cans of flavored diced or stewed tomatoes
- 1 finely chopped jalapeño
- ½ tsp. hot chili powder

Simmer for at least 3 hours

I prefer to eat mine with 2 slices of melted American cheese.



On Friday, March 12, sportsmen and women and their families from six states gathered in the Commons

for the annual Sportsman's Dinner. The event was attended by an estimated 800 people who spent the evening eating, swapping stories, learning new skills and competing for assorted prizes.

Eric Bastin and his crew conducted a casting contest that kept the participants flocking in. A number of hunters enjoyed listening to the expertise of three Pope and Young antler scorers, as they scored and recorded harvested deer racks and shed antlers. Over 35 vendors and organizations provided plenty to do and see, and the great door prizes generated much excitement. The Grand Prize, a Matthews bow donated by Randy McPherson, was won by a very happy Tyson Ochiltree.

Program keynote speaker, Randy McPherson, shared his love of the outdoors and its Creator, and John Rickenback from Centershot Ministries, talked about the outreach program to families, centered on Biblical truth and the life-skill of target archery. Thomas Allen of Outside Iowa Radio served as the master of ceremonies.

The purpose for the event is simply to provide a place for outdoor enthusiasts and hunters to gather for the enjoyment of community and an introduction to the Creator. The Sportsmen's Dinner event team included Mike O'Connor, JC & Teresa Chavarria, Randy Gipple, Cork Battey and a host of other volunteers who helped with set up, food preparation, tear down, greeting, serving and the multitude of tasks required to put on an event of this magnitude.

A surplus of donations for the event will be directed toward Centershot Ministries.

# THOUGHTS FROM THAILAND

Good Morning! (Bangkok is 13 hours ahead of Muscatine)

After six weeks of living out of suitcases, Don and I were just getting used to 'living light.' Then our 'stuff' arrived. Maybe we should have had a garage sale before leaving the U.S.

Our free time is used getting to know the city and surrounding countryside. We've gone to ancient ruins, rose gardens, an elephant and crocodile zoo, Chao Phraya on a long boat trip and shopping at the Chatuchak crazy weekend market. Thailand is a land of many contrasts: affluence and poverty, prestige and obscurity. Another contrast that will hopefully one day dissolve is that Bangkok is the Asian headquarters of several Christian organizations, yet only .05% of the population of Thailand is Christian.

Thailand has a hierarchical society. The wonderful part of this culture is that authority figures, teachers, parents and the elderly are all respected. However, if a Thai believes he is being treated in a manner above his position in society he becomes very uncomfortable.

Everyone asks if we like the food. Every day Don eats Thai food along with the whole plant staff because in Thailand all workers are offered a ride to and from work and a lunch time meal. He is adjusting to the heat, maybe one day he will enjoy it. (Don's project is running a little behind due to equipment deliveries and a few other things, but it will be a very nice factory when it is completed.) We have tried several new dishes: the fish ball dish was deliciously seasoned, palm seed has a delightful flavor, and the corn sundae at KFC was surprisingly good. We have yet to try snake head soup. We're saving this delicacy for visiting friends and family.



Would you like a Corn Sundae...?

This past December Franklin Graham was here. Previous to his visit many Thais offered a video Bible study in their homes and reported around 50% of those attending coming to Christ. Please continue to pray for hearts to open to Jesus and that God will guide us in opportunities to serve Him in reaching Thailand.

## PAULINE EVANS

# A NEW 'TYPE' OF JOB



Lois Kelley

For six years, Lois Kelley has been involved in the ministry of Voice of the Martyrs. She is an area representative for VOM, she collects donations for their ministry, and she

reminds those

of us far from persecution to remember Christians who are suffering for Jesus Christ and to pray for them. In April she is

going to spend a month as a volunteer at VOM in Oklahoma, processing literature.

After she returns, though, Lois will have a different focus for her efforts to serve God and reach people around the globe. She is currently studying how to do Bible transcription for Wycliffe Associates UK. This means typing up a passage from the Bible (in some language she won't even understand) using format markers that control the page layout (similar to using HTML tags to format a Web page).

Lois also has to learn the special sequences to represent characters used in other languages that don't appear on a QWERTY keyboard. The whole process requires extreme

attention to detail. In order to ensure accuracy, two transcribers work separately on each passage.

So why is she doing this? "I am crazy for the Bible," Lois explains. "I've been thirsty to know the Bible even before I was ever saved." Now she wants to contribute to the effort to put the Bible in the native language of every people group around the world. (Of nearly 7000 languages, only about a third have at least a part of the Bible already translated.)