



Presbeat

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I have a confession to make about Mother’s Day. I have not always given this day the attention that many devoted adult children do. I know people who mark it on their calendars months in advance and plan something special. My wife Michelle and I own Beso Bistro in Novato and Mother’s Day brunch is our biggest day of the year! We see lots of families taking mom out! However, for me, I am embarrassed now to admit, growing up in a family of all boys, my mom kept her expectations low.

My wife and daughter and I have travelled some challenging roads in our lives to become a family. Mother’s Day now makes me look back over the landscape of my life, and I see my mother’s influence. I am very much aware of the lessons she taught me.

My brothers and I grew up 30 minutes from downtown Los Angeles. My parents wanted their sons to know we were living in a rapidly changing world. And if we believed the suburbs were a hedge against a fearful future, we couldn’t be more wrong. My parents believed the keys to that future rest, not in the fences we erect to keep people out, but in the bridges we build to allow others in.

In the early ‘80s, I had just started high school. My mom befriended a man named Terry through her work as a nurse. He was fast becoming a family friend. He was contemporary and cool, qualities, I believed in my teenage wisdom, my mom severely lacked.

My mom was trying to hang onto a world that looked more like the world she knew. That world was familiar. It was safe. It was also rigid. Through Terry’s friendship our family was changing from the world of “Pat Boone” to “Bono.” He was having a profound effect on my family, which I considered a very good thing.

Then, in an instant, he was gone. We learned afterward, Terry went to the hospital and died alone. He died alone because he didn’t think he was worth being cared for, or even worth being loved. He died of a disease that had no name at the time. It was still a few years before most Americans would hear of AIDS for the first time.

Unbeknownst to me, our safe suburban life was about to be pushed into the real world, a place where “Pat Boone” definitely did not have the answer.

My mom, a Democrat, along with my dad, a Republican, were deeply disturbed by Terry's lonely and agonizing death. With my dad's loving support, my mom set out to do something about it. My mom joined AIDS Project Los Angeles. This woman from the suburbs and six gay men met in a house in West Hollywood to develop the first "Buddy" program. They became leaders on the front line of AIDS. The Buddy program did exactly as its name suggests. You took care of someone. You made a friend. You built a bridge. Little was known about the disease. Could you catch it from touch, being close to someone who had it? It didn't matter to my mom or the other "buddies." Human compassion and dignity is what mattered most of all. They held the hands of those dying from this awful disease. They talked, and perhaps most important, they listened. They were with these men when they took their last breath.

For my mom's efforts, she received Aids Project Los Angeles' highest award, the Humanitarian of the Year. She got her own float in the gay pride parade. I proudly joined my dad and brothers to watch as she was honored at a big gala. There she was, with a husband and three sons, none of whom were gay, speaking out for not just gay people, but all people.

What started with seven people in West Hollywood would ultimately grow into an organization that reached millions. So on Mother's Day, I look back over the landscape of my life and witness my mom's influence. This suburban mom dared to step out of her safe world of Pat Boone and into the unknown and frightening world of AIDS.

Michelle and I have the joy of seeing the world through the eyes of our seven year old. Her daily amazement is a delight. We want to teach and model to her these lessons of courage, compassion and dignity.

Have a happy and blessed Mother's Day. ~ *Pastor Daniel*
(Printed in the UDJ May 13, 2017)

Note: In case you don't know, Daniel has a regular column for the Saturday edition of the Ukiah Daily Journal. You can also find his articles on our website, <http://fpcukiah.org/our-blog/>.

Calling all VBS helpers!!! We are having a VBS training meeting on June 4th after church. If you can't make it then please let me know and we can catch you up at a later time. Please see the dates below for times when we will need help setting up and taking down as well. Anyone is welcome at these times to help out. We need all the help we can get! ~
Pastor Kelsey

<p>All dates are in June:</p> <p>4th – 11:00a for training</p> <p>5th – 10:00a for decorating</p> <p>6th – 10:00a for decorating</p> <p>12th-15th – 10:00a for decorating</p> <p>17th – 9:00a for set up and decorating</p> <p>23rd – 7:00p for cleanup</p>	<p>For VBS we need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • toilet paper and paper towel rolls • toilet paper rolls • shirts with at least one side blank (front or back) (you won't see these again and any size is good) • cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes
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News from Pastor David in Djibouti

David's mailing address:

CAPT David Rodriguez, CHC, USN
Religious Affairs CJTF-HOA
PSC 831 Box 0015
FPO AE 09363

Dear All:

It's Sunday morning here and I'm about to go to their chapel and lead the 0800 Protestant Liturgical service. We'll be praying for you and all of our loved ones back home.

Yesterday, I returned from Naples, Italy, where I attended a training session for Navy chaplains. It was really nice to get out of the desert and sleep in a big bed. Don't get me wrong, third world countries are a hoot. But it's good to get a break.

In our training, we discussed issues such as domestic violence, sexual abuse, and war. Then I had an 18 hour trip with two lay overs and no sleep. When I arrived in Djibouti I was told that my luggage had been lost en route. It was a good thing that I had just spent four days learning about why violence is a bad thing because I was about to do something to the people who had lost my things.

This week I'll participate in a Memorial Day service for the US Embassy here. Then I'll be involved with an Iftar dinner with the embassy. Ramadan starts this week and when Muslims break the fast at sundown to eat dinner, the meal is called an Iftar. A US Navy chaplain who is a Muslim imam will be joining us from our higher headquarters, US Africa Command (AFRICOM) in Stuttgart, Germany.

Memorial Day here will be somber because our base lost a US Navy SEAL earlier in the month. We'll be remembering him as well as missing all of you.

Next week, I'll be doing some traveling. I can't tell you about it until I get back, but I will definitely need your prayers.

Please tell the congregation that I deeply appreciate all of their encouragement and support. I couldn't do this without all you. Well, I could but it wouldn't be as much fun.

In Christ, *Pastor David*

From an earlier correspondence...

I also went to Caritas Djibouti, a Roman Catholic organization that has a ministry with orphaned street children. Here is a link to their web site. <http://www.caritas.org/where-we-are/middle-east-north-africa/djibouti/>

The kids come to a compound where they can take showers, eat meals, do laundry, and learn how to read and write in French and English. Then they go back out to the street at night to sleep. Some of these kids are only 7 years old. When I was there, I didn't see any girls. I asked about this and I was told that the girls are given jobs in restaurants when they are young, and when they're older they're involved in prostitution. One of the tasks of my office here is to collect supplies for Caritas and take them there, along with volunteers from our base. I'll be doing that next week. *(A list of items that Caritas needs at the end of this newsletter in case anyone wants to send a care package for them.)*

When we met with the Bishop Bertin, we were introduced to Beata Biela, the director of Caritas Somalia. She is working with two refugee camps in Somalia and she's trying to set up a physical therapy program for the children at the camps. We gave her our address for folks to send care packages and then we'll deliver the packages to her at the bishop's office in Djibouti. We're also going to set up a trip to visit Caritas Somalia.

In Christ, *Pastor David*



Greetings from Cathy Rodriguez,

[After spending some time visiting sons and family] I just arrived back in Hollister one week ago. I am finally my brother's executor with full authority and so I am working diligently at this frustrating process; trying to gather all his assets and sell his house.

David and I are able to FaceTime almost daily. It is so wonderful to get to see his face when we talk. This week he is at a week-long training in Naples. His bed is queen sized and he gets to go out into town with the other chaplains nightly. It is a welcome relief from Djibouti.

In July, I have arranged to help at the warehouse of World Vision in Federal, Washington. And within the last week, it has finally come together for me to help at two orphanages in Romania. I still hope to find a way to volunteer in Africa. But even if that does not work out, I will travel to that continent and meet up with David - just not in Djibouti.

God bless you all. Love, *Cathy*

If you would like to send greetings to Cathy, her mailing address is:

Cathy Rodriguez
1370 Shoshone Circle
Hollister CA 95023

“Music is what feelings sound like.”

~Author Unknown

A few weeks ago as I was planning the worship service with Pastor Kelsey, a song came rushing to my mind... *Precious Lord, take my hand....* I read the scriptures and reflected on the theme for the upcoming service and wondered why that song? It didn't seem to fit. Even during rehearsal Wednesday evening and Sunday morning, I kept questioning “*why that song?*” but I went with my heart and planned it into the worship service.



Later Sunday morning it became clear to me. After worship, during coffee hour, a person came up to me in tears telling me that, while showering, the song came to her and she began singing it. She said “it just came out of the blue and I just needed to sing it.” Then during worship when the song came up, she was overwhelmed and felt His love and peace in a very profound way. It was exactly what she needed in that moment.

We don't always know the ways God will reach out to us. And we don't always know how He might use us to reach out to or give comfort to someone else. But we do know that He has ways, and sometimes very subtle ways, of revealing Himself during the times we need Him most. I've found often times he uses music in that way. Music touches our heart and soul in a visceral way. I am thankful for the ways God touches us – often through music – when we don't know where to turn or even when we can't find the words to pray. Music can help get us through those difficult times.

I know we continue to struggle with contemporary vs hymnal, upbeat vs contemplative, organ vs guitars. To me, all songs of praise are hymns AND praise songs – whether it's printed in a hymnal or on a song sheet downloaded from the web – it makes no difference. They are all songs we sing of praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. Last Sunday, Cassie Carroll, from Church of the Roses, talked about the mysteries of God, and of how we can miss out on those mysteries if we try to control everything in our lives. One of the most beautiful mysteries, for me, is how He weaves tunes and lyrics into my life – how songs come to my ears just when I need to hear them the most!

Isn't it wonderful that we have a loving God who accepts all our music of praise and hears every voice no matter in what style we're singing? I thank Him for the music in our lives! What a silent world it would be without it!

*Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

Serving Christ with You ~ *Denise*

DEACONS

~ Kim Huffman, Moderator

May we help you?

If your yard needs a little help with weeds or flower planting and your knees and back aren't what they used to be, your Deacons want to help. Contact the church office (468-9235) and leave your name and phone number and we will contact you.



FELLOWSHIP

~ Chris Gordon, Elder



VIPs are taking a summer vacation. We'll be back with a luncheon for the 70+ crowd on Wednesday, September 20th! Mark your calendars for an exciting luncheon series to start in September. Have a lovely summer!

Thanks again to all the cooks and servers that volunteer for these wonderful luncheons. Enjoy the summer!

MISSIONS

~ Michele Young, Elder



Cents-Ability Reminder

Don't forget to bring your Cents-Ability offering to church on Sunday June 4th. The collection is taken during communion. Baskets are in the front for your convenience.

Remember all your money is used to help feed the hungry in our area.
Thank you for helping with your prayers and donations.

Meals To Go Fundraiser

Another successful "Meals to go Fundraiser"! Once we have all our receipts turned in and paid, we will let you know what the balance is. As you know this year the monies raised will benefit our local mission projects such as NorCal Christian Ministries, Church Camper-ships, Target Truth Ministries and our Care package ministry for military personnel.



A BIG thank-you to all who helped, especially Kitty Sandelin for being the point person for this event. Her countless hours and dedication to this project is much appreciated.

We had volunteers from Target Truth Ministries, Nor Cal Christian Ministries, youth representatives from camperships and just about everyone else! We had a great time together being the hands and feet of Jesus. Yay Team!!

CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS

It's not too soon to be thinking about our in house Chili Cook-off coming at the end of August. So dig through those recipes and put on your chef's hat, lets see what you got!

Target Truth Ministries

Know of someone in jail or prison? Target Truth Ministries.com offers inmates a Christian message/study weekly at no cost to the inmate...just provide the name and number and address to Pastor Gerry Burney, Target Truth Ministries.com. It costs about \$3 a month to sponsor an inmate in prison, which includes weekly messages, postage, envelopes, and once a year we send every prison inmate on our list a Christian book. Not one penny goes to wages or benefits! Our thanks to all of you who can help support this prison ministry. Please keep this ministry, the inmates, and law enforcement in your prayers.

SHOEBOX RECYCLING MINISTRY

Thanks to all who have donated their gently used shoes for our Shoebox Recycling program. We are quickly filling our boxes and Yokayo School has joined the effort and put a box in their office. There is a tub in the Narthex (church entryway) for your convenience. Keep those shoes comin'!



... for our Troops Overseas

Save Those Pringles Cans

Pastor David arrived in Djibouti on May 5th. We will be sending the first care package soon. Besides the suggested items of **Microwavable popcorn**, **hard candies** (soft ones melt), **Girl Scout Cookies**, **Starbucks** (via instant coffee), **inexpensive DVD's** (new or gently used), **phone cards**, **Crystal Light** (or any flavorings to be added to water), and **Freezer Pops** (i.e. *Otter Pops* or *Fun Pops*), you can also use **empty Pringle cans** that can be used to send **homemade cookies** (Wilma has suggestions to make cookies to fit). All donations can be dropped off in the tub in the Narthex Sunday or in the office during office hours. Be sure to label the items "for care packages".

Our troops also appreciate *cards* (homemade or otherwise) saying praying for/ not forgotten / thinking of them. *Donations toward shipping expenses* are also appreciated. Just drop your monetary donation in the offering plate designated to "missions".

If you have a family member serving overseas, please contact Wilma Pribyl (462-4134, or wmprbyl@jps.net) with their name and address.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

~ Randy Beckler, Elder

There will be a Buildings & Ground meeting Thursday, June 1st @ 6pm in the James Room to plan the next ALL CHURCH WORK DAY. Everyone is invited to help at the work day on Saturday, June 3rd, from 8:00 to 11:30 am. Pastries and coffee will be provided.

If you know of something that needs fixing, or other project that needs to be addressed, please let Randy know.



As of April 30, 2017		Total \$\$
Income	\$	87,019
Expenses	\$	96,027
Difference	\$	(9,008)
Balance in Checking Account		Total \$\$
Non-Designated Funds	\$	50,602
Designated Funds (detail below)	\$	42,151
Total Balance in Checking	\$	92,752
Balance in Savings		Total \$\$
CD's	\$	44,237
Mutual Funds	\$	24,264
Other Savings	\$	53,310
Total Balance in Savings	\$	121,812
Detail of Designated Funds in Checking Account		
Missions	\$	1,880
Hispanic Ministries	\$	494
Hispanic MicroLoans	\$	1,010
Mission Trip	\$	3,043
Centsability	\$	5
Per Capita	\$	584
Deacons	\$	25
Flowers	\$	-
General Memorial	\$	25,775
Camperships	\$	1,258
Building and Grounds	\$	200
Compassionate Ministries	\$	885
Singalong	\$	454
Senior Ministries	\$	-
Adult Ministries	\$	3
Youth Ministries	\$	63
Children's Ministries	\$	40
Childrens Playground	\$	4,346
Vacation Bible School	\$	-
Special Grants	\$	1,933
Fellowship Meals	\$	152
Total	\$	42,151

~ Finance ~

Kevin DeVries
Randy Huffman, Elders

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

~ Dory Haselswerdt, Elder



Join us for a Superhero themed
Vacation Bible School
June 19-23, 5:30-7:30
Dinner is included and the week is
free!

Register now, or sign up for our
mailing list and we will send you a
reminder.

- VBS is almost here!! We will teach our kids to discover the Superhero abilities God has given them, and to use those strengths to: *"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" (Psalm 34:14)*

VBS will be in the evenings again this year, June 19-23, 5:30-7:30. The event is free, and donations will be accepted at the registration table. We still need people to help!! (*prepping ahead of time or helping during VBS*). Please contact Dory, Kelsey, or MaryAnn. VBS is aimed at children preschool through 5th grade, with older children (6th-12th) participating as leaders.

- Now is the time for our kids to register for summer camp at Westminster Woods! We will be going the week of July 16-22. In preparation, we have asked the youth to each do five hours of community service in exchange for their camperships. So, if you have a need that our kids can serve, please let us know. Our campers are ages 6-14. Thanks for your support!
- We plan on having Sunday school and nursery throughout the summer, but need your help to make this happen! If you are able to help teach in Sunday school or supervise the nursery during the summer, please talk to Dory or Kelsey so we can get you on the schedule. You don't have to "lead" Sunday school, just be a second adult to help the children with their lesson and activities.
- #SWAG will continue meeting through the summer on Sunday evenings, 6 – 7:30pm, with snacks, Bible lesson and games for youth grades 5th – 12th.
- Hangout (preschool – 5th graders) will not meet during the summer. See you again this Fall!



DREAMS OF HOPE

"The Center" Newsletter ~ May 2017

Transforming the Lives of the Poor and Homeless through God's Love

The Center was founded in January 2016 by Executive Director Tony Huerta. Through many prayers and efforts by individual volunteers The Center has a mobile ministries van and elected a board of directors. Many churches have donated time and energy to this endeavor. Most of all, we give thanks to God and the volunteers making dreams of hope a reality for many individuals in need of The Center.

Each month, there will be updates, events, and focus on people that visit the Center both as volunteers, friends, and the many people behind the scenes. Also, I will try to list needs of the Center as well as always needed and necessary prayer requests!

One of my most important sections will be a section I am calling "Touch of the Heart". It will be a segment dedicated to a person or a story Tony has met while at the Center. However, Tony can also speak what is on his heart for the Center.

Another segment of the newsletter will be current news/events of the past month.

Also, each newsletter will have at a minimum a Scripture and maybe a thought from the editor (me).

Thank you for your grace and all the efforts given at the Center. May God's hugs softly hold you close.

TOUCH OF THE HEART

Personal Testimony:

My name is Leslie. I would like to say a word about NorCal Christian Ministries. When I arrived 6 months ago, I was living in my car with my big great housecat. He wasn't thrilled about being a housecat without a house. I had lived comfortably retired in Idaho, when I was taken advantage of and lost everything I had. I ended up attending breakfast at the center and enjoyed an encouraging Word of the day and have been blessed ever since. With the kindness and encouragement of this ministry, I have been able to accept my new station in life and reconnect with my ex-husband. I am making plans to live in a solid home again. Instead of misery, I have been given hope. Thank you NCCM and especially the loving volunteers.

CURRENT EVENTS AND PRAYER LIST

On April 22, 2017, the Center had its 2nd annual Fundraiser. Over 160 people attended the event including 6 local Pastors. Dinner was served by youth of the Redwood Valley Community Church and other youth groups. The event was very successful and many friendships continue to be made.

Kathy Davidson also donated a handmade quilt that was auctioned, raising several hundred dollars. Thank you to all the volunteers and those who attended to help this ministry to continue to grow.

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation please contact Tony at tony1203@comcast.net or (707) 481-8398. You may also check us out on Facebook. Every person and donation makes a difference and we greatly appreciate your time and thoughtful prayers for this ministry. Thank You!

Prayer Needs:

1. Underwear and socks men's and women's.
2. Bus passes
3. Cleaning products/paper towels/basic utensils
4. Coffee service, creamer, sugar, Styrofoam cups, 100 cup coffeemaker, coffee pot
5. Sleep bags and blankets
6. Fruit for the breakfast club- "little cuties" work well
7. Cases of water as it is starting to get warm
8. Hand gloves for cold temperatures at night
9. Gas cards \$5-\$10 for emergencies
10. PRAYERS! If you can't give, we always appreciate prayers.
 - ***Safety at the Center
 - ***A permanent facility
 - ***Wisdom and discernment
 - ***Success and spiritual growth for our afternoon program

WISDOM FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR



When my wife and I were in our late 20's, we were sure we couldn't have kids. We finally gave up and started praying...and crying to God. After a few hours one night, our tears flowed while asking God for a baby. Within 2 weeks, we received the news, we were expecting. Not only were we expecting, my wife was a couple months along. God answered our prayers before we asked. My daughter was born and started drawing and painting rainbows-even though she never had seen one. It was God's promise to us that things were going to get better. To this day, to me, the Rainbow means God will deliver on His

promises.

I love rainbows because it isn't really there. Planes can fly through it. You can't touch it. You can't move it. However, it is there. It is a bending of light that needs both rain and sunshine to be seen. It is how you see life. If you have a glimmer of light and hope, you may see a rainbow- even though you may be crying in the rain. Dreams of Hope means I have hope even though I am crying. God still sees you. God knows you. God loves you. Above is my favorite Native American Proverb. It maybe raining today, but the sun will soon shine and make a rainbow in my life.

A VERY BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND TO EVERYONE! BE BLESSED...



Spring 2017

Dear Praying Friends,

I expected to see a slow, gradual shift in thinking as a result of the Biblical Worldview Vision Conference in Monrovia, Liberia. Wow! Was I surprised!

For several months I have been learning from ReachGlobal's Africa Division as we planned a Vision Conference for the leadership of the Evangelical Free Church of West Africa (EFCWA). This denomination is a fresh expression of spirit-filled servant leadership and multiplying church planting in the countries of Guinea, Liberia, Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone. EFCWA wanted their churches to be more transformational in their communities, but needed help to understand how that could happen.

We invited Chris Ampadu of Samaritan's Strategy in Ghana (an affiliate of Disciple Nations Alliance) to do the training. At the same time, I was learning the biblical worldview material so that I, too, can be a conference trainer. About fifty leaders from four countries, including several women, joined together to learn. One participant even walked the final ten miles because of the congested traffic in Monrovia!



**Leading small groups through
the morning review**



Studying together during the lunch break

Chris taught during the day, providing plenty of time for discussion and group activities. I led the reviews of the previous day's lesson as we began each morning. The biblical worldview begins with understanding that *Ideas have Consequences*.

Therefore, examining what you really believe, and what the members of your church believe, is the first key to bringing change. We studied creation and broken relationships as a result of the fall, how Jesus is the model for development, the lies of animism (Africa) and secular materialism (the West), the Kingdom of God, love as the greatest commandment, and seed projects. Seed projects are small, Spirit-inspired, locally financed ways for the church to bless their communities. In this way, unbelievers can see the love of Christ *through* the window of the church.

For our final session, church leaders broke into geographic groups to plan seed projects. For one group, a weekly breakfast for hungry children in the neighborhood. For another, cleaning out a swamp to eliminate standing water which breeds malarial mosquitoes. In the capital city, churches planned to have work days to clean up trash, starting from the church building and moving outward. One group planned to host a planning committee to dig a community well. It was an exciting time as God's people understood that God could use *them* to bring about change.

I hadn't even gotten over jet lag at home in Spokane when Titus Davis, the president of EFCWA, wrote:

"The local church I attend is working on a seed project. A couple of weeks ago, a storm destroyed a neighbor family's home and the church is helping to give them a new home. In addition to five bags of cement, the church bought two bundles of corrugated roofing and nails. The family is happy and said they now feel the love of Christ."

Why is this so exciting? You see, in a West African context, it is common to believe that if a family meets misfortune, it's because they are cursed, or perhaps someone in the family angered the spirits. And it's all too common for Christians to wait until western "partners" come and pay the bills. But this church is thinking in a new way, realizing that God has empowered *them* to bring His kingdom to their community! God gave them a beautiful opportunity to show His love, and the church stepped out in faith.

Thank you for praying for my trip and for the church leaders in West Africa. Will you continue to pray that God opens doors for others who are ready to explore these new ideas?

Grateful,

Peggy Arendt



**Meeting with church leaders
under a mango tree**

Did we miss your birthday??? Please contact the church office or email Denise denise@fpcukiah.org so we can send you a card and celebrate with you!



Happy Birthday!

6/1 Lenord Swope	6/9 Kevin DeVries	6/22 Kathy Vega
6/2 Daniel Christian	6/10 Michelle Christian	6/23 Mark Hedges
6/5 Kali Zavala	6/13 Elvina Pardini	6/25 Cindy DeVries
6/7 Zoey Garcia	6/14 Geraldine Dutton	Bella Kaeser
Larry Ballenger	Kayla Holland	6/30 Alea Johnston
	Grace Ingalls	

Event Calendar ~ June



Sun weekly	6:00pm	#SWAG Youth Group
Mon weekly	5:30pm	Cub Scouts
Tue. weekly	6:30am	NorCal Christian Ministries
	8:30am	Serendipity Bible Study
	6:00pm	Spanish AA; NAHOP
Wed. weekly	6:30am	NorCal Christian Ministries
	6:00pm	Worship Team rehearsal
Thurs. weekly	6:30am	NorCal Christian Ministries
	1:00pm	ABC Program
	6:00pm	Spanish AA

...additional events for the month

6/4	CENTSABILITY OFFERING	6/18	Happy Father's Day!!
6/5 – 6/16	Denise on Vacation		(no #SWAG)
6/8	6:00pm Boy Scouts	6/19	5:30pm VBS
6/10	9:00am Stitches from the Heart	6/20	Noon Family/Outreach Council
	Noon Historical Society Lunch		5:30pm VBS
6/11	5:00pm SWAG Game Night	6/21	5:30pm VBS
6/14	11:00am Missions Committee	6/22	5:30pm VBS; Deacons
6/15	6:00pm Session	6/23	5:30pm VBS

CJTF HOA, DJIBOUTI CARE PACKAGE LIST

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pencils & pens, paper, notebooks, crayons, chalk, level 4 & 5 reading books (English), flash cards (alphabet and math), coloring books. ESL (English as a Second Language) Books for beginners

BASIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES: Neosporin or anti-bacterial, gauze pads and rolls of gauze, elastic bandages (wraps), cotton balls, cotton swabs, medical tape & Band-Aids, children's vitamins, iron pills, skin lotions. MOSQUITO NETTING

BABY SUPPLIES: "Pampers" (*or similar*), baby wipes, baby rash ointments, baby powder, baby's Tylenol, baby blankets, bottles, binkies, undergarments (ages 2-6), Sippy cups, and baby lotions, and baby food.

CLOTHES: flip-flops (tons of these), children's clothes (ages 3-15), t-shirts, children's shoes & sneakers, baseball type hats

SNACKS: Hard candy, lollipops, cheese crackers, snack crackers, chips, pretzels, cookies – remember we share snacks. We have to have one for every child and sometimes that is 120 -150 at a time so sending similar snacks is best).

TOYS: Simple small toys are best like-rubber balls, yoyos, beanie babies, paddleballs, beach balls, jump ropes, smurf balls. We can also use toys that we can play with together with kids like soccer balls, Frisbees, horse shoes, simple kids Board games etc.

For the TROOPS: Toiletries: tooth paste, floss, deodorants, foot powder, hair gel, eye-drops, skin lotions, hand sanitizer, bath gel, shampoo, women's products. Any kinds of snacks are welcome!

Instructions for Mailing:

1. Have the packages sent to: Religious Affairs CJTF-HOA
PSC 831 BOX 0015
FPO, AE. 09363
2. Have the senders give an accurate (or good estimate) cost of the items on the RETAIL MARKET (*underestimating will diminish the actual worth of our volunteer efforts*) on the custom sheets.
3. Have them ensure that the Postal worker write the weight of the package on the customs sheet.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!