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## **Update on Mark & Naomi Hale Serving in Poland**

God is working in the lives of the children who come to the weekly Kid's Club that the Hales run. One weekend in February, after the Bible lesson that always takes place before the kids get something to eat, two young girls (Nikola and Wiktoria) came up to Naomi and told her that they wanted to ask Jesus into their hearts. They both attended the winter VBS and were among the kids who learned verses to earn a Bible, and they both assured Naomi that they are reading it. Please rejoice and pray for these precious girls – they both come from difficult, single-parent home situations and it is very questionable as to how their decision was received at home.

Please pray as well for a young teenage boy, Przemek, who lives in the orphanage where they host monthly VBS type meetings. He and a number of others in the orphanage attended several days of the winter VBS, but weren't able to be consistent enough to earn all the points needed to receive Bibles. Due to their unique situation, they told the kids that if they really wanted a Bible they needed to learn all the verses required on their own. A number of them expressed interest, but the Hales knew it would be hard for them without any adult encouragement in the orphanage. The Hales showed up on the day agreed on to see if any of them had taken up the challenge and it turned out that only one, Przemek, had learned the verses. He knew them perfectly. Please pray that the truth he has learned in his mind will also be hidden in his heart.

Another blessing is the recent high level of participation in the Kid's Club ministry by the church family. The Hales had noticed a trend that many people got involved during the big VBS events, but the weekly meetings were being run by only a few. This problem was addressed to the church as a whole and as a result a number of people, from the teens to the elderly, have committed to being more involved. God even led a believing woman, who is not a part of the church and didn't even know about the need, to volunteer her regular services.

The Hales have lately been experiencing the positive challenge of more and more young children not only showing up at their weekly Kid's Club, but at church services as well. They are encouraged to see the children's interest and want to encourage them. But the Hales need wisdom in both how to manage the bigger classes (with a wide age span) with an already stretched group of teachers and how to teach Sunday school lessons that will minister both to the saved children in their church and those who know very little at this point.

In April, Mark & Naomi invited a single, lonely friend from Lodz (Anna) to come and share the weekend with them. God used the simple testimony of their interactions together as a family who loves God, along with the message at church, to minister to Anna. Please pray for Anna that she will embrace completely in faith the life-changing truth of the price Jesus paid on the cross, and His love for her.

Mark & Naomi and their family will be in the US on Home Assignment this summer from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be speaking in the Kingdom Seekers ABF (during first service) on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcomed to attend and hear about the Hales and their ministry in Poland. Here is a photo of their family from Christmas 2010: James, Lydia, Naomi, Mark, Jessica, and Julia.



**OLYMPIA UNION GOSPEL MISSION  
OLYMPIA, WA**

The Olympia Union Gospel Mission (OUGM) will be holding its Spring Banquet to celebrate those graduating from their Life Transformation Programs at 6 pm on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Saint Martin's University's Worthington Center. Call 360-709-9725 for reservations. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Chaplain Tim Langan is in need of audio visual equipment to complete OUGM's upgrade of their teaching ministry to Mission guests and Life Transformation Program Members. Items still needed are: large, flat screen TV (52"+), DVD player, and CD player. The women's program needs: kitchen chairs and a 9 x 12 area rug. Please contact Tim at 709-9725 if you can help provide any of these items.

**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF  
MASON/THURSTON COUNTIES**

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, Child Evangelism Fellowship will be holding a spaghetti dinner from 6-7:30 pm in honor of Leaid Zeyoe, the National Director of CEF in Liberia, at the Little Rock Community Fellowship Church, 6411 128<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Olympia, WA. If interested in attending please RSVP to Holly Moir at 438-3419.

Please pray for Mikaela (age 15) who is going to CEF's Christian Youth in Action training camp June 17-25. This is her first year attending. Pray also for more summer clubs to be scheduled. Currently there is one Vacation Bible School and one 5-Day Club scheduled – both for July 18-22 and both in Mason County.

**CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER OF  
THURSTON COUNTY**

Thank you to all who walked or sponsored someone in the recent 2011 Walk for Life on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A total of 133 walkers were there representing 25 churches and, of those walkers, 72 obtained sponsors and brought in \$14,000 in donations and pledges. The weather was wonderful and a great time was had by all.

The next major fund raising event for Care Net will be the Fall Banquet at the Red Lion Hotel on November 8, 2011. They are considering having a Dessert Auction at the Banquet and are looking for someone to coordinate

that. That person would be responsible for procuring desserts from businesses or individuals, and then overseeing the bidding on the night of the auction. It would only require a small time commitment, with plenty of time between now and then to get organized. Interested persons can contact Kathlyn Sweet at -360-753-8023.

**4US  
TACOMA, WA**

4US (4 Ultra Sound) is a local, all-volunteer charity with a statewide impact and a national vision. They raise money to purchase ultrasound machines for centers that provide entirely free services to pregnant women in crisis. Upon seeing tiny fingers and toes, and assured of receiving free support as long as it's needed - 96% of women at their beneficiary centers choose life. The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Thurston County received one of their ultrasound machines in 2010.

4US will be holding their 2011 4US Flagship Event on July 30<sup>th</sup>. It consists of **four** events in one. You can Ride, Run, Walk and have Fun 4US on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Ft Steilacoom Park, Lakewood. **Ride** your bike 21, 42 or 70 miles through Steilacoom, Dupont, & Yelm beginning at 7:00 am; or **Run** a 5K or 10K USATF certified race at 9:00 am; or lace up your shoes & **Walk** (5K or 10K) with your family along a scenic route at 10:00 am; or enjoy the 5 Mile Family Fun Ride at 11:00 am. There will also be a Diaper Dash, Toddler Trot & 1K Kids Run at 11:30. All participants and their families will enjoy the **Family Fun Festival** with a free pancake breakfast, live Christian music, food and inflatables for the kids from 8:30 am-1:30 pm. To register for the Ride, Run, or Walk or get more information contact Chris Brunner at 360-867-0598 or go to [www.4US.org](http://www.4US.org).

**EVERGREEN STUDENTS FOR CHRIST  
OLYMPIA, WA**

During the 2010 Fall semester, Greg taught a class on C.S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters at Evergreen State College. This was a great opportunity for outreach and discipleship. They had many excellent discussions and Greg could tell from the student essays that the students had really thought about the book on both an academic and a personal level.

During the 2011 Spring semester, Greg taught Christian philosophy/apologetics class. No question was off limits and they discussed topics like "Is God good?" and "Are the Scriptures reliable?" The Christian students have found the class very helpful in understanding with both their heart and their mind.

Greg and a Christian professor held a Christian faculty and staff luncheon on February 4<sup>th</sup>. It went well and a majority of those who came were thrilled to meet other Christians on campus. Some had felt isolated and the fellowship gave them encouragement. They are planning another meeting in June and ask for prayer for spiritual and relational fellowship and growth at the luncheon.

Pray also for two young men from the fellowship group who are spending their summer in a service evangelism outreach in Los Angeles, CA.

**BLACK LAKE BIBLE CAMP  
OLYMPIA, WA**

In 2010 Black Lake Bible Camp gave scholarships totaling \$25,000 to over 150 campers. Each of those campers has a story. Some are in foster care programs, others have a parent in prison, while others have parents out of work. This year they anticipate needing \$30,000 in scholarship funds. Not all campers are or later become believers in Christ, but the opportunity exists to do so and change their lives in very dramatic ways.

Tony was a young man who came to camp three years ago on a scholarship. He was from a very difficult background, without a father in the picture and a mother who was trying to survive in a community where Satan has the upper hand. But Tony had a neighbor couple who loved the Lord and shared their faith boldly. They sent Tony to camp, he found the Lord, and his sister became a Christian. Their household is forever changed. Tony is mentally challenged and has great difficulty reading scripture, but he still reads it and continues to grow in the Lord.

**VANCE & CAROL JOHNSON  
PHILIPINES**

Vance had his pocket picked in December and his wallet was taken with the rent money for the month as well as a cell phone. This is the fourth time in twenty-six years. One church asked Vance how much was stolen

and then another church called and told them they were replacing the money stolen. In the end both churches sent the money to replace what was taken. At the same time, the brother of Amie, one of the girls that lives and works with the Johnsons, died after a long battle with hepatitis. It costs a lot to bury someone there and Amie wanted to borrow money from the Johnsons to pay for these expenses, but they did not have any extra to lend because of the theft. After receiving the money from both churches, Vance asked the second church if he could give that money to Amie and they agreed. God had provided for both needs in this way. The ripple effect of this was felt in several hearts that were pretty discouraged and even questioning whether God cares at all.

Vance & Carol will be in the US this summer on home assignment and to help their son, David, get launched into life in the United States after graduating high school. David plans to attend Ecola Bible School at Cannon Beach from October 2011 through April 2012. Carol & David arrived in the US on April 16<sup>th</sup> to get him started on getting a driver's license and a job for the summer. Vance arrived May 18<sup>th</sup>. Vance & Carol will be returning to the Philippines on or about September 24<sup>th</sup>.

They will be visiting churches and raising additional support (about \$400 per month needed) while they are here. The date for their visit to Hope Community Church is still being arranged.

**FRED & AUDREY OTTO  
BRAZIL**

Fred & Audrey Otto spent the month of April in the US and Canada visiting their children, grandchildren, and relatives. They returned to Manaus, Brazil, May 5<sup>th</sup> and moved right into the new housing they had arranged. Their new neighbors include a doctor who noticed Fred's cough and checked him out. Fred had picked up the bad cough the last week in the US and that had turned into pneumonia. After 10 days of antibiotics he was feeling much better.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Fred & Audrey spoke at the AWANA conference for all the AWANA leaders in Manaus. They are also teaching Portuguese language and Brazilian culture to 3 families and one single girl. In June they will be leading 5 sessions at a church conference on family relationships.

## Dates to Remember

- June 3** – Mark & Naomi Hale leave Poland for US for Home Assignment
- June 4** – Olympia Union Gospel Mission Spring Banquet at St. Martin's University
- June 4** – Child Evangelism Fellowship Hosts dinner for National Director from Liberia
- June 4-9** – Lois McMartin participating in Readiness Event at national office in Minneapolis
- June 13** – Summer Day Camp starts at Black Lake Bible Camp
- Jun 17-25** – CEF's Christian Youth In Action Camp in Ravensdale, WA
- June 19** – Mark & Naomi Hale to speak at Kingdom Seekers ABF at Hope Community Church
- June 21-23** – Lois & David McMartin in San Diego for EFCA Leadership Conference
- June 26** – Summer Overnight Camps start at Black Lake Bible Camp
- June 27** – Summer Day Camp starts at Royal Ridges Retreat Center
- July 3** – Summer Resident Camps start at Royal Ridges Retreat Center
- July 18-22** – Child Evangelism Fellowship 5 Day Clubs in Mason County
- Aug 23** – Mark & Naomi Hale return to Poland
- Aug 29-Sept 19** – MCT trip to Piotrków Trybunalski, Poland to finish rooms in church building
- Sept 24** – Vance & Carol Johnson return to Philippines
- Nov 8** – Care Net Pregnancy Center of Thurston County Fall Banquet at Red Lion Hotel

## Our Missionaries Around the World

Megan Bodeutsch	Hope Community Church	South Korea
Mark & Naomi Hale	International Messengers	Poland
Nathan & Margie Jacobs	Missionary Construction Team	USA & Around the World
Mark & Jan Halstrom	TouchGlobal (EFCA)	Creative Access Countries
Kyle & Nancy Herr	Awana	SW Washington/ NW Oregon
Vance & Carol Johnson	ReachGlobal (EFCA)	Philippines
Steve & Carol Lyons	ReachGlobal (EFCA)	Tanzania
David & Lois McMartin	ReachGlobal (EFCA)	ENHANCE - Missionary Care
Fred & Audrey Otto	New Tribes Mission	Brazil
Ron & Linda Sauke	ReachGlobal (EFCA)	Outreach English & Resource Dev
Greg & Madelaine Smith	Evergreen Students for Christ	Olympia, WA
Michael & Rina Vanderpoel	SEND International	Japan
Our Un-named Friends	BEE World	Restricted Access Country

### Mission Organizations

AWANA, BEE World, Black Lake Bible Camp, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Care Net Pregnancy Center of Thurston County, ReachGlobal & TouchGlobal (EFCA), Evergreen Family Friendship Services, Evergreen Students for Christ, International Messengers, Missionary Construction Team, New Tribes Mission, Olympia Union Gospel Mission, Royal Ridges Retreat Center, Salvation Army, SEND International,

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