

weekly focus: living water

A Note From a Calvary Missionary

Sitting under the acacia tree next to our tent, a handful of nomadic men sat quietly during a lull in conversation. I took a swig from my water bottle which had water that I'd recently filtered to remove parasites. One of the men piped up, "Why don't you leave me a bottle of your water when you leave. We know that your foreigner's water cures all kinds of sicknesses."

I smiled, both at his boldness and his misconception of the origin of health. "No," I replied, "this is just regular water. When you drink this water it doesn't take away sickness, and after a short while, you become thirsty again. It's only useful to temporarily quench the thirst of our physical bodies. But... there is another kind of water which brings life, even eternal life."

As they listened, I went on, "Jesus once told a woman who was drawing water at a well that if she asked, He could give her living water that gives eternal life. Wouldn't you agree, that water that gives eternal life to our spirit is more valuable than physical water that can only temporarily quench our physical thirst? The water we are drinking now is good for us today, but there is water that comes from Jesus that is good for us even in eternity."

The men sat in amazement, reflecting on what I had just said, saying to one another, "He's right, this water is just for our bodies, but water for eternal life would certainly be of great value!"

Opportunities like these are what thrill us as we expand our relationships and network among [the local people].

May we all be "missionaries" in our sphere of influence, and recognize opportunities the Lord gives us to share His truth, love and life with others.

30 Days of Prayer

Remember to pray for Muslims during this month of Ramadan; that God would reveal Himself to them in a mighty way and that they would turn to Him in repentance and faith. 30 Days of Prayer booklets are available at the Information Desk across from the Chapel.

congregational care

Recently Hospitalized Prayer List

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 956-9377.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you need prayer, contact Don & Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) at 450-9622.

Bereaved

We extend our Christian sympathy to Lori & Dan Overbeek; Kathy & Bruce Terveen; Sara & Will Almeida; Rebecca Overbeek; Jessica, Justin, Jenna TerVeen; at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Elaine Berman, on June 4; and also to Don and Susannah Tuuri, Joseph, Julia & Abigail Tuuri at the homegoing of their father and grandfather, Joseph Budd, on June 7.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits as I was recently hospitalized. Please continue to pray for my recovery.

Ray Westra

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers. Harry is in heaven with Jesus. We are so happy for him and yet we still mourn here on earth.

Eunice Lanting

June 18, 2017

9:00am & 10:45am

Redeeming Fear

Ruth 3

Jim Samra, *Senior Pastor*

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STORIES OF REDEMPTION

FOR THE RECORD

	Revised Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 128,610	\$ 128,635	\$ 25
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Jun. 11	\$ 6,010,706	\$ 6,028,343	\$ 17,637
Open Door Project		\$ 120,241	

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welcome

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many communities, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine, visit us online at calvarygr.org, or stop by the Connection Point in room 215 (located in the East End beside the Chapel). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the center of the Crosswalk.

coming events & announcements

7th/8th Students Serving in Cincinnati

This Monday through Friday, our 7th/8th mission team will travel to Cincinnati, Ohio where they will partner with Christ in Youth. Pray for our students as they engage with the community through acts of service, evangelism and support to churches and missionaries in the city. Pray for perseverance and faith as they are equipped to come up with their own action plans for engaging in Kingdom-work when they return to their homes, schools and communities here in Grand Rapids. Follow along with their trip at calvarygr.org/stmblog.

Short Term Missions: Central Asia

Please remember to pray for the small group of six serving in Central Asia for the next two weeks. The team will be busy the first week training children's camp workers, and the second

week will be spent camping with believing and non-believing youth. Pray that their words would penetrate into the hearts of those who are ready to hear, and that they would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Guyana Team - Pop Can Fundraiser

The Guyana short-term missions team is hosting a pop can fundraiser today through Tuesday, July 18 to help meet their team goal of \$21,500. If you have any return cans or bottles you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the trailer in parking lot 5A, off the East Beltline. Thank you very much for your support of our short-term mission teams.

5th/6th: Day at the Lake June 24 | Entrance D | \$3

Guys: 10:30am-2:30pm

Girls: 2:30-6:30pm

Enjoy a day with us at a cottage on the Lake! Bring your swim

suit, towel, and sunscreen. Register at calvarygr.org/events.

High School: TreeTop Adventure June 27 | 6:00-9:00pm | \$15 2121 Celebration Dr NE

Join us as we climb through the trees and balance our way through the ropes course at TreeTop Adventure Park! Register at calvarygr.org/events.

Calvary Kids: Popsicles on the Playground June 28 | 10:00am-12:00pm Grand Rapids Township Park

Join the Calvary Kids staff for a cup of coffee while your kids enjoy a popsicle and play with their friends.

5th/6th: Summer Bible Study Begins June 28

10:30am-12:00pm | Room 108
Spend some time over summer studying God's Word with Lee and your fellow 5th/6th graders! There will be time for fun, time to fellowship and time to learn about God. Register at calvarygr.org/events.

7th/8th: Summer Bible Study Begins June 28

10:30am-12:00pm | Room 108
Learn about what God has to say through His Word as we study the Bible with other 7th/8th graders! Optional: If you'd like to stay & go out to lunch after Bible study, bring money and make a plan to get picked up at entrance D at 1:15pm. Register at calvarygr.org/events.

Church Membership

The Elders of Calvary Church have approved the following for membership: Mike and Crystal Curtis; Sam DeHaan; Timothy, Lany, Aaron and William Felstead; Kaylyn Hamlin; Charles and Lisa Jonker, Gary and Linda Rodenburg; Ashleigh Turbett; Jack Veldman.

The following have applied for membership at Calvary Church: Steven and Tressa Dickerson, Gwangsoo Lee, Linda Lont, KunHo Maeng, Euishin Yoo.

The Elders have honored the following request to be removed from church membership: Doug and Sarah Rau.

Stories of Redemption

We would love to hear your story of redemption. If you are willing to share a story of how God rescued you, restored you and made you ready for the journey He has you on, please contact Kristen White (kwhite@calvarygr.org) at ext 5013.

this week at calvary

- 1 Third Monday Missions Prayer
June 19 | 11:30am | Room 140**
Join us tomorrow to hear updates from and pray for our missionaries around the world. Bring your lunch and meet in Room 140 at 11:30am. Room 140 is in Entrance I, down the hall to the left.
- 2 Go Getters Summer Picnic
June 20 | 6:00-8:00pm | Johnson Park 2600 Wilson Av NW**
Join in on the fun this summer. Bring your own food and beverages, we supply the fun! Take Note: Care providers must remain with their individuals.

Enter the park on Butterworth Street. First park entrance just off Wilson Avenue. If a tornado watch or severe weather warning is issued, the picnic is canceled.
- 3 Young Adults: Whiffle Ball & Waffle Cones
June 20 | 6:30-9:00pm | Grand Rapids Township Park**
Whiffle ball and waffle cones...a match made in heaven. We will play ball and then have ice cream! All young adults ages 18-34 welcome! Register at calvarygr.org/events.
- 4 OASIS Bike & Breakfast
June 22 | 8:00am**
Bike Millennium Trial to Kent Trails. Meet at the North Millennium Trailhead on Butterworth St. SW. Brunch at Byron Family Restaurant. For more information, email bruce@calvarygr.org.
- 5 High School: Going Deeper
Making the Gospel Attractive Through Service
June 23 | 9:00-11:00am | Room 208**
The book of Titus tells us that Christ gave himself for us to "purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good." Come join Josh Karhan (Pastoral Staff, High School) and Brian Novak, Calvary's Custodial Supervisor, as we explore the heart that is eager to do what is good and that rejoices in service. We will begin with a fun activity before we dive into cleaning deeper than the facilities team is regularly able to, and conclude with a devotion encouraging us to follow the example of Christ.