



# The Bethel Lighthouse

Season Three - Episode Five - May 2015

*Shining the Light of Christ to a broken world.*

## Missions - Please remember to PRAY!

**Larry & Mary Harris** - Mixtec, Mexico. Wycliffe Bible Translators. From their newsletter; "We have enjoyed several times with the believers here. We especially enjoy 6:00 a.m. Monday morning prayer meetings. We all read the same chapter to ourselves, listen to it in Mixtec and choose a verse to use as a basis for the prayer we offer. Then specific requests are assigned to each person and we all pray at once, each in their preferred language; Mixtec, Spanish or English. We like this format because each one has to interact with the Scriptures and can pray in their own language.



Timothy Jude Schwarzen

**The Schwarzen Family** - "There really aren't any words to describe waiting on news from your daughter, who has just endured a horrific earthquake and the resulting traumatic aftershocks, while anticipating the arrival of your ninth child." Timothy Jude Schwarzen

was born Friday May 1st. He weighed 10lbs., 9oz. Mother and baby are doing fine. Prayers have been answered in ways that only God could orchestrate.. All the siblings are in love with the brand new baby.

**Pray for Nepal!** They have had two big earthquakes in the last month with widespread damage to land and property and deaths of many people.

**Steve & Diane Mosman** - Left on Tuesday May 12th to serve for two months in Papua New Guinea. Steve will be doing construction and maintenance. Diane will be teaching English to nationals and translators from surrounding tribes. Please pray for them! Steve says, "Our goal is to be a blessing not a burden". Please pray for them to have safe travels and a profitable time serving others.

**Jami Strandberg** - Mexico - Jami says, "I'm grateful for the opportunities to share Christ's love with people in their time of pain, grief and searching for God". Pray that her permanent residency visa would be granted in the next few months. Pray for God's direction for a short term mission team coming this summer. Praise that a new missionary family has arrived to the field.

## From The Church Council

**Back Porch Project** - Progress is being made to bring the porch up to specifications. Thanks to Bill Bruce, Tom Harp, Don Ringman and volunteers from Don's church.

**Fireside Room** - Thanks to memorial funds in honor of Gordon Correll and Dan McKernan, the Fireside room is receiving a facelift with newly painted walls and new carpet. Thanks to Wally Grunstad for doing the work. Thanks to Theresa and Elaine for overseeing the project.

**Our Annual Business Meeting** was held on May 24th. Each Board and committee reported on the Lord's blessing in the past year. Also, an amendment to the By-Laws was passed for the purpose of renaming the Worship Committee to Worship Board and extend the members' terms from 1 year to 3 years.

**Summer Sundays** - Our schedule during the summer months will be a bit different. Beginning on June 21st, the Morning Service will begin a 10:00 a.m., followed by refreshments in the Bethel Café. Sunday School will begin again in September.

**There is a need** for a new freezer for the Annex kitchen. If you know of one that is available, please contact one of the council members. Thanks.



**Our Children's Church** will be on safari to Kenya this summer, as we learn about that country, and the Phillip and Catherine Dow who are serving the Lord there. If you

happen to wander into the Annex any time during or after our service, be sure to not let the giraffe step on you, or a Massai warrior mistake you for a lion, and spear you to prove his manhood, as they used to do in past years. We will then visit the rainforests of Papua New Guinea where Steve and Diane Mosman will be for the next several weeks. We will wind up our summer program by changing gears totally and moving to the highly modernized and industrialized island of Japan where our missionary Ian Smith is nearing the end of his first full year on that field. Our children will be attempting to finish their individual memory vers assignments for the year and hopefully earning their completion certificates. We have some volunteer work in preparing the materials used to make these certificates. I wish to thank everyone who has helped with the materials, and especially in the actual construction of the certificates this last year. The church continues to be very willing to assist the Children's Ministry. The permanent staff is very grateful for all the help we have received. Greg, Harlean, Helen and Vanessa.



Are you interested in Awakenings Prayer?  
 Now is the time to consider enrolling for the  
 2015-2016 sessions.  
 API #1 & API #2  
 Find out what is your deep need from God  
 Develop Breath Prayers - Pray through the Highs and  
 Lows of your Timeline - Learn Soul Friendship  
 Contact Pastor Wes or Theresa Schaudies.

**National Day of Prayer in Downtown Everett - May 7, 2015**



There were three prayer stations downtown for the

National Day of Prayer. The response from folks who stopped by the tables was varied; some had a desire to pray and some did not. One person stated that there is a resurgence of art in helping people better express themselves and how they feel about God. The young boy above painted a picture of the watchmen on the wall. (Isaiah 62:6 & Ezekiel 33:7). The people of the city shared many burdens that they deal with on a daily basis. One man asked us to pray that God would provide his rent money. Another was seeking forgiveness from his ex-girlfriend and praying that he could forgive himself. There were many significant conversations concerning spiritual matters and all these conversations have eternal value. Pray that people will remember what was discussed and will apply God's truth to their lives. Our God offers everyone HOPE even though we are all broken people.



**Dr. Mary Hoppa** is available for personal or family counseling on Sunday and Monday afternoons and into the evenings on Mondays. You may sign up for an appointment on your blue registration card, or contact Dr. Mary personally at 425.879.5283 or by email at [lighthousecounseling@frontier.com](mailto:lighthousecounseling@frontier.com)

**"Getting Away" - by R. J. Woods**

I had the opportunity to spend some time away from the office in the month of April. The first two days were at Lake Retreat for the Administrative Assistants Gathering hosted by Kim Anderson, who is the Admin. for Steve Welling at Converge Northwest. Then I traveled to Oregon to spend time with family. While I was away, Sally Cox took on the duties of the church office. I am very thankful for her willingness to step in and help me in this way. It is sometimes hard to find people who can do the things required and do them well. But Sally is very capable and always glad to help.

Here is Sally's perspective on her week in the office.

Tuesday - The first issue I had was that I didn't know how to turn on the computer. Each computer is different and we forgot to cover that little item in my initiation. Wes & I were able to figure it out.

Wednesday - Answering the phone hasn't been too difficult. A lady needed groceries and I was able to take care of that need. So far, I don't think I have messed up anything too badly. I am waiting a call from Becky so I can pick her brain on a different matter.

Thursday - Okay, the printer hates me! Things were going along fine when it suddenly decided it didn't want to print a certain file. I sent an email to Becky. (The wrong printer was selected - problem solved).

Friday - I didn't have to call Becky today. The bulletins are folded, the inserts inserted, the Newcomers materials are collated and/or folded. Phone calls have been answered, prayers have been said. Pastor Wes & Theresa are about to leave for the API retreat. All in all, it has been a rewarding week.

I think both Sally and I have learned some things through this experience, first and foremost, I need to remember to leave instructions as to how the computer gets turned on!

Thank you Sally for being so willing to serve and fill in for me while I was away. And thank you for your wonderful acknowledgements. You are so kind to me. I have always known that I am well appreciated here at Bethel. For that I am ever thankful.

We'll have to do this again sometime, yes?

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ◆ Tuesday June 2nd - First Tuesday Fast & Pray. Theme is Students and Graduates.
- ◆ Saturday June 13th - 9:30 a.m. Second Saturday Sewing Circle and Church Work Day.
- ◆ Sunday June 14th - 9:30 a.m. Birthday Celebration before Sunday School.
- ◆ Sunday June 21st - 10:00 a.m. Summer Sundays begin. 11:45 a.m. Family Project with Dr. Mary Hoppa. Potluck Lunch.
- ◆ Saturday July 4th - 11:00 a.m. Parade Outreach on Colby Avenue.
- ◆ Also on July 4th - Steve & Diane will be home from Papua New Guinea.