



DECEMBER

E-vangel

What God Can Do . . . by Pastor Larry

"I quit!"

Those two words had echoed in Mary's mind at least a hundred times in the past few months. From almost the very beginning there had been just one problem after another.

When her fiancé, Joe, learned that she was going to have a baby, he nearly called the whole thing off. He knew it wasn't his. Before long, the whole town seemed to know. Awkward. Then there was the long trip to Bethlehem. Being nine months along, sitting on the ever-rocking back of a donkey that was all bones was pure torture.

A small barn had been the only shelter they could find once they got there. No bed, linens, no crib, and now the pains were coming faster and faster. This was not what she had expected, not at all.

"I quit!" Over and over she thought it. But she never could bring herself to say it. Why, why didn't she just quit? After all the ridicule, rejection, hardship, misunderstanding, pain, and difficulty—why didn't Mary just quit?

Because in her heart where she had treasured the Message, she knew what God can do.



And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ..."

LUKE 1:46-47. NIV



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 24*

Missions

Local Mission Update



The Food Pantry is continuing to see more families coming for assistance! Praise the Lord that we have been able to provide for the families that have come to us for help! This means, though, that there is a growing need for food and monetary donations for the pantry. Please pray about how God would have you to serve these families and their needs. Please also pray for the Lord's provision as the needs continue to grow, that we could continue to provide and to share the light of Christ's love to the needy in our community! Praise Him for the work He has begun and is growing at DRC!

The Wednesday Night Dinners as well as the Food Pantry Ministry have given meals to the homeless staying at a local inn. It was such a blessing to us to serve over 70 meals on the first Wednesday of November. We then took over 40 meals made from the leftovers from our Thanksgiving dinner. There was so much help in the kitchen preparing the boxes as well as taking the boxes to the inn and serving them to some very appreciative people. We are looking forward to returning this Wednesday, December 7, to show the love of Christ. Thanks to everyone for your service, donations, and for purchasing a Wednesday Night Dinner to help underwrite the cost of the meals taken to the inn.

National Mission Update

Date of Journey: March 11-17, 2012

Project Destination: Cleveland, TN

Project Cost: \$400 total (\$150 deposit due by Jan 1)

Project Mission: To show the love of Jesus to those in need at the New Life Community Kitchen in Cleveland, TN and to encourage those in service at the Community Kitchen.

Cleveland, TN
March 11-17

Please submit completed application to velderfamily@sbcglobal.net or to the mission box at the DRC office with a \$150 non-refundable deposit designated to your trip cost by January 1st.

International Mission Update



Applications for a July 15-28, 2012, evangelistic trip to Ziobwe, Uganda, are available in the church office, on the web, or from Amy Velder. Tickets have been reserved for 17 people. Praise the Lord!

Change for Uganda

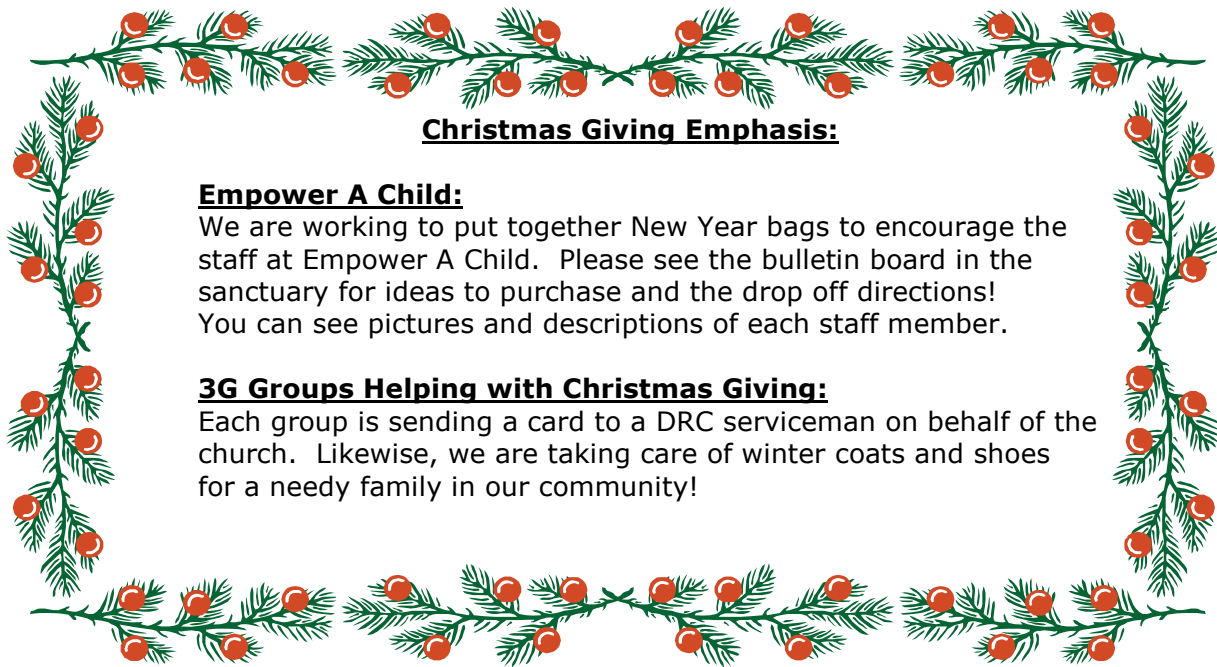
Thank you for your generous contributions! We exceeded \$1,000.00 toward helping to supply a water tank that will service the entire village of Ziobwe, Uganda, with clean water! Money was still coming in last Sunday. Good work, Duncan Road Church!



Empower A Child Update



DRC has recently sponsored a child from Ziobwe, Uganda. Your 5th Sunday giving has made this possible! Reagan Setala is 9 years old, and his picture and biography can be found on the Mission Board at church. Reagan would love to receive mail from DRC members. He can receive mail by sending it to Empower A Child PO Box 1505 Ridgecrest, CA 93556. Be sure to include information about our church and your family in the correspondence that you send. Please use the church address as the return address to avoid confusion for the organization. If you are interested in sponsoring a child from Uganda or Kenya, please see Amy Velder for more information.



Christmas Giving Emphasis:

Empower A Child:

We are working to put together New Year bags to encourage the staff at Empower A Child. Please see the bulletin board in the sanctuary for ideas to purchase and the drop off directions! You can see pictures and descriptions of each staff member.

3G Groups Helping with Christmas Giving:

Each group is sending a card to a DRC serviceman on behalf of the church. Likewise, we are taking care of winter coats and shoes for a needy family in our community!

Awana Fundraiser



In the month of December Awana is having a Christmas Craft/Bake Sale to raise money for the Awana Club. We will have tables set up on Wednesday nights with items for you to purchase. We need some volunteers to donate items for us to sell as well as volunteers to buy donated items. With the money we raise, we would like to give the kids a swim party in February and to help with the Awana Grand Prix in March.

Please let me know how you can help.
Jamie Nitz 578-5251



*From the staff at DRC:
Pastor Larry, Travis
Karen, Linda, Gary, and Gary*

Youth



UNITED

9:30 A.M. - 10:20 A.M.

Sunday mornings

*Please come to the Youth Room and enjoy a snack.
Sunday Morning: 9:15 - 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 - 6:45 P.M.*

The Way

All Youth 6th-12th grade
Wednesday Nights
6:45-8:15 pm

From Your Elders



Thank you, church family for your prayerful response to our call to seek the Lord together over these past two weeks for His future and hope for DRC. Sunday, December 4, we will be deciding as a church on the elders' recommendation to use the insurance settlement for damages to our auditorium carpet to retire most, if not all, of the STR second mortgage. We really believe this is an opportunity given to us in God's providence, and we praise Him for continued provisions to fulfill the ministry He has committed to the Duncan Road Church.

We continue to wait on the Lord for His further directions. Please do let us know any ideas or questions He brings to your attention as we seek the Lord together.

In Christ's love,
Your Elders



***Wednesday Night Dinners
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
(Suggested donation of \$2/person)***



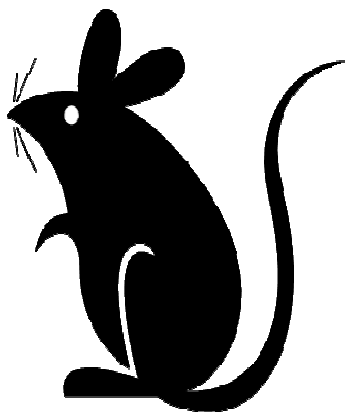
December 7
Macaroni & Cheese Casserole
Green Beans
Fruit Cocktail

December 14
Pancakes
Sausage Link
Hash Brown Casserole
Mixed Berries & Cool Whip

December 21
No Meal
Christmas Break

December 28
No Meal
Christmas Break

CHARLIE CHURCHMOUSE...from a corner



Oh, my stomach! This is the time of year when I am accustomed to being stuffed with good food from the Thanksgiving Banquet. You know, bloated, heavy, sleepy, burping a lot, short of breath—you know the feeling, right? Well, not this year, not for good old Charlie. No, siree!

This year my stomach feels positively empty by comparison. What, you may ask, is the explanation for my predicament? Did I miss the banquet? Nope. Were there no spills for me to clean up? Nope. No leftovers? On the contrary, there were heaps and heaps of leftovers—enough to stuff an entire churchmouse family for a month. Not that we needed it, of course, but tradition is tradition after all.

Somebody had the grand idea of making meals for the homeless out of all those leftovers! Box after boxed up meal went out the door following the banquet, 40 meals in all to be enjoyed by the less fortunate folks down the road.

My stomach isn't quite as full as usual at this time of year, but if you could have seen the looks on the faces of those children and their parents who had a good hot meal for the first time in no telling how long (it's hard to cook for a family in a motel bathroom on a hot plate) you would understand why my heart is fuller than I can remember it ever being.

Better be makin' tracks,

CC . . .

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