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Happy New Year

Tired of New Year Resolutions? Focus on, ask for and thank God for the new things He brings to us through Christ Jesus, His Word and Holy Spirit.

- Longings (for justice & courage) He will give a longing for justice to their judges. He will give great courage to their warriors who stand at the gates Isa. 28:6
- New song Psalm 96 1 Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord! Praise the Lord!

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God's design for Snow, You, & Incarcerated Women

We had a very large class of twelve ladies today. The devotion I shared was about seeing God's redemptive plan in snowflakes. There is a dirt particle in the middle of each snow crystal, just like we all have sin in us. Sin breaks and destroys lives, just as snowflakes are broken down and melt when they become weighted down with dirt or pollution. God intends for our lives to be pure and reflect His light, like snowflakes do. Three prayed to receive Jesus today, and several have



requested to meet with Chaplain Gloria. We made our own snowflake design pictures using white paint pens and glitter glue. Each picture was unique and beautiful, just like each of these precious ladies! God is moving and answering prayers. I can't wait for you to read the prayer requests. Thank you for your faithful service in prayer! Serving Him - Together with You,
Sue Janick

[Pictures of the women's devotion art, more on page 2](#)

January 31, 2017

MEC Spotlight

Two Friend's, Wally and Peter, Go to Be With Jesus

Wally Johnson

A longtime friend of MEC has gone home to Jesus. Wally Johnson, founder and long term leader of International Bible Givers of Anoka, passed away January 9th. He started International Bible Givers in 1989 after retiring from a career in education. He and his wife Naomi were tireless in their efforts to put free Bibles into the hands of people everywhere so they may have the opportunity to come to faith and life in Jesus Christ.



Tiger and Wally Johnson in 2014

I will always remember his humble, gentleness and profound faith. I met him after I was released from jail and one of my friends was looking for Bibles for her halfway house for a Bible study. My favorite Bible is one that I received in the jail with an International Bible Giver sticker on it as well as the MEC one. I was so pleased to thank Wally and Naomi personally for that. Seeing them meant a special hug.

Many times Wally would call MEC

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Blue bird perch
& Nuthatch
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Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing His praises in the assembly of the faithful. Psalm 149:1

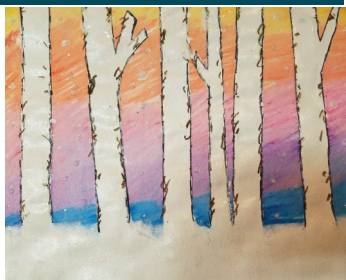
- Good News - Sing to the Lord; praise His name. Each day proclaim the good news that He saves. Psalm 96:2 Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And He healed every kind of disease and illness. Matt. 4:23 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Matt. 11:5 "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" Mk 1:15 NLT

- New Teaching – New Authority - And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying,

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Let us know if you would like a CD of the fall event.

Artwork that Sue Janick did with women at HCADC



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to find out if we needed Bibles. This helped to get many Bibles into the jails.

IBG distributes hundreds of Bibles each month to various individuals and ministries. IBG ships Bibles around the world touching so many people over the years.

Sandy Hanson

Peter Bergstedt

Peter attended the U of M, Duluth and graduated from Portland State University with a degree in psychology, served in the U.S.



Army. He pastored at Eastwood Apostolic Lutheran in Michigan and Sunnyside Free Lutheran in Linwood Minnesota. Peter traveled to India, Israel and throughout the US to minister, teach, and mentor. He and Joy were married in 1968 and had 48 good years together. Peter and Joy have six grown children. The service was in Esko, MN on January 21 condolences sent to MEC will be shared with the family. Peter supported MEC by attending events and contributing. He always loved to be with people who loved and were serving the LORD. In His last days the battle with cancer brought many, many, family and friends who visited and he loved singing hymns.

Ministry Friends Shout Out

We know we are not alone in Ministry and each month we acknowledge another ministry that we network with. This month's shout out goes to

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- a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to the cause of the refugee and immigrant
- a ministry that empowers local churches to welcome and serve displaced refugees who resettle in Minnesota

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“What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” Mk. 1:27 ESV

- New Lives - We, too, may live a new life. Romans 6:4 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. I Cor 15:22 NLT I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.



Jn. 12:24 “Go, stand in the temple courts,” He said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

Acts 5:20 NIV More Rom. 5:11, 5:18, 6:4 & 13 Way of the spirit, way of living Rom. 7:6 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. II Cor. 5:17

- New way of life -And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins &the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.” Mk 2:22



- New days - Light is sweet; how pleasant to see a new day dawning. Ecc. 11:7 NLT Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Matt. 28:1

• Truth - And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things, gems, truths - new and old.” Matt. 13:32 sincerity & truth I Cor. 5:8

- New World to come - Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matt. 19:28



- Testament - for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matt. 26:28
- Point of View -So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. II Cor. 5:16
- Ministry of New Covenant and Reconciliation with God and Man - He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit.

The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life. II Cor. 3:6 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 2Cor. 5

- Creation – John 1:12-13, Roman 7:4-Sinful, law, war of spirit vs. flesh, 2 Cor. 6:5-17 2 Corinthians 5:17 - This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

We are taking a break from the Problem Thinking and the Lord’s Healing Articles this month. You can read them in the past newsletters or e-mail us for a copy of the compiled articles. We would like feedback which will be used before it is printed. This series of articles deals with problems in our thinking which lead to poor choices and mistakes. It is research of God’s word on those topics.

- Covenant – “For this is the covenant that I will establish with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and I will inscribe them on their hearts. And I will be their God and they will be my people. Heb. 8:10 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. Lk.22:20 NASB I Cor. 11:5



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- Identity - But a person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 1 Cor. 6:17 NLT

- Peace and Friends – For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. Eph. 2:14



- Relationships without prejudice - Opening his mouth, Peter said: “I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is welcomed before him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of

Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all) Acts 10:34 -36



- Family – So now you are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family. Eph. 2:19

- Languages or tongues - These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; Mark 16:17

- Belief - As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:15 Meanwhile, the word of God continued to spread, and there were many new believers. Acts 12:24

- Type of existence, things - That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. Rom. 4:17

- Glory - If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! II Cor. 3

- Bodies to come - They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. NLT II Cor. 5



- Love – We have come to know love by this: that Jesus laid down his life for us; thus we ought to lay down our lives for our fellow Christians. 1 John 3:16 NET, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. Jn. 13:34 NASB

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