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**MARCH/APRIL 2005**

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### Mike's Meanderings

Just a quick thought this month for your Lenten ponderings. Jesus, of course, was a carpenter. Everybody knows that, but did you ever wonder what kind of hammer he used? It so happens that a new innovation arrived on the scene in the First Century. Those clever Romans invented the claw hammer at about the same time as Jesus came into the world.

New technology always takes a while to spread, but I'm pretty sure Jesus used a claw hammer. Why do I think so? It is exactly the kind of tool that fits Jesus. After all, the purpose of a claw hammer is to help us undo our mistakes. The claws allow us to pull the nails we bent or drove crookedly or put in the wrong place. A claw hammer gives us another chance to get it right.

Now do you see why I think Jesus used a claw hammer? His whole reason for coming was to give second chances to people who had made a mess of things. That's the meaning of the cross. That's the miracle of Easter. Jesus invites us to follow him and make a fresh start.

Yeah, Jesus definitely carried a claw hammer. He's that kind of carpenter. He's that kind of Savior. If the Romans hadn't invented the claw hammer, Jesus would have!

Peace!

Mike



**Belize Revisited:** CSPC Doctors Team Together For Medical Mission



This pretty Belize school girl captured the hearts of the medical team with her radiant smile.

Tropical breezes and warm sunshine in early February make for a nice relaxing vacation, but for Drs. Mark Boyd and Mike Grant, such an opportunity was used to treat patients and teach infant resuscitation to doctors and nurses in Central America while on an eight day medical mission.

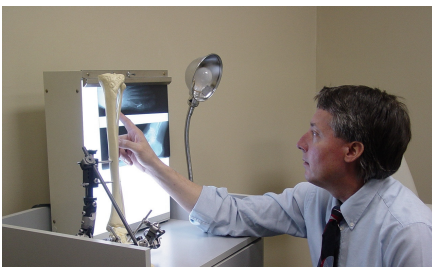
Mark and Mike journeyed together with a team of physicians, residents, nurses and ancillary staff to an impoverished area known as the Corozal District in Belize. This mission work first began approximately five years ago by The Rev. Howard Storm. The Rev. Storm, a Church of Christ minister, coordinated mission trips to the city of San Victor which included construction volunteers and eventually small medical teams. Presently, the tiny city of San Victor now boasts a library, water tower, hurricane shelter, and woodworking factory. Various construction crews have also built small houses for needy families in San Victor.

The primary objective of this recent trip was to teach neonatal (infant) resuscitation to doctors and nurses in Belize. The impoverished areas of this country have always had an unusually high infant mortality rate - a neonatal resuscitation program had been virtually non-existent until recently. Our medical team was successful in teaching infant resuscitation to thirty doctors and nurses in a large hospital in Belize City. Seven of these newly trained professionals will be dispersed throughout the country to teach this life-saving skill to medical personnel in smaller hospitals, while the remaining will utilize this skill within the Belize City hospital.



Dr. Mark Boyd is the director of the Family Practice residency program at St. Elizabeth and is a practicing physician. This was his third trip to Belize.

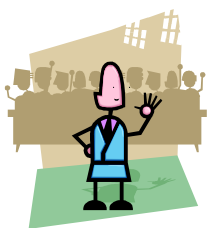
The medical team also treated approximately 2000 patients at the San Victor clinic in the course of eight days. It is noted that malnutrition and obesity are common health issues in Central Americans. The medical team provided nutritional counseling, medical treatment, and medications to patients. Our doctors and nurses also provided several "house calls" and follow-up care to bed-ridden patients in the area.



Dr. Michael J. Grant specializes in surgery of the foot and ankle and sports medicine. He has also served as a volunteer physician with the Special Olympics in Salt Lake City, UT and Atlanta, GA. This was his first trip to Belize.

The medical team hopes to continue the Belize mission trips in the future. They are looking for ways to help fund equipment, medications and other expenses through corporate grants and sponsorships. Mark and Mike are both very thankful and touched by the generosity of the CSPC congregation, so many of whom provided donations as well as prayers and encouragement.

--Editor



### Committee Fair

The Stewardship committee is sponsoring a "Committee Fair" on Sunday, April 10.

Please plan to attend to

check out all the committees, their duties, needs, time commitments involved, etc. There will be members of the committees on hand to answer any questions you might have and, no doubt, each will have goodies available.

The fair will be a great opportunity for you to get the information you need to find a committee to serve on in the coming committee year. Our committees need **you!**

### IHN Night

Thanks to the following volunteers for helping host 4 families during IHN Night on March 2: Candy and Jerry Hinnens, Gieny Van Anrooy, Rae King, Lynne Baker, Billie Grant, Kristy Seither, Carol Buckhout, Jeff

Buckhout, Troy & Kelly Bitter, and Doug Thompson. Our next IHN night is May 11.



**One Great Hour of Sharing**  
Throughout Lent and culminating on Easter Sunday, CSPC

will be receiving offerings to **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**. During this time we are sharing stories during Minute for Mission about people that have been helped by OGHS. Contributions to OGHS make a difference in the lives of people. Whether they take the form of immediate relief to people experiencing a time of crisis or of partnerships with communities, focused on long-term solutions to chronic problems, those gifts are a powerful, tangible witness to the healing love of Christ for all people. Let us share the gifts God has bestowed on us by giving joyfully

and enthusiastically to One Great Hour of Sharing this Lenten season.

--Dawn Miller, Mission Committee Co-Chair



**The Fellowship Committee** will be holding this year's **Easter Party on March 26<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at 2:00 p.m.** This year's theme is "Some Bunny Loves You". Children of all ages are welcome to participate. There will be contests galore: Egg coloring (paper and crayons), best Easter stuffed animal, best silly Easter hat, and best Easter costume. Please bring a favorite book about bunnies that you can share and of course there will be the **EASTER EGG HUNT**. The Egg hunt will be for ages: 1-2, 2-4, 4-6, 7-10, 10-15, 15-40, 40-100. The Fellowship committee is accepting donations of plastic eggs, candy, Easter egg templates (like a good Easter egg drawing out of a coloring book), crayons and Easter cookies, cupcakes and food stuff. Anyone wishing to help with the festivities- egg coloring, crafts, contest judging, egg assemblers (stuffing with candy), egg hidiers, readers of bunny books, food makers/bakers can hop on over to the Fellowship Committee Chair and volunteer. This Event is **BYOB** (Bring your own basket). Please join us for an eggcellent time! (Kim Martin)

**The Deacons are forming a new covenant group.** A covenant group is a small group of 6 to 12 people who meet regularly to further their spiritual growth and build strong relationships. Through discussion of meaningful topics members share their own thoughts, feelings and stories from experiences in their own lives, thereby nurturing themselves and each

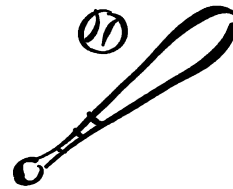
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other in a supportive way. Each group sets its own schedule and meeting place, usually in the homes of its members. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room. For more information, contact any Deacon.

## Building & Grounds Update:

The safety issues are taken care of and our building is up to code!! We will be having a fire drill in May.

Thanks, Donna



**The Men's Softball Team** encourages all able and willing males ages 15 and up to join the CSPC team for an action-packed season. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Gathering Room. The first practice will be in April. Tim Reed will be announcing specific dates soon. Dust off your old softball glove and join this spirited team for a fun-filled summer. (Tim Reed)



## THANK YOU CSPC FROM MID-KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY

Our contributions to the mission of the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery in 2004 were appreciated and put to good use. Our support, along with 57 other congregations assisted the Presbytery in the following ways **(and this is not even a complete list!):**

- Provided \$34,922 to Cedar Ridge Camp where 18,402 children and adults came for worship, instruction, spiritual developments and fun
- Provided 10 scholarships to help candidates with the expense of seminary training

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- Contributed \$30,000 to the Presbytery Community Center where youth and adults from Smoketown come for education and play
- Assisted 8 congregations to locate and call new clergy through the Committee on Ministry
- Sent 55 delegates to the Presbytery Youth Connection Triennium
- Donated \$890 to Kentuckiana Interfaith Community and co-sponsored the KIC Hunger Walk
- Resourced 40 churches, seminary professors and students through the Learning and Resource Center
- Gave \$2500 to 7 Mid-Kentucky congregations through the Mission Partnership Grant

**The Deacons are collecting donations for College Care Packages through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please bring your donations of snacks, microwave popcorn, school supplies, fun toys, socks, etc. and place them in the box in the Narthex. Donations for postage are also appreciated. The college students are always happy to receive these wonderful care packages from their church family—another way to show them that we care!!

## The Eleven Great Verbs of Life

**I AM:** the power of self-knowledge.  
**I THINK:** the power to investigate.  
**I KNOW:** the power to master facts.  
**I FEEL:** the power to appreciate, to value and to love.  
**I WONDER:** the power of reverence, curiosity, worship.  
**I SEE:** the power of insight, imagination, vision.  
**I BELIEVE:** the power of adventurous faith.  
**I CAN:** the power to act and the skill to accomplish.

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**I OUGHT:** the power of conscience, the moral imperative.

**I WILL:** will power, loyalty to duty, consecration.

**I SERVE:** power to be useful, devotion to a cause.

*-George Walter Fiske*

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



**CREATING SYMPHONIES-** We can read poetry, and recite poetry, but to *live* poetry—is the symphony of life. —S. Frances Foote

## W.H.O. Household Shower for Families in Need

**Kathy Beechem, Executive Vice President of US Bank, Metro Banking and In-Store Banking,** will speak at the Welcome House Outreach (W.H.O.) Household Shower to benefit Welcome House of Northern Kentucky, Inc. and the families moving from the homeless shelter to independent living. Each guest is asked to bring unwrapped shower items such as sheets and pillowcases, towels and washcloths, dishes, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, laundry or cleaning kits.

The event will take place Tuesday April 12, 2005 at Five Seasons Country Club, 345 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Dinner is \$25 per person. Ms. Beechem, a prominent

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woman in the Banking Industry, will speak about her career and her dedication to volunteerism. Returning to the shower are the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Joseph Academy in Walton. Once again their vision has been to hold bake sales to save money to purchase items for this shower. It is a delight of the crowd when guests arrive with arms filled with items to give to this shower. For reservations or more information contact Sandy Neely at (859) 331-6806.

Welcome House of Northern Kentucky, Inc. has been a lifeline for the homeless and extremely poor members of our community for over 22 years.

The organization includes programs that provide a complete continuum of care, including emergency shelter, intake/emergency assistance, family case management, outreach, payee services, self-sufficiency programs and employment services and support.

Welcome House Outreach (W.H.O.) is a committed group of volunteers that provides substantial funding for Welcome House through fundraising events and support in various significant ways.

Stephanie Boyd (Mission)



**The Building & Grounds Committee would like to extend a warm thanks to all those who worked to help clean out the Fellowship Hall to get it ready for the new heating/air conditioning system being installed. It is amazing what a small group of dedicated people can**

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**accomplish in a short period of time. Your time and efforts are appreciated!!!**

Congratulations to Grace VanMelle who earned First Honors and Lucy VanMelle who earned Second Honors at Villa Madonna Academy for the second quarter.

### Looking for a Babysitter?

**Grace Thoeny**, age 11 and a half, has completed the Red Cross babysitting course and is now available for babysitting children ages 16 months and older.





*Men's Prayer Group Meeting every Saturday at 8 a.m.*

*AA meets every Monday at 8:15 p.m.*

### **MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR**

Mar 19 - Flames 3:00 (Easter Eggs)

Mar 21 - Christian Education 7:00

Mar 22 - Bound by Books 7:00

Mar 23 - Adult Choir 7:30

Mar 24 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:30

Mar 25 - Lunch Bunch for Adults 12:00

Mar 25 - Good Friday Service 7:30

Mar 26 - Children's Easter

Party 2:00

Mar 26 - Easter Vigil

Mar 27 - Ecumenical Sunrise

Service at Villa

Madonna

Mar 30 - Bells 6:30/Adult

Choir 7:30

Apr 3 - Flames 6:30

Apr 4 - Piecemaker's 7:00

Apr 6 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30

Apr 7 - Deacons 7:00

Apr 9 - Outside Work Day

Apr 10 - Gold Sparks 12:00

Apr 11 - Mary Esther Circle 12:30

Apr 11 - Session 7:00

Apr 13 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30

Apr 14 - Lectio Divina 7:00

Apr 17 - Gold Sparks 12:00

Apr 17 - Flames 6:30

Apr 18 - Christian Education 7:00

Apr 19 - Bound by Books 7:00

Apr 20 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30

Apr 24 - Gold Sparks 12:00



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Apr 27 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30

Apr 29 - Lunch Bunch for Adults 12:00