

BEAR BULLETIN

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BCC News



May 7, 2017



AN UPDATE FROM THE TELLS: *Hello friends! Oh me oh my! What a month! April saw us in the Bay Area twice, Oregon, Florida and on our way to Ohio. It has been a whirlwind but full of new mercies from our Lord. We're about halfway through our furlough and it has been a time of exhaustion, but sweet sweet blessings. Reconnecting with all of you has brought us so much joy and encouragement! We thank God for how beautifully He has surrounded us with a team of loyal, loving, and giving senders. You guys are the best!*

We have been deeply encouraged by way the many of you who have signed up to join us in monthly financial partnership during our furlough season - you are making the difference in enabling us to serve in Thailand. It is our joy and honor to have been able to see so many of you in April, whether at the five churches we were able to visit or any of the other get-togethers we've attended. So much enthusiasm and support!

A major highlight of the month was our week of orientation with our agency, New Missions Systems International. It took place in Fort Myers, Florida at their Center for Global Outreach. The entire week felt like continued confirmation from God of how clearly He led our path to them. Hearing about their heart and vision to enable people to follow their calling from God, how they seek to approach missions in a holistic manner, and their intentional focus on national church involvement all acted together to reaffirm and cement our passion for serving with them. Joey and I both had to smile when we realized the organization was founded the same year we were born, which we know is definitely no mistake, but a gift of God's hand on all things. We are very excited for what God has in store and were able to have several exciting talks about our vision for expansion of our work in Thailand and Southeast Asia. We can already tell they will offer some incredible insight and support as we move forward. They are also a great avenue for anyone wanting to come serve with us in the future, as they can offer handling of donations for short term trips and training and support prior. Time and again we kept marveling at all the ways God was reconfirming this exciting new season. – Look for the entire April update (with ways to pray) on the lit table.

NEXT SATURDAY! SOMETIMES MIRACLES HIDE is a luncheon for mothers and a carnival for their children with special needs. Mothers will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, rest, and respite and will receive a lovely gift at the end of the event. Meanwhile, their children, including siblings, will have a great time at the carnival where they will enjoy lots of games and activities. They will be paired with a buddy who will play with them and be a friend. Lunch for the children will also be provided. This takes place on Saturday, May 13th from noon – 2pm at First Baptist Church, Medford. Space is limited. Reservations are required, so please RSVP by May 9th by calling (541) 897-0482, (541) 864-9864, or email bolstad@joniandfriends.org.



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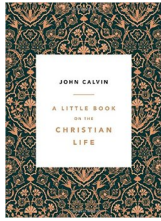
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BCC CAMPOUT JUNE 29th – JULY 3rd: Make plans to get time off for the 2017 BCC Campout. This is always a great time for your children, and to build friendships within your church family. Also, this is our main opportunity for baptisms, so if you're considering this please contact one of the pastors, or write us at bearcreekchurch.org@gmail.com.



AT THE BOOK TABLE: *A Little Book on the Christian Life* by John Calvin.

This is a new translation of the third book of Calvin's Institutes, on what it means to live as a Christian. Tim Challies comments that, "while his name is attached to an expansive system of theology, he is a theologian who does not merely fill the head, but one who also warms the heart and informs the hands." A mere 126 pages long, it is a delightful and encouraging read.

FATHER'S DAY PICNIC at HOLMES PARK – Make plans to join us for lunch in the park, after the 2nd service, on Father's Day. This is always a special time of fun and games, relaxing with family, and Chef Jeff BBQ!



See www.bearcreekchurch.org for a list of our current small group opportunities

UPCOMING

- May 13th Sometimes Miracles Hide - Reservations required. For information contact Brent at bolstad@joniandfriends.org
- Jun 18 Father's Day Picnic at Holmes Park - after the 2nd service we'll enjoy a delicious lunch and great family fun!
- Jun 29th - July 3rd BCC Campout
- Aug 14-18 JAF Family Retreat #1 at Twin Rocks - more details at joniandfriends.org/family-retreats/detail/twin-rocks-i-2017
- Aug 21-25 JAF Family Retreat #2 at Twin Rocks - "