

# New Hope News



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## A Heartfelt Thank You

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. --Philippians 1:3-6*

The Hosier family would like to say “thank you” to all of those who have generously given to the New Hope Mission Fund. We have been so blessed by those who have contributed to our ongoing expenses. With fuel costs over \$5.00 a gallon and food costs that far exceed those in the States, we are so appreciative that many of you who have been negatively affected by the economy yourselves have been so kind as to give to the work that we are doing here. It is only through your generosity that we are able to be here to do God’s work in this place. We want to give a special word of thanks to those who donated to the vehicle fund as well. While the church has generously been allowing us use of the church van

since we have been here, the cost and wear-and-tear on an older vehicle that is used very regularly for ministry purposes, has been challenging. Because of the donations from our brothers and sisters in the States, we were able to give funds to the church that were used to purchase a fuel-efficient sedan. While it is available for our daily use, the car will remain at the church when we leave so that they will be able to have it available for future ministry use. We want to give an extra thank you to Al Mason who gave of his time and talent in a very creative manner to raise funds for the car through the sale of his beautiful bird prints. The church has been blessed twice over as they received both the funds and a beautiful print to hang here to remind them of their brothers and sisters in PA who are supporting them in so many ways.



*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.  
—Micah 6:8*

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PRAISE BE TO THE GOD  
AND FATHER OF OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN  
HIS GREAT MERCY HE  
HAS GIVEN US NEW  
BIRTH INTO A LIVING  
HOPE THROUGH THE  
RESURRECTION OF  
JESUS CHRIST FROM  
THE DEAD, AND INTO  
AN INHERITANCE THAT  
CAN NEVER PERISH,  
SPOIL OR FADE.

—1 PETER 1:3-4A

### Volunteers Welcome

We rejoice that we were able to host our first volunteer from PA recently. Jillene Adams came with an open mind about what an individual volunteer would be able to do. She blessed me by sharing in a week of ministry at New Hope, in the school, and in the community. Jill also used her gifts to work with Becca to paint and transform a stark, white Children's classroom into a wonderful place with bright, blue walls and a great tree mural which now has "leaves" made with the kids' and adult volunteers' handprints.

She reported back to me after returning home to let me know that, while she has been on many mission trips in many places, this was a truly unique and uplifting experience. Being able to interact one-on-one with the people who live here on the island was a blessing to her, and I know that she has blessed many here. The congregation is looking forward to her returning in the future. If you or a group from your church would be interested in volunteering here on the island, please send me an e-mail or message me on Facebook. All groups

that would like to do building projects will be teamed with Bahamas Methodist Habitat. If you would like to read more about them, please check them out on the web or follow the link on our webpage. Come to Freeport and see what happens beyond the resorts and the cruise ships and share the lives of the people here on the island.

### Let the Little Children Come to Me

I am pleased to share that our Children's Fellowship has resumed for the fall and is flourishing with new kids every week. We have three groups of kids from ages 3 to 12 yrs and will soon be breaking off the older ones into a fourth group. The kids meet Saturday afternoon from 3 until 5, and I have the interesting job of picking the kids up at their homes

(quite an adventure each week). I teach the older class, and Rebecca assists in the 6-8 year olds. We do Bible lessons, memory verses, sing, have snacks, and play games. Though very energetic, this group of kids is excited about being part of the church. What an amazing time in the life of the New Hope.



### How to Support the Mission

While we have been blessed beyond measure in our months here, there are always needs to fulfill while serving as missionaries. We remind everyone that we receive no salary for our ministry here, though we are thankful that New Hope is able to cover our rent and a few utilities. We post periodic, specific needs on our Facebook or website for those who would like to give in that manner. If you would like to give much-needed funds to the day-to-day support of what we are doing here in Freeport, gifts are truly appreciated. Tax-deductible donations can

be sent to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 750 Norland Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201 (please note "New Hope Mission" in the Memo line). Funds can also be sent to the Susquehanna Conference Office for Advance # 982465HOSIER. If you would like to make a donation online, you can go to the GBGM web site and select "Give now to The Advance of your Choice" (on the right side of the page). There you will also find a banner that says Make a Gift Online. Click that banner. In the "Find Projects" search box type the IVIM number **982465** and click search. Then

click on the Individual Volunteers search result. On the next screen, type in your donation amount. In the Select Designation box use the drop down arrow on the right and select **Lenore Hosier** (this will guarantee that the donation will come to us). Click the donate button. Continue to follow the prompts to make your tax-deductible donation. Again, thank you to all who have generously given, and please consider continuing your support of spreading the Gospel.

### Incarnational Ministry

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. —John 1:14-18*

Sometimes the best way to minister to anybody is just to go and live alongside of them, doing the things they do right where they spend their days. Jesus knew all about that. I can't think of a better

place to do this than in the public school here on the island, so I agreed to serve at least temporarily as a religion teacher to 2 classes of 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 2 of 8<sup>th</sup>. While this country is much different in that religion is a mandatory subject for students, the school is still a microcosm of the local culture—its blessings and its curses. Many of these kids come from difficult homes, and there are unending opportunities to minister to them, both in the

classroom and beyond. While I am only a volunteer teacher three days a week, I have a chance to listen to these kids when many of them aren't being heard by anyone else. These are probably the most challenging hours of my week, but I think there is certainly work to be done as I seek to be faith in action to over 100 kids.

TRUST IN THE LORD  
WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART  
AND LEAN NOT ON  
YOUR OWN  
UNDERSTANDING;  
IN ALL YOUR WAYS  
SUBMIT TO HIM,  
AND HE WILL MAKE  
YOUR PATHS  
STRAIGHT.

—PROVERBS 3:5-6



## Volunteering to Care for All God's Creatures

It should come as no surprise to anyone who knows Rebecca that she, within the first week here, had already begun volunteering at the Grand Bahamas Humane Society. She goes in a few times a week after school to feed, help clean, and socialize with the scores of cats that are housed there at the shelter.



## Hurricane Season

Despite the visit from Hurricane Irene on Week 2 of our move here, we have been blessed by a very light hurricane season thus far here in the Bahamas. While Grand Bahamas survived with only minor damage from the winds and rain, some of the other Family Islands on the southeast side of the Bahamas were hit much harder, sustaining severe damage that will require attention for months and possibly years to come. Although the East Coast has certainly had its share of weather-related events this fall, I have to say that I have never been so aware of the Weather Channel as life here revolves around the weather. We are so thankful that we were not initiated into island life too intensely!

### Many Thanks to our Mission Support Team:

Rev. Rick Noll  
Pastor Tanya Brubaker  
Diane Mackey  
Michelle Boal  
Luke Mackey  
Brian Goodhart  
Paula Goodhart  
Roland Mitchell  
Jeannene Mitchell  
Shelley Saber

## Friday Night Fellowship

Most parents and youth leaders would be surprised to hear that the “normal” youth meeting time in Freeport is Friday night. With no bowling alley, shopping mall, or other hang-out spots, teens here look forward to getting together on Friday nights with their friends, and what better place than at church. I am blessed to have a seventeen-year-old young man who has felt called into ministry and organizes our youth meetings, with me just along to mentor and drive. The focus of our meetings so far has been on living the Christian life and serving the community. While our group is not large, I am excited to see where God will lead them in the coming months.

## ....and Back at the Homestead

Please keep our family in your prayers as we continue to try to sell our home in Chambersburg. With the economy and the housing market both rocky, we are still waiting. Rob has been travelling back and forth, keeping his job in PA to cover the mortgage and utilities there until it sells. While we are disappointed that we are unable to be together here on a full-time basis, Rob is making the most of it. He recently attended the Disaster Training sponsored through the Conference and now feels better equipped to deal with some of the concerns that might arise here on the islands. He has also made himself available to share with churches about New Hope Mission while he remains stateside. If you are interested in having him come to share with your church, UMW, Sunday School class, or just to talk one-on-one, give him a call at 717-818-4097.

## Women's Fellowship

When Methodists from all over the world gathered in South Africa in August for the World Methodist Conference, the ladies were challenged to go back to their local communities and make a difference. I was excited to be invited by other Methodist Women's groups on the island to join them in coordinating a women's conference this fall to bring attention to some of the initiatives that were highlighted at the Conference, and they were pleased to be able to add me as a representative of the United Methodist Church to their list of coordinators for this conference. It is truly a testimony to the strength of the connection to be able to be involved in such an event. We have scheduled it for the beginning of December, so I will be sure to report back in our next publication with the details.

