

Choral Anthem
Whatever It Takes

There's a voice calling me from an old rugged tree,
and it whispers draw closer to Me.
Leave this world far behind, there are new heights to climb
and a new place in Me you will find.

(Chorus)

And whatever it takes to draw closer to You, Lord,
that's what I'll be willing to do.

And whatever it takes to be more like You,
That's what I'll be willing to do.

I'll trade sunshine for rain, comfort for pain,
that's what I'll be willing to do.

For whatever it takes for my will to break,
that's what I'll be willing to do.

Take the dearest things to me, if that's how it must be
to draw me closer to Thee.

Let the disappointments come, lonely days without the sun,
if through sorrow more like You I'll become.

Take my houses and lands, change my dreams and my plans,
for I'm placing my whole life in Your hands.
And if You call me today to a land far away,
Lord, I'll go and Your will obey.

(Chorus)

Anyone willing to donate a deer or any type of wild game for our 2014 Wild Game Event, please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Nov. 17-25 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week

Nov. 25 *MOPS* (FH)

Dec. 9 *MOPS* (FH)

Dec. 14 Ladies' Christmas Tea (10:00 a.m., CMC)

~ 2014 ~

Jan. 10-12 Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

Jan. 13 *MOPS* (FH)

Jan. 27 *MOPS* (FH)

Jan. 31-Feb. 2 Senior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

100 Years of Sending Missionaries!

Ezra & Elizabeth (Geiger) Steiner were the first missionaries commissioned by Ebenezer Mennonite Church. They were married on August 21, 1913 and two months later, in October, they sailed from New York for India. They later ministered on the Tibetan Frontier in a region called Bhot, which borders both Tibet and Nepal. In preparation and training for the work, Rev. Steiner attended Hedding College (B.A.), Union Missionary Training Institute, and Taylor University (M.A.), after which he pursued an additional year of post graduate work and research in the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Steiner attended Bluffton College and graduated from Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and the Ohio Maternity and Deaconess Hospitals of Cincinnati, receiving the R.N. from the Ohio State Medical Board. They first ministered in central India until the doors opened for them to enter the Tibet-Nepal frontier in November of 1927. (*Twenty-five Years with God*. 1929. Mennonite Book Concern., Berne, IN. p. 191)



Rev. & Mrs. E.B. Steiner
Children - Bradford and Anita Warren

November 17, 2013

Ebenezer
Emissary

50TH ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS



~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship Classes
with Richard Sharp (CMC)
Grades 1-6 with Chip Kirk (Sanctuary Foyer)
- 9:45 a.m.** Cherub Choir (age 2-K, B11)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour with Tiffany Bixel
(2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Festival of Missions – Chip Kirk/Richard Sharp (CMC)
- 1:30 p.m.** Youth Ice Skating (Meet at the schoolhouse, Cube in Findlay)
- 6:00 p.m.** Festival of Missions Banquet (CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Festival of Missions – Chip Kirk/Richard Sharp (CMC)
Children's Missionary Adventure with
Kathleen Needler (B10 & B11)

~ Disciple Singers Choir will not meet for practice tonight. ~

Welcome to each missionary participating in our 50th Annual Festival of Missions, *Footprints of the Past-Footsteps Toward the Future* (Romans 10:14,15). Also a special welcome to our guest speakers Chip Kirk and Richard Sharp, both with the ministry of Operation Mobilization.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 10:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	327
Festival of Missions	(10:15 a.m.)	490
Festival of Missions	(7:00 p.m.)	273

Attendance on November 11:

Festival of Missions	(7:00 p.m.)	214
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Attendance on November 12:

Festival of Missions	(7:00 p.m.)	173
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Attendance on November 13:

Festival of Missions	(7:00 p.m.)	249
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Giving on November 10:

	\$12,371.00
Benevolent	70.00
Building Fund	140.00
Christian Education Fund	530.00
General Fund	6,641.00
Missions Fund	4,840.00
New Building Fund	50.00
Youth Fund	100.00

~ TODAY'S YOUTH EVENTS ~

*Junior and Senior High Sunday School classes will meet with the ABF in the Crossroads Ministry Center

*Junior & Senior High meet this afternoon at 1:30 at the schoolhouse to go ice skating at the Cube in Findlay.

You will need to bring \$5. We will return by 4:30 p.m.

*No small groups tonight

Senior High: Come watch the OSU vs. Michigan football game, cheer on your favorite team, and hang out with friends on Saturday November 30, at noon at Mark & Julie Yoder's Home (8180 Rockport Road, Bluffton). Guys bring chips or drink and girls bring a side dish or dessert, sandwiches will be provided.

~ THANK YOU ~

Ebenezer Family: Thank you for the White Christmas gift. We received the gift about three weeks after arriving here on the field, and it was such a blessing to receive such an encouraging gift from our home church. The funds helped us to buy a couple of things for the apartment that make it feel like a home and a place where we can do ministry, as well as a couple of surprises for the kids for Christmas. - *Thank you again, Tim, Tiffany, Katie, and Jonathan Gallant*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Bart & Joy Moser – *Missions Center*
Frank & Patty Boehm – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 18-24

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
		Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
		Junior High Meet (CMC)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
		Women's Bible Study (S4)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering – Pastor Mark (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
		Post Conference Prayer Time (CMC)
		Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 ~

Nursery: Janet Brauen, Mandy & Emma Klinger,
Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Janie Wireman, Renea Zimmerman

Good News Hour: Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Miranda Schutz,
John & Jaime Shaw, Makayla Smith, Kathy Steiner

~ AID FOR TYPHOON VICTIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES ~

A Special Offering will be accepted next Sunday, November 24, to assist Samaritan's Purse in their efforts to help the people of central Philippines following the devastation from Super Typhoon Haiyan which caused widespread destruction on November 8. Officials have confirmed over 2,300 people dead in the city of Tacloban alone. Reports indicate that as many as 600,000 people have been displaced. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to Ebenezer Mennonite Church and place in the offering plate next Sunday. For more information, go to:
<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/super-typhoone-haiyan-response/>

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Friday, November 22. The bake sale will feature a variety of home-baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads. This annual event will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH) lobby on Friday, November 22, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. If you wish to donate any baked goods, please mark with MMH and place in the church kitchen by 8:30 that morning or deliver to the MMH. We appreciate each one of your donations.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox: Ebenezer collection dates begin today through Sunday, November 24. You may pick up a box to fill from the table in the CMC Foyer. National Collection Week will be November 18-25 for the community. We need volunteers to greet individuals and groups to bring shoeboxes to the Bluffton (Ebenezer) relay center. If you are willing to donate two hours of your time, please sign up in the CMC Foyer.

Transport For Christ Second Chance Chapel will be WTGN's *Church of the Week* on Sunday, November 24, at 10 a.m. Pastor Charles Warren will be speaking. The Chapel will be using the Beaverdam Church of Christ as their place to be on air. They will also be *Church of the Week* on prayer time November 25-29.

The Facilitator for Global Disciples' Greater China region, Pastor Mark, will be our guest speaker at 10:15 a.m. next Sunday, November 24. Mark and his wife Lynda have been working with Global Disciples since 2006, and their ministry activities involve helping local churches to design mission-based discipleship and leadership training programs within their own context and then equipping the church planters with various marketplace skills to reach the unreached people groups within China and beyond.

Post Missions Conference Prayer Time: Plan now to attend a time of prayer to our LORD of Harvest on Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m., in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Ladies Christmas Tea! Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. Get your free tickets in the Missions Center beginning next Sunday, November 24, through December 8. Bring a friend for a morning of fabulous eats, hot tea, string music, and Christmas Tradition.

Ladies, we are looking for volunteers to decorate a table or tables for our annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 14. The table setting will be for six ladies per table. If you are interested, please contact Kelli Foster or Christy Garmatter. If you already agreed to decorate a table, we will be in contact to confirm.