



# Meet Our BE Missionaries!

We want to share with all our Church family about the missionaries we are currently supporting through our BE Missions tithing. Much more information is available on their website, blogfeed, or you contact someone on the BE Missions Team.

Bible Based

Christ Centered

Spirit Filled

In 2010-11, Melinda Merz has travelled over 40,000 miles to 5 different nations, and taught 31 students and 8 staff to know the Bible. Her love and passion for teaching and sharing have only grown stronger through this last season. Melinda thanks all that made it possible through prayer and generosity.

July, 2010 in Costa Rica—trained and began the first ever bi-lingual Spanish/English Bible Core Course. There were 7 students from 6 nations, and 3 staff from 2 nations. The students were eager and excited about learning and they have continued to work in full-time missions.

China to Nepal— 10 students embarked on a journey that no one has ever done before. This is the first time a Bible Core Course has been run on mainland China. 5 of those students have gone to live in Nepal as missionaries sent out from China. Since they have arrived, they have planted 5 churches and are teaching Bible Overview to their new Nepalese friends!

Currently, prayers needed for:

Get the Word out in Perth to get a Bible into every home in the city. This is an unprecedented task as there are over 2 million people in the Perth metro area. Please pray for them to raise finances to purchase Bibles and for gifting to administrate something like this.

Teaching—Melinda has been invited to teach at locations in Australia and beyond. These are exciting opportunities to share and encourage people to grow in their understanding of the Bible.

China—London (April – June 2012) China will run its second school in April and Melinda will be there to assist/support the leader on his first endeavor as a leader. Melinda will spend 6 weeks in London after China,

Visa Process—Melinda is currently being considered for permanent residency. This can take up to two years for an outcome to be decided. Please pray with Melinda as she awaits their decision.



**Thank you** to everyone who helped make the **Teen Challenge lunch** a great success! People helped in so many capacities -washing dishes - setting up tables - cooking side dishes and even making unexpected fried chicken runs! 🍗 And together we were able to bless the men and let them know they are supported by Bradley Epworth.

Thanks again church family!

*Vicky Eckhardt*

**Women's Bible Study** begins

**Wednesday, September 7th** from 10:00-11:30 a.m. We will be studying the Gospel of John.

If you would want to join us, For more information or if you need a book, call Claudine at 645-5454.

**U.M.W.** will be meeting **September 8th** with a potluck at noon and a program at 12:45.

Please join us! For more info call Barb Luster or Claudine Beard at 645-5454.

## BE Missions News

We have been blessed to have three missionaries that our church helps to support, visit with the missions committee this summer.

Matt and Melissa Quinn were here in early July and gave us an overview of their mission work in Israel. On one of their trips to Jerusalem, Melissa conceived their 3rd child. It is due on Christmas! What a blessing! They will be here in Illinois until after the first of next year, and are staying with Melissa's parents in Rantoul. Matt took a two week trip back to Israel in August, to continue with his work there.

Alaina Smith was here in early August. She is with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Jordan. She has been there for three years. Her main focus is prophetic ministry, and she has a team that leads worship in four different centers. Alaina is the visionary person for her team and plans what they need to do to become stronger in the ministry. They plan to open a 24-7 house of prayer soon, and they already are beginning to learn the SOZO Ministry from Bethal. Alaina has met and become engaged to a young missionary from Holland. He works in Jordan, too. They plan to be married next summer.

Melinda Merz was in Peoria in August. She hails from Dunlap and started to pursue God and Mission training at their age of 18 years. Melinda is based in Perth, Australia and has traveled to 19 nations sharing God's love. She is teaching other missionaries to lead Bible schools. You can learn more about her ministry in her feature article in this month's Lamp-lighter.

Praise God for these missionaries and for the privilege of serving them! Thank you to all of our church for your support.

## The BE missions committee

## At Bradley Epworth Church

Those who have gone before us, are evident  
all around us.

Here are a few we can see!

- ◆ Donation to children's ministry in memory of **Nancy Vann** (*Denise Crayton's Mother*)
- ◆ The display case in the foyer being used by BE Missions is in memory of **Thomas Daly** (*Linda Daly's husband*).
- ◆ Money from the **Maxine Mustard** (*Jim Mustard's mother*), **Olledine Huber** (*Jerry Colgan's Mother*) **Archie Steel** and **Helen Ware** memorials were applied toward the projector and screen in the sanctuary.
- ◆ **Ron Nell's** memorial (Cathy Nell's husband) we put into the music fund. Ron had been the organist at Bradley Epworth Church many years and was instrumental in bringing the pipe organ to the church.
- ◆ Part of **Dick Weiman's** memorial was used for the new altar covers.
- ◆ Memorials that were applied to the Building Fund were in memory of **Isabell Faletti**, **Luella Blenz**, **Loyal Hood**, **Emma Ness**, **Jewell Donnan**, **Verna Blackburn**, **Bernice Smith**, **Leuna Chapman**, and **Christine Parks**.
- ◆ Memorials that were applied for remodeling were in memory of **Bonnie Mackham Ford**, **Carroll Luzader**, **Geneva Wilson**, **Kathy Vaughan**, **Wilda Crawford**, **Geneva Zuecher**, and **Ruth Creasy**.
- ◆ The wood panel about the alter that states "My house shall be called a house of prayer" was made possible from the memorial funds of **Jim Jones**, **Margie Merideth**, **Melva Zerwekh**, **Bab Bozarth**, **Alice Blanchard**, **George Crow** and **Earlene Crow**.



## Light the Night!

As September marks the end of summer, we joyfully prepare for the harvest time by planning for what has become a Bradley Epworth tradition: Light the Night! It is a night we storm the heavenlies to push back the darkness for the glory of God on October 31st. There is worship and intercession in the sanctuary, Food and Fellowship, Neighborhood outreach, and great activities, games and fun Bible lessons for the children. If you are interesting in helping with this event in any capacity, please contact Tina Tomlins at [T.Tomlins@comcast.net](mailto:T.Tomlins@comcast.net).

## CALENDAR

### September

- 2 - 8am Food Pantry
- 3 - 8am Men's Ministry  
2pm Encounter God Sat.
- 8 - Noon U.M.W.
- 11 - 5pm Team BE
- 17 - 8am Men's Ministry
- 25 - 6pm City Wide Church
- 30 - 5:30pm Courageous  
Men's Retreat

### October

- 1 - 8:am Courageous  
Men's Retreat  
10am EGS
- 7 - 8am Food Pantry
- 9 - 5pm Team BE
- 13 - Noon U.M.W.
- 15 - 8am Men's Ministry
- 23 - 6pm City Wide Church
- 29 - 8am Men's Ministry
- 31 - 5pm Light the Night

## Mission Trips

We are starting to think about possible mission trips for next year. We have had some interest in trips to Chimbote, Peru and Estonia. We have been to both of these places before.

Please prayerfully consider if you feel called to go to one of these places or any other destination. If you do or want information, please email Linda Daly at [Ldaly424@comcast.net](mailto:Ldaly424@comcast.net).

We will have a sign up sheet in the foyer, on the missions case soon.

Linda Daly