



CBN Spotlight

Love God—Love People—Serve the World

The **Inside** Story: *The Call of God*

In worship this month we have been reminded that every one of us who follows Jesus is sent into the world. God is a sending God. But a few of us are called and sent to tasks and places of service so specific as to require an abrupt change of lifestyle and locale.

Such is the case with those people whom American Baptist International Ministries (IM) sets apart for mission service. God is the one who sends, but IM confirms, trains, encourages, identifies places of service, and facilitates the support of those whom God sends.

When IM affirms God's call in a person's life, IM endorses that person for mission service. IM then helps the missionary candidate develop a Missionary Partnership Team or MPT. The MPT works with the missionary candidate to develop an extended network of supporters who will pray for the missionary and provide regular financial support. When the missionary candidate has developed a robust support network, IM then commissions the missionary for international service.

The commissioning of missionaries was for years done at the annual mission conference in Green Lake, WI. Now, however, IM has transferred this experience to the local church. Very few churches have

had this experience, but you will have the opportunity to witness and participate in such a service in August.

Central Baptist Church will host a missionary commissioning service for Taku and Katie Longkumer as a part of our Sunday worship experience on August 21, 2011, at 10:30 AM.

Because of the extraordinary nature of this event, and because of its significance to the church of Jesus Christ, we are combining all three of our Sunday worship experiences into one service for that Sunday.

The President of the Board of International Ministries, the IM Area Director for East Asia and India, other IM Board members and IM staff, as well as our own Great Rivers Region staff and members of area churches will join us for this special day.

Taku and Katie have three grown children: Senti, Meren, and Llma. They were each baptized at Central Baptist Church. We are Taku and Katie's home church. If you can only make one worship service between now and Christmas, this is the one you want to make. Witness this pivotal event in the lives of God's children as they are set apart, just like Barnabas and Saul in an-

cient Antioch. A meal in Merriam Hall will follow the worship service. Sign up this Sunday so we can prepare for you. Use the communication card attached to the Sunday bulletin.

We are gathering a **love gift** for Taku and Katie, to help with their move from Central Illinois to North East India. You can use the white pew envelopes on Sunday, or just mark your regular box-set envelope to indicate "TAKU" and the amount. Either way, please write "TAKU" to let us know what you wish directed to them. Thank you.

I look forward to this very special day of worship. I hope you will join me and bring all of your friends!

Blessings,

Reg

From the Pews...

From Kumler....

"Thank you for your continued support in this time of great need. You helped feed 748 families last month!"

From Michael, Christina, Izabella, Jack & Caleb Sabo...

"Central Baptist Church, Thank you for your gener-

osity. We greatly appreciate the gift We love visiting Springfield and our church there. You have been a blessing to the Sabo's in many ways. We will continue to pray for your church family and look forward to sharing what God has done in Ethiopia upon our return!"

From Ruth Roberts...

"Just a note to say "Thank You" to everyone for their prayers, calls, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and since coming home."

Connected Pairs

Do you maintain your marriage as well as you do your car? Keep your marriage in drive. Matt & Marilyn Stevens have the tools you need! Check them out by visiting their website at www.connectedpairs.com and by attending a workshop!

Sign up for the Intro to ConnectEDPairs ½ Day Workshop to be held at Flagg

Farmstead in Sherman on Saturday, September 24, 2011, 9:00-noon. This \$75 investment in your marriage (free to those serving in the Armed Forces) will include breakfast at 8:00 AM. Complete the online relationship survey and get a \$25 discount coupon.

Reg and Judi Mills participated in an intro workshop

and they highly recommend ConnectedPairs for couples of all ages.



Love Gift— Not for Women Only!

Perhaps you have noticed a canister marked 'Love Gift' on the Welcome Center desk. Since 1932 ABW have supported the total Mission Program of American Baptist Churches using small Love Gift boxes. These gifts are over and above regular tithes and pledges.

Anyone can contribute by dropping money in to the canister. Love Gift boxes are also available at the Welcome Center desk. Small gifts from many are very powerful. Thank you for your contribution. —

Faith Heikes,
Love Gift Chair

Connection Point!

Connect with our youth....

Church website:

www.cbcchurchfamily.org/face2face/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/cbcchurchfamily

Twitter:

www.twitter.com/cbcchurchfamily

August Birthdays

- 8/3 Erika Palsen
Elaine Turkcan
Edna Walden
- 8/5 Larry Aldag
Candy Stivers
- 8/6 Loretta Yeates
Brenda Thornburgh
- 8/7 Paul Stivers
- 8/10 Joe Hill
Jeff Sharp
- 8/11 Crystal Hullinger
- 8/13 Rhea Bartlett
- 8/14 Ross Hodel
Brett Miles
Sally Smith
- 8/17 Betsy Martin
Barbara McKean
Della Phillips
- 8/18 Jim Green
- 8/19 Rita Black
Faith Heikes
- 8/20 Taylor Martin
- 8/22 Marge Clinton
- 8/23 Mary Jo Gaskill
Lisa Henry
Kathy Welker
- 8/24 Robin Davis
Jenna Reynolds
- 8/27 Sara Jo Compton
- 8/28 Aislinn Bartlett
Chloe Gilmore
Heather Southwell
Evan Thrasher
Owen Thrasher
Bill VanDusen
- 8/29 Rodney Gruber
Diane Hunt
- 8/30 Mary Green

August Anniversaries

- 8/1 Bob & Sandy Taylor
- 8/3 Dan & Gayle Blair
- 8/8 Ken & Esther Crockett
- 8/17 Ray & Barb Reynolds
- 8/21 Paul & Judy Thompson
- 8/25 Roy & Stephanie Beal
- 8/27 Paul & Diane Hunt
- 8/30 Doug & Linda Meyer
Jeff & Mary Ellen Sharp
- 8/31 John & Syl Grisham

Regular Schedule of Events

SUNDAY

- 8:30a Classic Worship
- 9:20a Adult Sunday School (NB)
- 9:45a Sunday School all ages
- 10:30a Worship Service (NB)
- 11:00a Contemporary Worship Children's Church
- 4:00p Face2Face (MH)
6-12 grades

TUESDAY

- Noon Women's Lunch Study Group, Mary Sharp's office

THURSDAY

- 9:00a Small Group, Sr Pastor's Study
- 6:00p Worship Band Practice

KEY

- LCT = Leadership Coordination Team
- Mtg = meeting
- MH = Merriam Hall
- NB = New Berlin location
- 21 = Room 21
- WL = Weber Lounge
- CH—Children's House

All events at Springfield location unless otherwise noted.

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 8:30a ABMen's Breakfast
7	8 5:30p Finance Mtg 6:30p LCT (MH)	9 5:45p Search Team	10	11	12	13
14 Noon Children's Lunch Bunch	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19 6p CH Rainbow Grad.	20 8:30a ABMen's Breakfast
IL State Fair						
21 10:30a Worship Commissioning Service	22	23	24	25 1p Newsletter Mailed	26	27
IL State Fair						
28	29	30	31	Sept 1	2	3 8:30a ABMen's Breakfast

Reg Mills, Senior Pastor
Mary Ellen Sharp, Pastor of Member Care
Josh Sabo, Youth Pastor

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Children's House News



School-Age Summer Program:

All openings were filled. The kids are having a great time; the 2 new teachers are doing a wonderful job!

Center Enrollment Notes:

Shooting Stars has 3 openings. Scattered openings exist in the other rooms.

There are several openings in the 3's & 4's pre-K classes this fall. Early enrollment is suggested.

Contact Children's House for additional information.

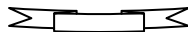
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Children's House Events

What: **Rainbow Graduation**
When: August 19th
6:00 p.m.
Where: Sanctuary

What: **Open House**
When: August 24th
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

The CBC church family is invited both events!



August Family Virtue

GRACE

Getting something great that you don't deserve.

**Commissioning Service
for
Taku & Katie Longkumer
August 21, 10:30 a.m.
Springfield location
(Joint Service)
*Celebration meal follows.
Be sure to let us know if you plan
to eat with us!***

****** FYI ****
All Team Leaders!
It's time to begin working on
the 2012 Budget!**