

Charles & Julie Champlin ~ Brazil

The crisis in Venezuela has affected our city. Only about two hours from the border, as many as 30,000 Venezuelan refugees a month have ridden or walked to the city, many to stay, many others to continue on. The area near where the mission is located is now crowded with beggars, performers, women selling dish towels or cloves of garlic, and men rushing to help people find parking spaces and to spread cardboard over the windshield in return for a few coins. Although there are government shelters and a type of tent city on the outskirts of town, there are still people sleeping on the street and many in need. It is easy to become overwhelmed and unsure where to start in reaching out to others.

At Christmas we were given a gift to give away—a plastic sack which contained a cup, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, small towel, and a Spanish New Testament. At the same time, the fruit on our three large mango trees began to ripen, and we have a bumper crop! So about three times a day I'm picking up sack after sack of ripe mangoes. Charles has been distributing them to those trying to sell their wares along the street or the parking guys. Now they're on the look-out for his arrival every day. We've also had boxes and sacks to give to indigenous people coming through the mission, to indigenous people in town for medical help, or to the shelter run by the Salvation Army. God definitely is blessing the effort because there is a lot of fruit yet on the trees, and of the many fruit, there's been very little that wasn't good.

Charles and his revision team will begin meeting this month to start the first draft for the new version of Luke. Not only is there the desire to finish Luke in 2019, but at least one other book. Much will depend on the time that Samuel and others have available to dedicate to the project, finances, and other considerations. Please continue to pray for wisdom. There are many challenges and logistical questions to be answered. Pray for clear direction for us, for the mission administration, and our Wai Wai brothers.

For me, these next several months will be quite busy with cooking for the Wai Wai revision team, council meetings, and the preparations for our Brazilian mission's 60th Anniversary celebration in March. I've also been asked to teach the women's course I developed while teaching at Word of Life Institute. A group of Baptist pastor's wives meet regularly and I was asked to teach this course on homemaking, stewardship, women's event planning, friendships, lesson preparation and teaching, and using our spiritual gifts in the church. It will take a little work to rewrite the course to fit their needs. Plus, I've been encouraged to consider putting the material in book form and seeking to have it published. I love teaching. I love writing. I love working with women. My greatest prayer request at the moment is: God's direction, wisdom, strength, and time. I don't want to do anything half-heartedly and the job of mission hostess is already full-time.

Monroe Bible Church Welcome into New Membership:

Devan Schulte
Kara Schulte
Shane Schulte

Ignite Youth Ice Skating ~ TODAY, January 20th from 4 pm - 6 pm. We'll meet at the **Stateline Ice & Community Expo** (SLICE – 1632 4th Ave. West, Monroe). Cost is \$7 to skate – bring extra \$ if you would like to buy snacks. Contact Pastor Troy with questions.

Ignite Youth: Are you interested in a possible outing to the **Kalahari Water Park in WI Dells** on **SUNDAY & MONDAY, February 24 & 25**? Cost would be \$35 per student, minimum of 12 students required. A check deposit of \$35 will be required BY Sunday, January 27th in order for your child to attend. If the trip is cancelled, your deposit will be refunded. Contact Pastor Troy: 316-640-9946 or Elise Morris: 608-968-1318 with questions. Turn checks in to Pastor Troy. *Remember - we must know by next Sunday, January 27th!*



February 3rd - All are Welcome! Bring a snack to share, lawn chair, & a tailgate game (such as a Ping-Pong table, Foosball table, Bean Bag toss, the Washer Game, & board games). Lemonade provided. Nehemiah Center - 5 pm until game ends.

Next Steps—Step 1 "Our Mission & Vision". Sunday, February 3rd at Noon, NC – Lunch is provided, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Next Steps—Step 3 "Our Commitments". This step is required for membership. Sunday, February 10th at 6:30 pm, LL #102. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Library Challenges ~ Reminder that the children's, young adult, and couple's reading challenges will all be coming to an end on January 27th.

For the month of February, the **MBC Library** is focused on health! We'll be focusing on spiritual health, financial health, and physical health. Watch for information in the February Newsletter and the bulletins!

Women's Recovery Workshop ~ Begins January 29th, meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 7 pm - 9 pm. Contact Tracy Signer if interested at 214-4976 or tracysnhy7@gmail.com



Men's study will start again at a new time on a new day. All are welcome to join us Saturday mornings at 9 am in the Nehemiah Center! Start date is the 2nd of February.



Sunday, January 27

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am
Sunday School ~ 9 am
Pipeline ~ 9 am, NC
Ignite ~ 4-6 pm, LL #106
Fusion ~ 6-8 pm, LL #106

Monday, January 28

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, January 29

Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm
Women's Recovery Workshop begins ~ 7-9 pm, location TBA

Wednesday, January 30

Awana: Trek & Journey ~ 5:30 pm, &
Clubbers 3½ yrs. – 6th grade ~ 6:15 pm

Thursday, January 31

Good News Club ~ 4 pm, Parkside
Elementary

Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102



Saturday, February 2

No Men's Breakfast
Men's "No Regrets" Conference, Janesville
Men's Study Resumes ~ 9 am, NC

Sunday, February 3

All-Church Super Bowl Party ~ 5 pm, NC/K

Watch for these upcoming events!

4 Missions Culver's Night ~ 4-10 pm
10 Lord's Table
21 Blood Drive at MBC
24 Guest Missionary Speaker

Week of Jan. 20 - 27

Today, Sunday, January 20

The Gathering ~ 9 am
Café ~ 10:30 am
Sunday School ~ 9 am
Pipeline (Discipleship in Relationships)
~ 9 am, NC
Ignite ~ 4-6 pm, Slice Arena Ice Skating
Fusion ~ 6-8 pm, LL #106

Monday, January 21

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, January 22

Pleasant View Service – Volunteers
Needed to assist residents ~ 9:30 am
Library Open ~ 10 am–Noon & 1 pm–
3 pm
Board of Deacons ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106

Wednesday, January 23

Awana: Trek & Journey ~ 5:30 pm, &
Clubbers 3½ yrs. – 6th grade ~ 6:15 pm

Thursday, January 24

Good News Club ~ 4 pm, Parkside
Elementary
Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, January 25

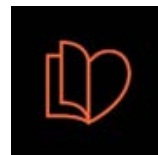
Awana T & T Girls Event ~ 5:30 pm – 10
am, NC/K

Prayer Focus – Library Ministry
Ministry Leader – Amanda Ohlrich
Please PRAY:

- † For upcoming events
- † For book buying – which to buy & which to wait on
- † For discernment with donated books
- † For overall interest in the Library

| Entire Bible | Family Plan |
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| Josh. 9-10; Matt. 8 | I Cor. 15:12-58 |
| Josh. 11-13; Job 34 | 2 Cor. 5:11-21 |
| Josh. 14-16; Matt. 9 | 2 Cor. 8:1-5; 9:1-15 |
| Josh. 17-19; Prov. 12 | Rom. 1:1-17 |
| Josh. 20-22; Matt. 10 | Rom. 1:18-32 |
| Josh. 23-24; Prov. 13; Matt. 11 | |

This Week
New City Catechism:
Part 1, Question 17



The Guatemala 2019 Mission Trip Team has been finalized, comprising 16 people! Check out the February Newsletter so see who is going. All of us can be part of the mission trip by praying and/or financially contributing to the trip. Please note that the team will be sending out support letters in February and you will ONLY RECEIVE 1 LETTER.

Items needed for our Missionaries home on maternity leave:

Pantry items, non-perishable food, baking supplies, paper supplies, small Heinz ketchup, small mustard, toilet paper, Kleenex, hand soap (w/out anti-bacterial), toilet cleaner, sink sponge, small dish detergent, foil, plastic wrap, paper towel, a drying rack, drying towels.

All unused items at the end of their four months in the States will be donated. You may place your items on the table in the foyer near the Welcome Center.

Monroe Bible Church

January 20, 2019

Senior Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl
Associate Pastor of Family Ministries Troy Watson



PSALM 139:13

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Sunday Worship "Café" 10:30 am
Radio Broadcast WEKZ – AM 1260 – 8:15 am
Sunday YouVersion Available
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Password: worshiphere