



Happy Anniversary!

April

Joel & Kelly Pascoe

6th

Charles & Margaret Mahler

15th

April 2018



Sun

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8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Easter Breakfast 11:00 am Worship Ser.			6:30 pm Awana 6:40 pm Youth 7:00 pm Crossroads			
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April Birthdays

- Madison Osterhout 2nd
- Randy Slutz 3rd
- Daniel Harris 4th
- Harley Bennett 6th
- Anikka Tew 6th
- Naomi Lovelace 8th
- Jesse Felts 13th
- Lucas Smith 13th
- Barry Hotrum 14th
- Sarah Carris 15th
- Jacob Felts 17th
- John Hunter 17th
- David Turnmire 17th
- Keyara Tensel 20th
- Cale Johnson 22nd
- Brad Thompson 23rd
- Grace Jam 24th
- Cutter Cornforth 25th
- Adeline Livermore 26th
- Monica Stauffer 26th
- Remington Cornforth 28th
- Greg Harris 29th



Missions Update

Paul & Genessa Wright—Far East

Hello Everyone,

I hope Spring has found you. It's in the process of coming to Washington State, and we are looking forward to the cherry trees blooming later this month!

As you know, Genessa works with a travel company that does tours in the far east. The government has instituted tougher security measures there recently. Would you pray along with us that this would not affect her job or local co-workers? So far none of the tours have been affected, but tourist season is ramping up next month.

We are planning to spend June and July traveling to churches in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois. If you know of a church in this region that would be interested in having us present our ministry, we have dates available.

I finished a seminary class this week, and just in time too. Spring is going to be busy in the apple nursery. Pray for me to be able to soak up as much as possible in the next couple months.

For the sake of His name,
Paul & Genessa



Kris Cane—InFaith

Dear Friends and Partners,

Most of you know that I focus on ministering to Arabic-speaking adults and children, the homeless, those who are suicidal, and sex-trafficked girls. But even though this is my primary focus, in reality, ministry can be any moment, anywhere, any time. And often it can be when we aren't even looking for it – such as when I met Jamie.

Wouldn't you know it! On a typical Friday, which happens to be my day off, I went grocery shopping. I was minding my own business, trying to hurry and pick out some hamburger so I could get out of the store, get to the post office, and back home to do the laundry and work on some stuff.

As I looked at the sale on ground chuck, an older gentleman pushed his cart up next to me and began looking over the deli meats. I guess he must have noticed I wear hearing aids and asked me "How long have you been wearing those?" I replied, **"About eight years or so, but I've pretty much been wearing hearing aids all my life."** I figured that would be the end of the conversation, and I would go on my merry way. But the questions and comments continued to flow: "What kind of hearing aids are they? **I go to this audiologist ...**" And then the usual, **"Where are you from and what do you do?"**

At first I wondered if the guy was just especially friendly, or if perhaps he was lonely. It's funny how we quickly can assume these things when we are in a hurry, and don't feel like stopping to talk about the weather with every stranger we meet. But then a question came that got my attention. **"That's a real cool ring you've got there,"** he said, **as he pointed to the three-cross, silver ring I have been wearing for over a decade. Then he asked, "Do you go to church? And does it help you?"** That was the question that made me stop and think! I finally replied, "It helps encourage my faith, but why do you ask?"

Jamie then told me that he was looking for hope. "Looking for hope?" I asked. "Did you lose your faith?" His expression changed from a cheerful to a blank look, as he gazed down at

groceries in his cart. When he apologized for bothering me with his questions, I quickly reached into my wallet and pulled out two cards. One was my business card, and the other a card someone had given me with a local Christian radio program on it. I handed the man the cards, and said, "I am glad we bumped into each other. **Take my card and give me a call if you decide you want to talk more.**" He took the cards, thanked me, put them in his front shirt pocket, and pushed his cart on.

Almost three weeks went by, and then I got a call from Jamie. He asked if I was still open to meeting with him, and we decided to get together for coffee two days later. As I sat down with Jamie, he told me he had grown-up in a semi-active Catholic home, although his father had been a Buddhist. He shared some of the challenges he had faced in his life that made him question God's existence, and admitted that he never considered himself to be someone who really believed in anything. He had recently had a string of unfortunate events and struggles, and had been battling depression and health issues. He explained that his depression had almost taken him over the edge, and that the morning we met, he had told God (as he knew him), "Dear God, I don't know if you're real or just something people use just to try and make themselves feel better. But if you are real, send me someone who cares."

Jamie's story was a reminder to me that God often uses unlikely situations to get our attention, and that he cares about the little things as well as the big things. Most importantly, he can use us if we just stop a minute to truly listen.

Lastly, a big "thank you" to all who helped us minister to the individuals in our street ministry during the coldest week in January. Your prayers, emails and support helped us love-on and minister in a big way! The impact of that love has kept on giving, as people continue to come back, asking to know the source of the love that was shared with them for those three long days. God's Word and love change people.

Onward in Faith,
Kris