



The Eastwood Beacon

*Eastwood nurtures positive development in people's lives
through the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

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John 17:17-26 NRSV Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (18) As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. (19) And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. (20) "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, (21) that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (22) The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, (23) I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (24) Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. (25) "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. (26) I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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I've been working on the homily for my God-Daughter's wedding this past week. We've decided to use this passage for the service, as the focal part for the whole message. It's from Jesus' 'Farewell Discourse' in the upper room before going to the Garden of Gethsemane. He finishes his time with his disciples by encouraging them to be as one, in unity with each other and God.

Wouldn't that be a beautiful thing to see today? Imagine all Christians coming together in unity, while celebrating the diversity that we are. It's hard to wrap your mind around all the possibilities that could occur with that unity. Imagine God's people declaring that we will be united in opposing war. Imagine God's people uniting to eradicate poverty. Imagine God's people uniting to reform prison inmates so that they are transformed Christians when they leave prison. Like God's Kingdom, these things have started, but they haven't seen completion. There is still so much to do...

As the political season begins to pick up speed over the course of the next few weeks, I hope you will remember Christ's call to unity as you engage with each other. Unity doesn't require that we agree on everything, but that we remain in good relationship while we disagree. Unity in Christ calls us to a new posture in dialog over politicized issues. We need to learn to listen and understand each other's position before working to assert ours. So be kind and gentle with both your opinions and admonitions. Demonstrate your understanding of the other's position before naming your own. Show grace and love in your disagreements. And in all things, let it be seen that we are united under Christ despite our potential disagreements.

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What a blessing it is to be able to communicate what is happening on the other side of the world and share with you the joys of what God is doing here in Thailand! We are enjoying getting to know our ministry colleague, Kim Brown, who is preparing to retire after serving the Lord in Thailand for 36 years. We are beginning to hear many stories of her “early days” and how different her experience was, compared to our international move! She arrived in Thailand after sending a telegram and hoping there would be someone to meet her at the airport! A telegram!!! She tells of many stories of her years as a nurse at the hospital in Mae Sariang and how churches would somehow get in touch with her via phone...with there being only one telephone in the entire town of Mae Sariang...the villagers would run to get Kim since she was one of three people who spoke English. I say these things because as I type this I see the gift of technology and being able to easily communicate and stay connected with people....my how times have changed in just a few decades.

I’m sure many of you have used this technology, recently, more than ever before due to the complications of Covid-19. As frustrating, confusing, and scary as Covid-19 has been, I am thankful it has happened in a period of time that provides the ability to easily communicate and “stay connected” with others. I can’t imagine needing to rely on telegrams as our only source of communications.

Things have changed a lot since our last update. Thankfully, there have not been very many cases of Covid-19 here in Thailand and thus things are shifting to a “new normal”. Most facilities and places are open as long as we follow the government mandated restrictions, which we don’t mind at all. These include mask wearing in any public place, temperature checks before entering any facility, signing in and out of every facility, and using hand sanitizer at the door. This has just become a way of life here, and if we want to go anywhere we must abide by it....so we do. The kids have adjusted well and are used to bringing a mask as part of their daily attire and temperature checks are the new norm. We are definitely thankful to be able to get out of the house.

In-person language school resumed the first week of July and we are so happy to be back in the classroom to learn Thai. We all go 5 days a week right now and we are slowly picking it up. We have been practicing talking about the weather with those in our neighborhood, ordering food from the Thai food vendor down the street, and buying fruits and vegetables at the local market. We choke over our words, trying to say them correctly and in the right order (grammatically) but thankfully most people we have encountered are patient and can figure out what we are trying to say! Most days I feel like a toddler trying to put words together, but I know we will get there...and I love when I can semi-follow a conversation.

Missionary News Continued...

We were thankful to drive to another province, Mae Hong Son, the last weekend of June to participate in the re-opening celebration of the Center of Development for People with Disabilities (CDPD, which is another ministry connected to Kim Brown) in Mae Sariang. This is a thriving ministry run by a Karen sister in Christ, Saylo. We celebrated the re-opening with the clients, their families, and local pastors. It was so beautiful to see immense joy on the faces of the clients as they presented numerous songs throughout the celebration. We were touched to see the impact Saylo (the director) and the staff have in the community and the quality of life God has given to the clients through the staff's love and compassion. We are praying and seeking God on how He wants us to be involved with this beautiful ministry.

We have also been blessed to get to know Ajarn (Pastor) Tim Dee (director of Thailand Karen Baptist Convention) and his family these past couple of months. They have invited us to join them for family outings and have shown us a couple parts of the city. Last weekend, we went with the Dee family to the Karen tribal village of Baan Jam Luang and stayed in their family home. It was a great time to relax, soak in the amazing view of the mountains, and enjoy a break from the city. We were humbled and blessed by the hospitality of the Karen people as they showered us with gifts of rice, vegetables and pineapples to bring home. We enjoyed getting to know the Dee family more deeply, and our kids had a good time playing together. Mark was also given the opportunity for his first preaching experience in Thailand. He did a wonderful job sharing God's word and working with the translator.

You can see our schedule has been quite full with new experiences and opportunities for growing a community for our family. We are thankful to have partners here in Thailand who are becoming friends. We are thankful for opportunities to see more of God's beautiful creation in the artistic landscapes that surround us, and we are thankful that God daily reminds us of His presence as we walk this journey. We know He is opening doors for relationships and community building both with believers and non-believers, and we are doing our best to be patient. We are trusting God for that provision of friendships, a church family, and a community we can call home. We have been spending time weekly at the House of Love to get to know the students, faculty, and leadership as well as starting to meet some of the graduates. Please join us in prayer for these relationships and that we would be patient and also bold to seek them.

We are blessed to know you are with us from afar! Knowing you cover us in prayer and join with us in joys and frustrations is so beautiful and comforting to us. Thank you for walking this journey with us. Thank you for praying for us. Please know we are with you and care for you deeply as well! Let us know what you are thankful for during these crazy times and how we can also pray for you! *"I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ."* - Philemon 1:6

With much love from across the globe,

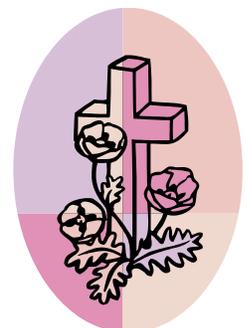
The Juanes Family

In Memory of

Geraldine White

At Home in the body: November 17, 1922

At home with the Lord: August 10, 2020



IM Requests Prayer and Support for Recovery in Lebanon after Massive Explosion;

Global Servants Safe



International Ministries (IM) Global Servants in Beirut, Lebanon have reported that they are safe after a massive explosion devastated the Port of Beirut, resulting in more than 137 deaths, over 5,000 injured, and a reported 300,000 people homeless. The blast compounds the devastation of a nation already reeling from the recent economic crisis and long-term challenges posed by an influx of refugees from war in neighboring Syria as well as the global COVID-19 pandemic.

IM global servants, Daniel and Sarah Chetti, saw and heard the explosion from their home in the hills about 6 miles from the site of the blast. Global servant Melanie Baggao likewise was safe at her home at a distance overlooking the city.

Sarah, who directs INSAAF, a ministry to migrant domestic workers, report that the INSAAF center, located on the 8th floor of a downtown Beirut building, suffered shattered windows and metal window and door frames torn from hinges. Daniel, who serves as an adjunct professor at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary and as director of Enduring Love, notes that six of Enduring Love's servants work in Lebanon, serving among the poorest Lebanese and non-Lebanese Arab people may be greatly impacted by the disaster.

Our Lebanese Baptist partners have reported that their school building and some offices were heavily damaged in the shockwave, but thankfully personnel are safe. Sarah Chetti, INSAAF, and ministries of IM partners were cited in a report released yesterday by [Christianity Today](#).

We join with Nabil Costa, Chief Executive Officer of the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD), IM's primary partner in Lebanon, in soliciting your prayers as follows:

Please pray for those who have lost their homes and loved ones so that they may find comfort and healing.

Please pray for the doctors, nurses, and paramedics who are caring for the injured.

Please pray for the rescue teams that are trying to find missing family members and neighbors.

Please pray for people who are in places of responsibility as they manage the catastrophic human and economic consequences.

Please pray for the Church as it seeks to comfort and serve the distressed and brokenhearted.

Please pray for the People of God as they seek the Lord and humbly cry out to Him for mercy.

Pray for LSESD/MEBO family of ministries, including the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, and specifically for the Beirut Baptist School and the Gateway Bookshop, which suffered significant material damage and for the staff who have been injured by the glass debris.

Please also pray for local colleagues with whom our global servants work; and for the people whom they serve. IM continues to monitor this developing situation.

Persons wishing to support relief efforts can do so through Eastwood Baptist Church. Please designate your contributions "OGHS-Lebanon" on the memo line of your check.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2-Sep Don Higgins
3-Sep Kayliana Foster
3-Sep Staley Ross
5-Sep Jenna Sandstrom
6-Sep Mulysha Carpenter
7-Sep Dorothy Clark
15-Sep Clayton Barber
15-Sep Richard Bath
16-Sep Lynnette Yoshida
21-Sep Sarah Mitchell
22-Sep Steve Boyersmith
22-Sep Leslie Miller
25-Sep John Becker
26-Sep Stan Ross
27-Sep Carl Harsch
28-Sep Silva Varbedian
29-Sep Alleyne Fields
29-Sep James Roby

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2-Sep Don & Donna Hildebrand
7-Sep Marvin & Norma Hart
7-Sep Bill & Betty Wheatley
10-Sep Chris & Eloise Tarrant
12-Sep Nick & Katy Ceglia
13-Sep Raul & Jody Ramirez
29-Sep Jerry & Suzan Darby

Please contact the Church Office or note it on your communication card if your special day has been missed or reported incorrectly.

Thank You!

Thanks so much for the towels and wash cloths and the two laundry bins! I know those will come in handy!

Zane Lundblad

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Our Church: its leaders and families. All of those with health needs. All service people here and overseas, including:

Kevin Hoffman, Army
Emilia Gilmer, Army
Lolo Vasquez, Iraq
Jason Cesario, Iraq
Logan Oravetz, Army
Tyler Powell, Marines
Tiffany Hart, Air Force
Samuel Strom, Army
Eric Lektorich, Army National Guard

Please pray for all students, teachers and parents of all ages of children. Unemployed / Underemployed

Our ABC-CPC churches, pastors and missionaries: (**Dan & Sarah Chetti, Glen & Rita Chapman, Alise & Mark Juanes, and Kyle & Katrina Williams**) serving around the world.

While Pastor Jeff is Away...

August 16 - Pastor George Nye

August 23 - Chaplain Fred Grewe

Please pray for travel mercies and a restful time as Pastor Jeff and his family take a much needed vacation.

New at the church library

An Appalachian Summer by Ann H. Gabhart

A romantic, heartwarming story of life in Depression-era Kentucky. Piper Danson's mother insists on a debut. Her father has already picked out her husband. She wants neither, and volunteers to spend the summer as a Frontier Nursing courier in the Appalachian Mountains. Among other experiences, she learns how to milk a cow and helps deliver two babies. This book "is a journey of faith, friendship, love, and the soul."

If you are interested in this or any other book, check with the church office about making arrangements to come into the library to check it out. At the same time, check out the withdrawn books on the Mission table and in the library. If you see something that interests you, take it home!

Dear Pastor Jeff, and faithful supporters from Eastwood Baptist Church:

Greetings dear friends!

Sarah and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your sacrificial support and partnership in our ministries.

I am now sending you the update we sent out first on August 5th, the day after the Explosion in Beirut.

Sarah is now fully engaged in ministering to the Migrant Domestic Workers, 'maids' as they are simply called here. They are at the very bottom of the society in Lebanon, often mistreated and not paid salaries. They have also been impacted by the explosion. During this time of emergency crisis, I am helping Sarah and her team.

My ministry is quite different. Along with my teaching as an Adjunct faculty, I am directing Gospel Outreach in 7 Arab countries, supporting 26 Arab missionaries, engaged in evangelism, discipleship, and Church planting. This ministry is called *Enduring Love*, the word is taken from I Corinthians chapter 13, apostle Paul's soaring appeal to LOVE as our best response to the presence of Jesus in our lives. We believe this is also our best response to Muslims.

I am attaching a link to a 'safe' promotional video about Enduring Love ministries. www.enduring-love.org

Thank you & God Bless,

Dan Chetti

A quick update of Sarah's ministry amidst the Beirut Explosion:

Sarah and her team were at the *Insaaf Center* (the center for ministry among the Migrant Domestic Workers in Beirut) on the evening of August 4th till 5 pm. The Centre is not too far from the Beirut Port where the Explosion happened. The blast happened at 6:06 pm. We believe it was the providential hand of God that saved Sarah and her 3 colleagues from splintered glass shards of the windows! However, many of our friends and team members have lost dear friends and homes damaged by the force of the explosion. Entire neighborhoods are now destroyed.

As we begin to process what happened, we mourn with those who have lost their loved ones. There is no greater pain. We ache with those that are still looking for their friends and relatives who are missing beneath the rubble. We are also inspired by many who descended in Beirut to help with the clean-up; many emergency personnel who have arrived from around the world. Many young people joined our partner organizations in preparing and distributing sandwiches to those cleaning up the rubble.

There was an article that was published in *CHRISTIANITY TODAY* yesterday, highlighting 13 Ministries in Beirut. The Ministry of SARAH CHETTI was one of them mentioned. Click the link below to read:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2020/august/lebanon-beirut-explosion-evangelical-churches-nest-abts-rcb.html>

Sarah was told there will be a follow up to the CT article soon.

God is good and faithful!

Thank you & Be Blessed,

Dan & Sarah Chetti

Global Servants, Beirut, Lebanon