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With All My Heart...

Recently, I read a magazine article entitled, “2045: The Year Man Becomes Immortal.” The article traces the exponential growth of computing power over the last century. The developments in technology during that time are nothing short of remarkable.

The author introduces the word, “singularity,” defined as, “*The moment when technological change becomes so rapid and profound, it represents a rupture in the fabric of human history.*” In 1993, at a NASA symposium, author Vernor Vinge, announced that, “*Within 30 years, we will have the technological means to create super human intelligence. Shortly after, the human era will be ended.*”

In other words, a growing number of futurists believe the day is coming when artificial intelligence will surpass human intelligence. This will

characterize the end of human history as we know it!

Now, all of this can be a bit unsettling without some anchors for your soul. As I reflected on what I read, I thought of the words of an old hymn which says, “*Change and decay in all around I see, Oh Thou that changest not, abide with me.*”

With the inevitable technological changes sure to overwhelm our world, what pillars provide stability for human existence? When we study the Scriptures, we discover many changeless ideas that provide a secure foundation in a changing world:

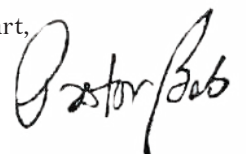
- The Word of God (Psalm 119:89, 144)
- The grace of God (Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 3:24)
- Salvation through Christ alone (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- Eternal life (John 3:16; 3:36)

- The triumph of genuine love (Jeremiah 31:31; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9,10)
- A commitment to serve. (Matthew 20:28, Philippians 2:3-8)

In light of all this, I’m reminded of the words of Paul to the Corinthians: “*No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring its light. It will be revealed with fire and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work*” (1 Corinthians 3:11-13).

Years ago, someone said, “*Only what’s done for Christ will last.*” That is an anchor for my soul in a world of constant change!

With all my heart,



You are Going to Asia ... Again?

Someone asked me recently, "Why do we keep sending teams back to Asia?" I was taken aback a little by the question because frankly I never thought that anyone could even question the reason we do that. I fumbled through my answer but later thought it was not a good one, so I am hoping to redeem myself through this article. So here are the reasons we keep sending teams to Asia even amidst a time that is financially challenging for us:

1. **This trip encourages our children.** By God's grace, we have rescued 74 children to date in Cambodia and Thailand. These precious children consider us to be their family. Most of them have no mom or dad visiting from time to time. The news of a team from their sponsoring church is like medicine to their souls. It brings so much joy to the hearts of these little ones that they can hardly contain their excitement months before we get there. When we get there, they love on us and we love on them. It is very inspiring for them to know that we make the effort to be with them a couple of times per year. It attributes so much value to their hearts that have been battered for so long.
2. **This trip changes us.** Anyone who has gone on one of these trips knows that you are never the same again after being there. God uses this experience to humble us, stretch us, and give us a vision for the last, the least, the lost of this world. He helps us understand a little better how much we have been blessed and the responsibility we have to share with others.
3. **This trip sows the seed of mission in our hearts.** If you ask Kevin and Jill Kane, our missionaries to Cambodia, they will tell you that it was their involvement in short-term trips that solidified in their hearts the calling God gave them to go to SE Asia. Short-term was the schooling God used to prepare them to live in Cambodia. Our short-term trips are not a vacation. We meet months in advance, we build team unity, we train our team members and then watch them blossom as God continues to develop them. We take short-term mission seriously in our church and see it as a critical component of our global mission strategy to reach the world for Christ.

I guess I could say the same about all of the short-term trips we make anywhere in the world. In fact, my concern is that we don't have more of them. My dream is to have one trip per month somewhere in the world. Need I say more? These trips encourage our missionaries. They teach us to rely upon God completely while in a foreign land. They help us to learn about the extreme sacrifices our missionary staff and national partners make on a daily basis in order to serve God. They allow us to sit humbly at the feet of some of God's choicest people and learn from them. I could go on and on...

Please pray for us as we embark on yet another trip to Cambodia and Thailand from February 17-March 3. And make sure you follow us on the blog at www.woostercar.blogspot.com.

Pastor Ivanildo C. Trindade
Associate Pastor of Outreach Ministries

2011 Asia Mission Trip



"Spreading God's Love in Our Community"
The next second SATURDAY is MARCH 12
Meet in room 162 at 8:30 a.m.

Neighborhood Coffee Blitz
Nursing Home Visits
Home Repair Team

Contact Jeana Harley (x129 or jharley@woostergace.org) or complete the Communication Card for information on how to become involved.



Need hope and comfort in your grief journey?

Please join us for our NEW 13-week Biblically based support and recovery groups on grief and recovery.

SESSIONS BEGIN: March 14 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Call the church office for information and to register.

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Wooster Christian School

Those of you who have followed the WCS Good News articles are aware that we focus on developing learners instead of test takers but may not be aware of how very well our graduating students are prepared academically. To give you a glimpse of their academic prowess we are going to share how well our students do when they are in competition with other students outside our school. We certainly don't want to be guilty of being proud but want to give God the glory for what He does here as it is truly His work in every way.

Mrs. Masowich recently entered one student each in grades 7-8, in the Wayne County DAR writing contest. Our students won both of those contests.

Last year Mrs. Masowich, language arts 5-8, and Mrs. Lehman, art, combined to enter the state wide Jerry Tollifson Art Criticism Open sponsored by the Ohio Art

Education Association. The contest was open to all public and private schools in Ohio. Our students won 1/2 of the places that we entered.

Our students constituted 12% of all of the students who competed in last year's ACSI's Math Olympics. However, they won 28% of the places including three first places in grades 3-8.

As you may have read in the newspaper, Wayne County decided not to have a winner this year in the spelling contest, but to narrow the contestants to the top eight. One of those eight was a WCS student. However, at the ACSI contest WCS had the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in our region and those students will be moving on to the next level.

Yet to be determined are our science fair winners to be held on March 29-30.(Grades 3-8)

Many of you know of the quality of our

music programs and/or have attended one of our programs. Likewise, you have had a chance to marvel at the quality of our tech program by way of seeing some of the students' work posted in the halls along with a wide variety of art work posted in the hallway outside our cafeteria.

God's finished products here are our eighth graders and we do so dearly wish that all of the Christian parents in our area and you could see the essence of who they are. (their character). No, there isn't a perfect one in the group, but, indeed, God has done a great work both spiritually and academically.

Please know that your investment of prayers and financial support in WCS is making a difference in the lives of His students here and is deeply appreciated.

Thanks.

In His service,
Gary Rogers

From the Family...

Notes of Thanks:

Pastor Bob Doerr family: Thanks hardly covers it, but the love and support from the family of Grace has been a full-on blessing. I will be forever grateful.

Denise Molter family: Thank you for the beautiful flowers and Bible sent in light of my mother's passing. My family and I truly appreciated all the support and prayers from you all. It was a great comfort to know I had your prayers lifting us through this difficult time. You truly are my family.

Christian Sympathy

Kim Dravenstott family in the death of her father, Everett Thompson.

Arthur Carpenter family.

Armand Massary family.

Denise Molter family in the death of Beulah Ferguson.

Alice Miller family in the death of Halcyon Palmer.

Don Baney family in the death of Donald Baney.

Gary Shafer family in the death of Jim Chandler.

Pastor Daron Butler family in the deaths of Ben Sala and Edith Butler.

Stephanie Fish family in the death of Deb Coleman.

Mel Fitzpatrick family in the death of his sister.

Georgia Muir and Mindy Roberts families in the death of Dorothy Shultz.

Sandra Carr family in the death of Eva Wirt.

Jim Vacha family in the death of Laurie Vacha.

Bruce Imhoff family in the death of his mother, Elise.

Randy Kendall family in the death of his mother, Marilyn.

Gerald Swartzentruber family in the death his mother, Geneva.

Esther Moses & Kathie Kister families in the death of Bill Moses.

Val Kelley and Chad Kohler families in the death of Peggy Kohler.

Congratulations

Cher & Stacey Miller on the birth of Cooper John, 11/23.

Kristin & Ryan McManus on the birth of Lily Ann, 1/17.

Mary & Ryan Flory on the birth of Nash Samuel, 1/27.





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devoted followers of Christ.*

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Vacation Bible School
June 20 - 24
9:00 - 11:45 am

Help kids answer
BIG QUESTIONS about Jesus!



Sign up to volunteer at the display in the hallway!

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