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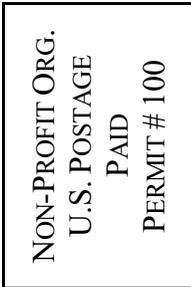
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What is and isn't happening—

Over the course of the past few weeks, life has changed dramatically for most of us. Many people have found themselves without work; some are struggling to feed their families; many have had difficulty finding toilet paper and food, even though they have money to purchase those items. Fortunately for most of us, the initial panic and clearing of the store shelves has passed. Still, life is different for now. For those of us in the education field, things have taken a big change. Public schools and colleges have closed their campuses to students. Online classes and distance learning are taking place to finish out the year. We are hopeful that by the time school begins again in August that students will be able to return to campuses. So, what things are still happening at CSF and what things are not happening?

First, here are some things that we have had to cancel. The remainder of our church programs for the year have been cancelled (as have most church services). Our extra outings (Wichita Mountains weekend, Silver Dollar City trip) have been cancelled. Our Annual Banquet has been cancelled. Our regular weekly lunch and study meetings have been cancelled. Our mission trip to Grundy, VA (May 22-30) is still pending at this time. With all of what is not happening, you might wonder what we ARE doing.

Lonnie and Anthony are taking this opportunity to complete some much needed projects at the campus house. LED lighting is replacing some of our florescent lighting. Vehicle maintenance and repair is being done. Cleaning and organizing is taking place. Projects at home that have been put off are being done, including a bathroom remodel for one of Lonnie's daughters. Lonnie is delivering meals daily to about 50 children.

In addition to these types of things, new and creative ways to minister are being sought. Ministry in different ways to different people is taking place. Strategies for future ministry opportunities and long-range planning are taking place. We are NOT binge -watching new series on Netflix. We strive to make the most of every opportunity.

NEWSLETTER GOING DIGITAL

In order to be good stewards of resources and to increase the frequency of communication, CSF plans to begin making our newsletter available primarily in a digital format. We will still mail out newsletters for those who wish to receive them via the mail. If you wish to continue receiving a paper copy, please let us know that. Please send an email to csfneo@gmail.com with your email address to be added to the digital list. Our current plan is to make the newsletter available through a link sent to your email. If you don't have email but prefer that we notify you via another digital means, you can contact Lonnie via Facebook or phone (voice or text). Contact info is listed on page to the left. We will do a slow purge of our list so that those who are receiving but don't have an interest will be removed. You can help us out by letting us know if that is you.

Financial Update:

There have been several changes in our Board of Directors recently. We have had some members retire and have added some new ones. Due to circumstances at work because of the COVID-19 situation, our new treasurer has been saddled with many more responsibilities and was unable to provide the usual full report as of this writing. We hope to have one available at some point in the near future. If you wish to see a copy, please contact us and we will accommodate you as soon as is possible.

Also of note, for most of the past two years we have rented out our building to a church for Sunday mornings and some Wednesday evenings. That rental income, coupled with a full apartment (and for a period of time full plus one) has enabled us to save some money for future plans. The church is no longer meeting here and apartment occupancy is down to just one student, making our rental income \$850 less than it was just a couple of months ago.

For those of you that prefer to give online, we offer that option through our website (csfneo.com). You can give through your bank account or credit card. You can also designate your gift to the General, Mission, or Scholarship fund. Giving can be set up as one-time or recurring.

General Fund Balance (As of April 1): 15,509.83

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

We don't take that for granted, especially during this particularly difficult time.

Apartment for Rent

CSF offers a great alternative to living on campus. Our apartment is located upstairs in our building, directly across the street from the center of campus. Students can save a great deal of money by not having to purchase a meal plan and our rent is very affordable. Applications for the fall semester will be taken through June 30 or until spaces are filled. Three private bedrooms share a kitchen, bath with laundry, and living area. One gender will be selected for the school year. Applications can be found on our website: www.csfneo.com

CSF Mission Trips

Mission trips are an important part of the ministry of CSF for many reasons. They allow us extended time with students in an environment conducive for building deeper relationships and discipleship. They challenge us to evaluate our priorities and how we can better be used in Kingdom work. They are an encouragement to those we serve and provide tangible benefits through the work performed and money invested into projects. Participants always receive far more blessing and benefit than what they had anticipated.

Fall Break saw us in a new place this year. Voice of the Martyrs was unable to host our group this year, but the Lord had another place in mind for us that proved to be very beneficial. Expressions of Emmanuel is a deaf ministry based in Bonham, TX. We spent a few days working on their mission house. This Civil War era house has lots of character and charm, as well as the problems that come with aging. We replaced their rotting front porch, took care of several plumbing and electrical issues, did some roof work on the garage, replaced the kitchen floor, part of a wall, a door, and gave the kitchen a fresh look with new paint, did some video editing, and took care of a few landscaping issues. A lot was accomplished by our crew of six during three days of work.



Torey, Chris, Lonnie, Anthony, Terry, and Gideon at EOE Mission House

Our normal routine is to journey to Grundy, VA to work with Mountain Mission School in March. God knew well in advance where we needed to be this year. Because of scheduling conflicts a year ago, we switched things up and planned to head to Mexico. Several people asked me as we prepared to leave if I thought this was a good time to leave the country with the COVID-19 pandemic causing so much havoc here. My answer, "I can't think of a better time to leave the country!" may have seemed flippant. But God confirmed many times and in many ways that He wanted us there at that time.

Mountain Mission School suspended work groups, so that would not have worked out this year. Our friend, host, and co-laborer Fidel Mancinas lost his mother to cancer on Thursday and buried her on Saturday, the day we arrived. We were there to help provide healing and comfort during the following days. One of our students had lost his younger brother unexpectedly in January. This trip helped to provide

healing for him. Some dear friends in the church in Casas Grandes made a trip while we were there to the city of Chihuahua for a check-up and to schedule future treatment for their young son. We were able to pray with and support them. We were actually safer from COVID-19 while in Mexico than had we stayed at home. We had the opportunity to visit and work alongside our alum and newlywed, Rachel (Pope) Condry-Castañeda who is serving with the church in Seis de Enero.



Rachel and Lonnie

We were blessed to be a blessing. We were in awe once again of the musical talent in this small church, challenged by the faith of our brothers and sisters, inspired by their testimonies, and humbled by their hospitality. We returned changed people to a world that had changed drastically during our short time away. Following is the testimony of Jose Gonzalez, one of our student participants.

As a Mexican/Guatemalan American student who had never been to Mexico, it was an exciting experience. Mexico was beautiful and also the work was amazing. We got to hear sermons and praise God with amazing people! We helped put tiles in bathrooms and set up a foundation for a wall at a church. If you want to grow spiritual with God, a place to heal, or to learn more about God then the mission trip to Mexico is your answer. Todo se puede hacer con Dios! (All things are possible with God!)



Jose interprets as Adrian shares his testimony of how God changed him.



Aubrey helps Robert (left)

Fidel, Esau, Jose, & Rachel digging footing for boundary fence



Great music by our friends!

Our whole gang in front of the church



Southeast Student Conference gives students a jumpstart on the school year

One of the best ways to prepare for the school year ahead is our annual student conference held in Johnson City, TN on the campus of Milligan College. Time spent in worship, teaching, and planning for the year are some of the benefits. We always return fired-up and better equipped for making an impact on campus.

Students attending this conference make a sacrifice to do so. They have to miss work or leave their summer jobs earlier, and there is a registration cost. CSF pays for half the cost plus travel and lodging expense, but students are still left with \$100 to pay. Would you consider helping to sponsor a student? Do you know of a student who will be attending NEO this fall? We'd love to take them. Put them in touch with us. \$50 registration deposit is due July 15. The conference is August 1-5, but we will depart from Miami on July 31.

Some snapshots of our year:



Tennessee waterfall



High schoolers enjoying our chocolate fountain



Enjoying a meal while camping



This is going to be a GREAT RIDE!



Bottle-feeding new calves



Sycamore Log Church