

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Being with a church youth group is so energizing! A number of years ago one youth group introduced me to group hugs. There was such love and warmth as we huddled together. As we looked into each other's eyes, with smiles on our lips, God's love was evident as we put our arms around each other.

Experiencing a group hug makes me ponder the possibility of an across-the-ocean hug. Although it has been almost a half century since I served two years in Brethren Volunteer Service, in my memory it seems like only yesterday. I was serving at an orthopedic clinic in Germany, and it was my first Christmas away from my family and home.

To my surprise, upon returning to my living quarters following a day's work at the clinic, there was a large cardboard box waiting for me on the floor. The return address was my parent's. As I sat on the floor pulling out numerous small gifts, packed in popcorn, I immediately felt God's love through the kindness of my mom's Women's Fellowship. The Dorcas Circle had sent me small containers of shampoo and toothpaste, books, stationary—any small item that would travel easily across the ocean. The women's love was felt across the many miles that separated us. I couldn't feel the women's touch or look into their smiling faces, but I felt in my heart their love of God through Jesus Christ. Mom's friends became Jesus' arms of love stretching across the ocean.

So, how do *you* share God's love that has been poured into your heart?

—Judy Mills Reimer, former general secretary
Roanoke, Virginia

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Text for Today

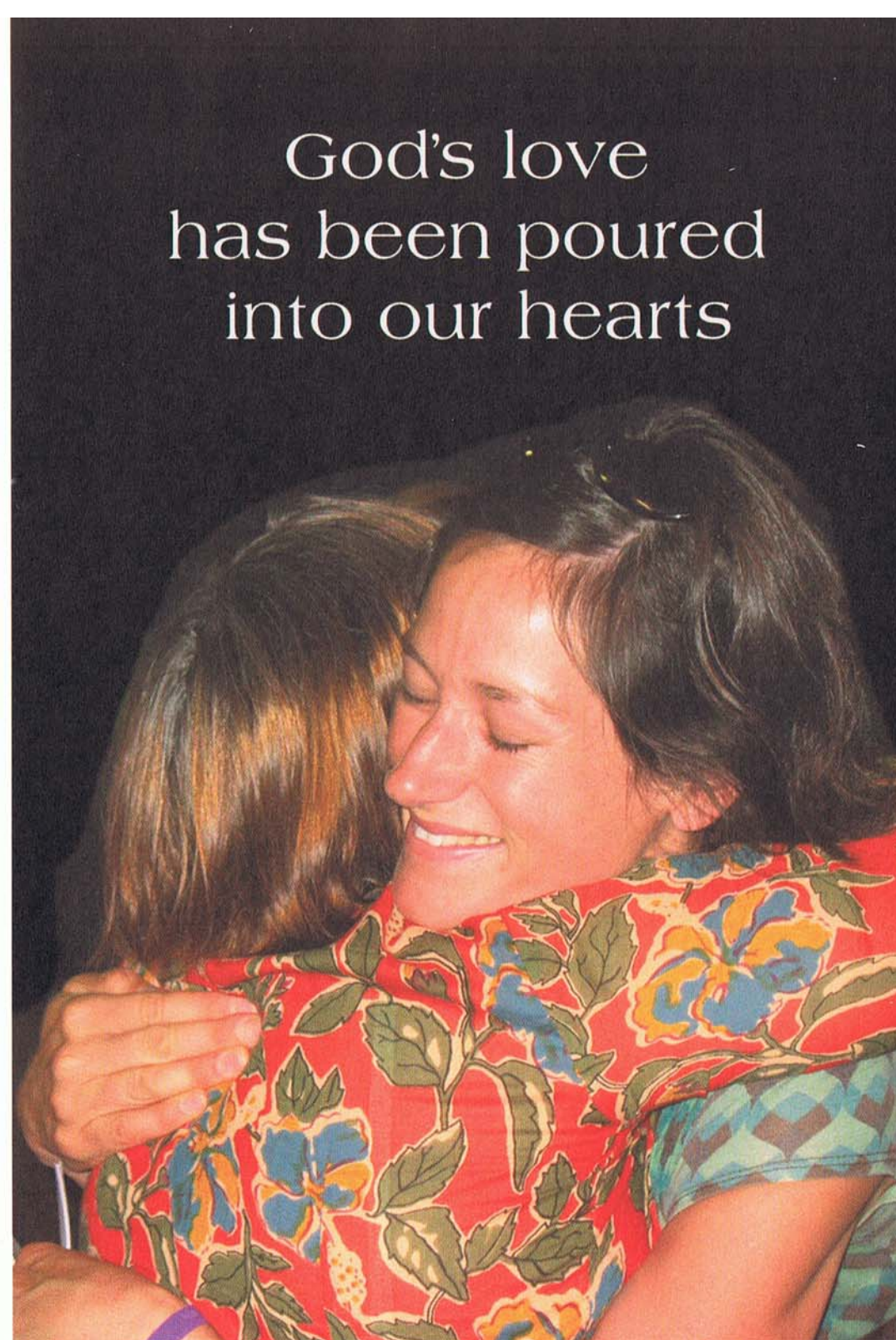
Romans 5:1-5 (5), NRSV

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because **God's love has been poured into our hearts** through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.



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Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 David Loveall, Pastor
 Ministers - All Members
 May 30, 2010
 9:30 a.m. Worship
TRINITY SUNDAY



NOTE: The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 8

One: Holy God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you claim us as your beloved ones.

All: *How majestic is your name in all the earth!*

One: Creator God, in whose image we are made, help us reflect your love.

All: *How majestic is your name in all the earth!*

One: Redeemer God, reconciling all creation to yourself, draw us closer to you.

All: *How majestic is your name in all the earth!*

One: Sanctifying God, sustaining us with your love, guide us in your ways of mercy and peace.

All: *How majestic is your name in all the earth!*

* GATHERING HYMN #340 *'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*

*INVOCATION **May Memory Verse:** In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:2-3 (NIV)

PRAISE HYMN #120 Holy, Holy, Holy!

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
"A Boy's Lunch"

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #250 *Beneath the Cross Of Jesus*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE John 16:12-15

MESSAGE "The Unfinished Business Of Truth"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #413 *Faith Of the Martyrs*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - *Please Stand, if you are able*

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, May 30:

Message	Pastor David Loveall
Children's Message	Pastor David Loveall
Music	Teri Kelderman
Ushers	Mark Bilisland and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Scott Maggert
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, June 6:

Message	Pete Aberson
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark Bilisland and Alan Cox
Adult Sunday School	Restart after Labor Day
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.
www.unitedchristiansinternational.org

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Moderator
Linda Adams

Deacons
Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Clerk
Jo Rolston

Treasurer
Sandi Cox

Adult Sunday School Teachers
Linda Adams
Donna Brinkman

Alan Cox
Marcene Cox
Scott Maggert
Sally Young

Children's Message
Marcene Cox

Children's Sunday School
Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

Church Facility Trustee
Scott Maggert

Church Sign
Alan Cox

Custodial Care
Members take monthly turns

Farm Trustee
Ross Cox

Fellowship Time
Clarence & Rhelma Evans

Lawn Care
Jed Cox
Ross Cox

Messenger Agent
Donna Brinkman

Ministerial Committee
Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Nominating Committee
Ann Maggert
Sally Young

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service 9:30am
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion
1st Sunday of Each Month

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Sally Young

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Ann Maggert

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Marcene Cox
Jill Dykstra
Teri Kelderman
Lynn Rolfmeier

Special Music
Marcene Cox

Sunday School Superintendent
Jo Rolston

Ushers
Mark Bilsland
Alan Cox
Scott Maggert

Anniversaries and Birthdays for May

Birthdays
05 - Landen Kelderman
06 - George Evans
10 - Dwight Diers
17 - Marcene Cox
18 - Kurt Brinkman

26 - Lon Hutchison

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to all members and guests. You came to worship, go now to serve!
You've been blessed by God's love, go now to share it!

Adult Sunday School

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. The topic this week is "Healthy Humility" (Section 49, #4, page 1459). We welcome your attendance and participation! This will be our last week before summer vacation through Labor Day weekend.

Reminders

- 1) If you have not checked your mailbox for awhile, please do so!
- 2) Continue to bring your old and discarded shoes to put in the box at the back of the sanctuary so Northwest Enterprises can process them for Soles 4 Souls. They are committing 1.2 million pairs of shoes to Haitian victims.

Community

May 31 - Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast at Christian school gym, 6:30-10 am, sponsored by First Christian Reformed Church youth.

June 11 - Relay For Life at the Sheldon HS Track from 7pm to 1am. Candlelight vigil to follow. To purchase a luminaria to remember or honor a loved one, contact any of the four banks in Sheldon, Tooties, His & Her Hair, Dave's Appliance, Loretta Vander Linden or Cindy Runger. Several items will be raffled off at the end of the evening.

Those Who Need Our Prayers

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. - Romans 12:12 (NIV)

1. Clarence Evans is recuperating at home with the help of Rhelma and Home Health therapy.

2. Pastor David Loveall is dealing with bad headaches and will have back surgery June 4.

3. Muriel Loveall's eye continues to improve.

4. Jeannette Grove at Fieldcrest Assisted Living, 2501 East 6th St. Apt. #111. Visit her, call her at 324-0028, or send her a card. She fell and broke her left elbow. April 23 she had surgery again to repair it after lifting a tray that was too heavy and now faces eight weeks of recovery.

5. Jennifer Caldwell, daughter of Linda Adams, who needs prayer support.

6. Julie Fisher, daughter of Clarence and Rhelma Evans, who has thyroid cancer.

7. Ann Evans and Rev. John Elder who have cancer.

8. Matt Pruin and Darla Vaandrager of Sheldon who have brain cancer.

9. Our congregation and children, may all continue to grow in the Lord.

10. Living Peace Church, Sioux City. May its ministry be continually blessed.

11. UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier's ministry in Haiti.

12. Lost Brothers and Sisters. May we minister unto and lead by example.

13. Those Serving in the Military. Keep them from harm and danger.



SERMON NOTES of Sunday, May 30, 2010

"The Unfinished Business Of Truth"

Scripture: John 16:12-15

