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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH COMMUNITY

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“...INTO ALL THE WORLD”



by Barbara Morse
Wycliffe missionary in Mexico

The “world” God called me to in 1977 is Mexico, our neighbor to the south, the neighbor that seems to be in the news a great deal lately. I still enjoy spending part of every year living at a translation center in a small town in southern Mexico, being part of the culture, and having fellowship with other believ-



ers. But it saddens me to see the increased violence connected with the drug cartels in Mexico over the last few years. However, that doesn't take away from the joy of seeing what God has done there since I first began my ministry in Mexico 33 years ago. Previous to that year, 35 New Testaments had been translated in as many languages, as fellow SIL members (affiliated with Wycliffe Bible Translators) worked along with language associates. Since that time, nearly 85 more New Testament or whole Bible translations have been completed by fellow SIL workers in Mexico. (NFCers John and Donna Kreutz are nearing completion of one New Testament.) Only about 70 to go!

I'm grateful for the members of the NFC community who continue to stand behind me in prayer and support as I focus on my particular area as part of the team working in Bible translation. That focus is distribution, helping to keep track of all the publications produced in languages of Mexico, providing information on their accessibility, and encouraging the process of getting them into the hands of those who need them.

So who needs them? Here's an example! Last year I got acquainted with a woman who lives in a new community on the outskirts of the small town where I live. Her knowledge of Spanish is limited, and



This week we welcome the Thomas family to Newberg. They will serve as global outreach interns while here on home assignment.

Read about their ministry in Rwanda by visiting the EFM website.

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she has a great desire for the word of God in her mother tongue, one dialect of Mixe. She has a New Testament in her language, but unfortunately she doesn't yet know how to read. So she has had to settle for listening to a recording of a small portion of that New Testament in *her* dialect and also to a recording in a *different* dialect, using a small handheld solar-powered player. I've helped her make a start toward learning to read, which seems difficult for her, especially with her family responsibilities. We are praying that a full recording of the New Testament in her dialect of Mixe will soon be completed, and she is determined to persevere in learning to read and in her walk with the Lord.

Living in this age of technology has been a great help to speed the progress of translation. It also provides multiple ways that the scriptures and other publications can be made available (and more for me to keep track of!) These days, whenever a New Testament is published it is also recorded, which makes it available in audio form to nearly everyone, literate or not. Currently the majority of the New Testaments are available in digital form on the Internet as well, so they can be downloaded. For example, I recently "fetched" off the Internet some scripture portions in a Mazahua language in order to format several scripture leaflets to send to a mission organization that requested materials to distribute in that particular language. A partner organization also helps to record scripture-based videos in many languages. Videos are also being used to provide visual translations in a Mexican sign language for the deaf.

Since I'm several years past retirement age, I'm often asked when I plan to retire. I'm thankful that God continues to give me health and strength to continue my work, though I am on "reduced assignment." This allows me to take extra time off during the year to spend with my mom, who will celebrate her 101st birthday later this month. Last month while in Mexico I was able to begin training another person to help with the work with distribution I've been doing. Could God be nudging me into some kind of transition? I'm glad I can trust him to show me what he has in mind for my future service in his work.

Thanks for standing with me in prayer and support. Please pray I'll be faithful however God desires to use me and praise God for what he has done and is doing in Mexico, in spite of the current turmoil in some areas. May God speed the day when all the language groups of Mexico will have his word in their own "heart" language.



**A Music
Extravaganza**
brought to you by
NFC worship ministries

You're invited to a Community Jam Session and Picnic

When—Saturday, August 21, workshops for musicians at 3pm;
the picnic and jam session start at 5pm

Where—Newberg Friends Church lawn

What to bring— Your family, invite your friends!

A picnic and tableware (we'll provide beverages)

Your guitar or other instruments

Don't forget lawn chairs or a blanket

Why—To enjoy God's gifts of summer, food, music, each other

At 3pm we'll host workshops for guitar players (bring your guitar!), songwriters (bring your songs!), and singers. Bring a picnic too, and stay for the community jam session at 5pm.

YOUR **NFC** THIS WEEK

Genesis 4:1-12

READING ASSIGNMENT FOR AUGUST 15

SUNDAY

Until September 19, children age 3 and older will join their family in our worship gatherings. Childcare will be provided in the nursery for infants and children through age 2 during both services.

9am | worship gathering

10-10:45am | Community Time on the lawn!

10:45am | • worship gathering

- unprogrammed worship in Barclay C

5 o'clock gathering potluck on the lawn | bring a dish to share, your own plate and tableware, and a picnic blanket

5:30pm | Adoptive Families Group annual kick-off BBQ | North Valley Friends Church | potluck with outdoor activities

Monday, August 16

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Weigh2Go! | 5pm | Barclay C

Tuesday, August 17

Time for 'Pause | 7pm | Barclay C

Wednesday, August 18

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, August 20

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friendsview prayer meeting | 1pm | Creekside 2nd floor, TV room | Gregg Koskela invites anyone at Friendsview to join for prayer.

Saturday, August 21

Men's prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

Music Extravaganza! | begins at 3pm | workshops, jam session, picnic, informal singing, family friendly, community creativity (see more on page 2)

Sunday, August 22

Reading assignment: Genesis 18:9-15

Plan Ahead

August 23 | Margaret Fell WMF picnic | 6pm | David & Debby Thomas, speakers | men included!

August 23 | Monthly Marriage Maintenance (3M) | 6:30pm | social hall

August 26 | Bridgetown Night Strike

August 26 | Children's Ministries orientation | 7-8pm | Room 121 | for all parents and children's ministry volunteers—program, curriculum, and safety training for all children's ministries at NFC | (or choose from two others—August 29, 12:30-1:30pm, and September 15, 9:30-10:30am)

August 27-29 | high school rafting/spelunking trip

August 29 | Children's Ministries orientation | 12:30-1:30pm | Room 121 | for all parents and children's ministry volunteers—program, curriculum, and safety training for all children's ministries at NFC

NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH

a **GROWING** community

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CHANGING in the Spirit

LIVING OUT love

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NFC's Calendar on the Web!

NEED SHEET

NEEDED:

- I am looking for a used playpen someone has no use for anymore. It can be either the square type or a rectangular folding one. I have a project. Call 503-899-0380.
- George Fox University expects approx. 60 new international students this fall. We need about 30 families who would have two stay in their home August 18– August 26. Families are asked to provide breakfast and dinner and transportation to George Fox between 8 and 8:30 a.m. and pick students up at approx. 5 p.m. Host families will receive a stipend to help defray costs. If you are interested, please contact Dianna McIntyre (dmcintyre@georgefox.edu) or Alex Pia (apia@georgefox.edu). By phone 503-554-2649. If you know of others who might be interested, please let us know.
- Looking for a secondary refrigerator less than 34 inches wide and 75 inches tall in good working order, even if it isn't pretty. We hope to find something for under \$100. Contact Angela Kantz at 503-476-2037.
- One year ago I escaped from a violent living situation and am gradually building a new life. I am in great need of a car to get to McMinnville, where I teach classes at Currents Gallery. I can trade art or art lessons for a vehicle. Or I can make small payments for a car or truck. You can see my work for trade consideration on my website: www.elizabeth-berg.com. I do advertising art, fine art, murals, and teach all levels of art, beginning to advanced painting and drawing. Reach me at 971-239-3032 / lisaartistberg@yahoo.com.

AVAILABLE:

- Serving seniors so they can live as independently as they choose in their own home or apartment. For help with domestic chores and personal care, contact Elizabeth at 503-452-5358. Great references.
- Home for rent or for sale: Quiet, friendly Dundee neighborhood, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, large backyard, laminate wood floors, central AC, cedar deck, garden space, 2-car garage and RV/boat storage, 1212 SF. No smoking or pets! One-year lease preferred, but willing to consider other arrangement. \$40 application fee per person plus first and last month rent, damage deposit. \$1,180/month. Available now. Call 503-538-3778.
- Free: 3-speed Schwinn men's "English" bike. Old, but still very usable. Weight bench and pole with various plates, plus miscellaneous hand weights. Call Lew at 503-538-2577.
- Furnished room for rent in a 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo behind Fred Meyer. Close to George Fox and the Yamhill County bus stop. Share bathroom with other renter. Use of laundry, wireless Internet, cable and kitchen. References required. Please no smoking or drinking or pets. Must love dogs—I have 2 small ones. \$350 plus 1/4 of the utilities. Call 503-522-6839 or e-mail - okelleyd@gmail.com.

FOR SALE:

- Evinrude 4 hp outboard motor plus auxiliary gas tank. \$300. Will deliver. Call Lew at 503-538-2577.
- One and one-half spools of 4-point barbed wire, unused, stored inside, \$25. Call Lew at 503-538-2577.
- Bargain! Queen-size wall bed with side bookshelves and drawers. No mattress. \$500. For further information and to see, call 503-554-7430 or 503-537-2250.
- 1995 Dodge Dakota Club Cab, 152K miles, 6' bed, V6, 3.9L, 2wd, 5 speed. Runs well. We've had this truck since December 1999, and it's treated us great. Like many Chryslers of that vintage, it's losing paint. You could paint it yourself or just use it as a work truck; either way, it's a solid pickup. Reasonable offers considered. E-mail or call for details: jodyjared@gmail.com or 503-538-4036.

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• bring a written ad to the NFC office at 600 E. 3rd Street
deadline: August 25 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads*