

# The Voice of Billingsville

## November 2024

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### GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY UPDATE

Ten acres of ground in Boonville, Mo, volunteers, and God's blessings combined for a joint effort to raise a soybean crop. The crop was sold, and the proceeds will help families in food insecure areas improve their farming techniques, seeds, etc.

This year's project raised \$5,000 bringing our twenty-one-year total to \$134,690.93. It was supported by Rhea Helmerich (land), Boonville Co-Op (chemicals), MFA (fertilizer), Joe Miller (seed), Eddie Wassmann & Kenny Stegner (farming). Thank you to all!!

Below is some information from Growing Hope Globally, about the area in which these funds will support. Please keep our world neighbors in your prayers and may God bless them with a bountiful harvest.

~ Laura Grathwohl, Treasurer

**Implementing Organization**

Church World Service (CWS)



### Program Summary - Nicaragua Carazo Diriamba

A dry climate, environmental deterioration, and chronic poverty have contributed to an inadequate quantity and quality of water and insufficient food in this region, resulting in malnutrition and other health problems. These challenges are complicated by illiteracy, poor roads, high unemployment, and seasonal migration to Costa Rica. 55 percent of households in the area are headed by women. Since 2005, local partner CIEETS has been working to reach the most food insecure families in Nicaragua. The current phase of their work reaches out to a third group of communities after two previous successful programs. They are working on conservation agriculture, planting fruit trees and patio gardens, gaining access to clean water, community advocacy, and coordinating with churches to be active in programs that build food security.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, November 1:** Beer and Brats Social Event from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Evangelical UCC Education Building.

**Sunday, November 3:** Holy Communion; collection of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for 2024

**Wednesday, November 6:** Men's Breakfast at Home Town Café in Syracuse at 8:00 am; Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

**Thursday, November 7:** Friends, Fellowship and Fun at 1:00-3:30 pm

**Sunday, November 10:** Penny Sunday for ECH; collection of Benevolence Offering

**Sunday, November 17:** Blanket Sunday

**Thursday, November 21:** Newsletter articles due

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## OCC COLLECTION WEEK

'Twas the week of collection and all through the house,  
Shoebboxes were ready to be sent north and south.

To be processed at Charlotte or Boone or St. Paul,  
By good folks like you who answered God's call.

So out with the liquids and in with a toy!  
Get that box ready for some girl or boy!

Add to it your prayers and a hug and some tape,  
Then into the carton where now it must wait.

Then far to the east or the west it will go,  
By truck, plane or boat Through jungle or snow.

To a child picked by God To receive this small gift.

This present of love the child's spirit will lift.

This scene is repeated Twelve million times more,  
Till all hear the news that God has in store.

The greatest story ever to them will be told,  
How Jesus the Christmas Child Came to earth long ago.

He lived and He died and He 'rose once again,  
He came to save us If we accept Him.

The story of Jesus OCC keeps on giving.  
When we help with this work our faith we are living.



## *Thank You*

Thank you to Ruth Ann and Donald Warnke for delivering our donations to the Festival of Sharing on Oct. 12. Ruth Ann said they were very appreciative of our check and the 31 pairs of eyeglasses. Thank you to all!

## 2024 SHOEBBOX COLLECTION DAY

We will be collecting the shoebox gifts on Sunday, November 3, during Children's Time. If you are unable to prepare a box, but would like to participate, you may donate \$10 (per box) to help pay for postage to send the boxes around the world. Please make your check to Samaritan's Purse (or you can donate cash) and give it to Marg. Please do NOT put it in the offering plate. Many of the children who receive boxes have never gotten a gift before, so you will make them so excited and happy! May God richly bless each of you for your kindness.

Marg Scott and the three R ladies--Rhea, Ruth Ann, and Rita

## *In the Mail*

Thank you seems to be such an insignificant thing to say after such a powerful presence of prayer that we felt from the community. We felt the power of your prayers throughout Tim's medical emergency. Prayer is always the most powerful thing you can do for another. You have no idea how powerful your prayers are unless you know how powerful your God is. Thank you so much.

Tim and Karen Harvey

## SPECIAL GUEST MINISTER

On Sunday, November 24, we will have a special guest minister, Pastor Glenn Davis. Glenn grew up in Cooper County and was a classmate of Pat, Donna, Tim, and George. He currently lives in Boone North Carolina where he is the pastor at Hopewell Community Church. When asked what he'd like to tell our congregation about himself, he said, "God took me away to share the Gospel, and now He's using me as a witness, to share with you a word of Thanksgiving."

**HEALTH FACTS**  
**Breast Cancer Screening**

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in women and now younger women (less than 50 years of age) have a 1 in 50 risk for developing invasive breast cancer.

Regular breast screenings should start at age 40. Some risk factors or family history may warrant earlier screenings.

The standard 3D mammogram is the preferred imaging. Women should also feel for hard lumps which don't move easily.

Is there an age women can stop getting mammograms? It's a discussion that you should have with your health care provider. Your age, state of health, and family history are factors to consider.

Nancy Meyer,  
Health Minister

**FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!**

Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Bring or invite a friend and come ready to join in a game of Pitch, Rummikube, Skip Bo, or other game. You may bring a snack to share. Ice water and lemonade will be provided.

**WE'RE INVITED!**

**Beer and Brats Social Event**

Friday, November 1 from 5-7pm at the  
Evangelical UCC Education Building

Beer and brats will be provided as well as chips and condiments. A free will offering will be collected. RSVP: [eucc5501@gmail.com](mailto:eucc5501@gmail.com)

**OCTOBER STATISTICS**

	<b>Offering</b>	<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
06	\$2,470	\$0	32
13	\$696	\$65 Penny Sun: \$24.87 Gideons: \$147	23
20	\$1,043	\$0 Hurricane Rel: \$430	41
27	\$1,290	\$ Hurricane Rel: \$254	26

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for all the get-well cards for Charles' broken hip and the sympathy cards for Holly's mother's passing.

We ourselves have not been organized enough to get cards in the mail for ages, but we really appreciate receiving them from you.

We are healing on many levels every day. Your prayers and support are very comforting. Thank you for being our Church Family.

Charles and Holly

PS: My mother, Todi Hughes' (Rosemary Jackson) obituary and many pictures can be found at:

[www.HughesFuneralAlternatives.com](http://www.HughesFuneralAlternatives.com)



The Church Council is looking for an editor for the Voice of Billingsville newsletter. If you are interested, please contact one of the Council members.

	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>	<b>Messenger</b>
03	Donna Kammerich	Marg Scott & Rhea Helmreich	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
10	Rita Kanenbley	Ginger Wenger & Rhea Helmreich	Rev. Jeff Glandon
17	Melissa Hundley	Donald & Ruth Ann Warnke	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
24	Tim Kueckelhan	Holly Hughes & Charles Stegner	Pastor Glenn Davis

BIRTHDAYS	
Nichole Burnett	02
Jake Hayward	04
Donald Warnke	07
Shauna Bohlken	12
Don Scott	17
Pastor Jim Elliott	23
Andrew Inskeep	28

ANNIVERSARIES	
Jason & Angie Hackman	01
Frank & Marty Eastman	21

✝ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✝	
Kamrynn Sue Hundley	02
Morgan E. Kueckelhan Hawley	05
Justin Lee Kueckelhan	09
Gerald Wayne Dick	12
Donna Sue Schler Kammerich	18
Shirley Ann Johnston	26

### FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS



**Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.**

**Sandy Farris**

*Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276*

**Arlene & Sonny Friedrich**

*Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276*

**Iris Gerhardt**

*2613 Trenchard Dr, Independence, MO 64057*

**Ruth Searfoss**

*Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276*

**Dorothy Vieth**

*Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201*

### PRAYER CHAIN

- Jack Deuschle, Parkinson's disease
- Pastor Jim Elliott, cancer treatments
- Sharon Elliott, cancer
- Sandy Farris, cancer
- John Ferguson, heart issues
- Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
- Iris Gerhardt
- Tim Harvey
- Betty (Vicki's cousin), cancer
- Holly's brother, open heart surgery
- Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
- Jennifer Kirchner, chemotherapy
- Ava LeCave
- Joe Lohnes (friend of Donald & Ruth Ann) Lou Gehrig's
- Don & Mary Neckermann
- Marilyn Overstreet, broken hip
- Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
- Clifford Richey (Charles' friend)
- Karen Schnetzler
- Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
- Vicki Simmons, cancer
- Charles Stegner, recovering from broken hip
- Levi Sullivan, health issues
- Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
- Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
- Shawn (Ginger's son), recovering from accident
- Darin Walker, cancer

**Serving in our military:**

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| Landon Bail  | Jeff Burgoyne  | Tony Davis   |
| Natalie Meng | Blayne Vickery | James Walker |

# Biblical Teachers

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Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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