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The Foothills Flyer: Keeping the Church on Mission

Hospitality Team Needs Recruits

Value: Hospitality without Exception

by Pastor Joe Eastman

In the book of Hebrews Chapter 13:1-2 we are reminded “Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Hospitality has always been a fixture for God’s people. Even in the book of Hebrews, which was written to a persecuted church they are still exhorted to show hospitality to strangers. God has always expected that His people would show kindness and hospitality to others. Here, at Foothills, I can personally attest to the power of hospitality. As many of you know (from a previous article) Melissa and I were first drawn here by the power of banana bread. When we visited for the first time we were greeted by friendly faces and given delicious homemade banana bread to go home with. I remember thinking that any church that can bake like this is alright with me. So, we made the decision to stay.

That is equally true when we felt called to look for a new church home. After I stepped down from ministry we searched for where God us worship. We visited Foothills, and while we didn’t receive any bread, we were welcomed in with open arms in the church family. So, hospitality isn’t just an expectation God has for us but is also a major part of why people choose or don’t choose a church. The fact is hospitality is essential to a church’s witness. Any church that claims to love Christ and love people must show this by being hospitable.

Now, while we do offer baked treats (thanks again to those who supply those) we don’t have a real intentional hospitality plan at the moment. So, I (Joe with Chris Tegard’s blessing and help) am looking to build a hospitality team here at the church. For now the main focus of the ministry would be to offer a welcome table before church (which the greeters would point people to) and to organize light refreshments for our church family after service.

The welcome table would merely be an intentional point of contact between the church and new visitors. We could use this point of contact to give them information about the church, let them know where the nursery is, and where their children will be during “My Message”, and just connect with them. After service the refreshment time would be a good time to fellowship and connect with folks in your church family who you don’t see all the time, to catch up with others, to have our kids play together, to connect with visitors, and to pray with each other.

If you are gifted for service, hospitality, or just want to connect with people, please email me or let me know you would like to be a part of the team. I am hoping to put together the team in June and July and launch it in August.

International Student Ministries

Value: Unity in Community

by Pastor Joe Eastman

One of the things I am looking forward to this summer is the Engage Global trip. On this trip I hope to be able to bring some of the experience and wisdom which we will gain back to the church. I hope to do this in order to share with you all so that as a church we can gain something of a feel for life in North Africa and our personal place in the mission to reach our Muslim friends there.

In our church, however, we have a fantastic opportunity to get involved with Muslim people and you don't even have to leave the comfort of your city. The opportunity is to participate and help with International Student Ministries. In case you didn't know, this ministry works by ministering to University students who attend UNM from all over the world. The ministry conducts Bible studies, builds relationships and connects students with friend and host families. It is essentially taking advantage of the fact that the world comes here to study, and that when students come they are in great need of someone to be their friend. Moreover, since these students are away from their parent's culture, they are often open to new ideas and thoughts, such as the Gospel.

God has always had a special place in His heart for the traveler and the lonely. May we duplicate his heart by considering ministry to those who have come here leaving all they know and come to a new place in the hopes of building better lives for themselves and a better future. Considering that many of these students actually end up going home taking what they have learned back to their home countries, and because of their education, often end up as leaders in their communities. Imagine the opportunity we have to show them the love of Christ without ever leaving home and make lasting impacts which will change their lives and ours.

Right now is a great time for you to get on board with ISM. This summer there will be several opportunities for you to get involved with this Great Commission focused ministry. So, if you're gifted at all in evangelism, helping, hospitality, or just want to make a difference, please consider getting involved.

Schedule

July 19th/ August 2 - training/ orientation at Foothills

August 2, 9, 16 - Students will be visiting Foothills (great time for the church to flex its hospitality muscles)

August - Welcome parties at various locations (ISM could use help with these)

August 15 - ISM picnic at UNM

Update on the Wolf Family

Value: Global Missions

by Charles Wolf

A happy and hearty hello, howdy and asaalam alakuum (peace upon y'all) to all our brothers and sisters in Christ at the happening Foothills of Albuquerque!

We are now officially nine months into our Hurgaga stint and just beginning to feel the birth pangs of summer as the heat and tourists start to pour into town. Yet have no fear, as our Father has provided a very comfortable and quiet recluse far from the hustle and bustle of downtown which provides adequate space and peace of mind for both homeschooling and reprise - which are very much needed and appreciated by the entire den of Wolves.

We also praise the providence and provision of our Father as He has brought, and continues to bring, willing ears to hear His Word spoken and eager eyes to see the Gospel lived out on a day by day basis in the city, in our neighborhood, and even in our very own courtyard by your very own truly chosen.

Pray that we will continue to have the words and actions which our Father would have us speak and display for not only the nationals and Couslims here, but also for the Europeans and internationals which pervade this area on a continual basis.

We have been pleasantly surprised by the amount of daily opportunities in which to share the Word with a vast array of cultures and people groups in this microcosm of humanity and are encouraged at the relative ease and freedom in which we can do it...at least for now.

On a personal note, we would like to keep both the boys lifted up in prayer as Noah and Solomon have both had to adjust to major life changes during this time. Although Noah seems to be thriving at his school and we get to see him for an entire month every three months, it is still stressful on all of us and on him as well. Solomon is also challenged in finding activities and friends here, but the Father has provided some acquaintances and opportunities which we hope will be a blessing. We would also like you to keep Judy in mind as far as finding stable and long term career opportunities locally. As far as Charles, just pray for discernment and discretion within boldness for Christ.

As always, we Wolves of the desert thank all of you Sheep at the Club for your continuous spiritual and financial support and wish the best for all of you and your families.



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OUR MISSION: Foothills Fellowship exists to be a worshiping community of God's people whose lives are shaped by the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and who participate in the mission of God's kingdom by proclaiming the good news locally, nationally and globally.

OUR CORE VALUES: 1) Jesus Christ, the Head 2) Biblical Leadership 3) Everyone A Minister 4) Ancient/Future Worship 5) Hospitality Without Exception 6) Unity in Community 7) Intentional Families 8) Global Missions 9) Holistic Discipleship