

THE MONTE VISTAN

NEWSLETTER OF MONTE VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH / MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

MONTE VISTA MISSIONS CALENDAR FALL 2016

Caring for others in the name of Christ in our community and world.

August 1-31

Pray for China Teams led by David and Ann Wilson

Saturday August 13

Haiti Garage Sale 8am-2:00pm

Drop off items for garage sale August 11, 2:00-6:00pm

Drop off and set up for garage sale August 12, 2:00-6:00pm

(Contact: Dave & Jennifer Reece, 228-8966)

Saturday, August 20

Blount County Community Connections Workday

(Contact: John 3:16 Outreach, 336-9262)

Saturday, August 27

Golf Tournament for Haiti

Pick up registration forms in the church office.

(Contact: Dave & Jennifer Reece, 228-8966)

Thursday-Saturday, September 15-17

Heaven Sent Home Yard Sale

Drop off items for sale at Fellowship Hall on September 14

Drop off and set up for sale beginning 8am August 15

(Contact: Sue Wyatt, 216-1424)

November 5-12

Haiti Mission Trip

(Contact: Dave & Jennifer Reece, 228-8966)

November 14-21

Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection

(Contact: Carlene Talley, 323-5987)

CBF ACKNOWLEDGES GENEROUS CHURCHES

Monte Vista was listed as one of the top 100 churches giving in support of CBF field personnel (missionaries) in the United States and around the world in the fellowship! magazine for June/July. Our giving spreads the love of Christ to hard-to-reach places, gives hope and healing to immigrants and refugees, empowers men and women and families to earn a livable income and brings the power of literacy and learning to marginalized children and adults.

CARDS WERE A BLESSING

The Chinese English teachers and 25 college/high school students, in total 135, are taking part in a Summer English Program carried out by Volunteers for China. They gathered on Wednesday, July 13, to make Christmas boxes from the cards donated by friends and members of MVBC. We had selected all of the cards that had notes or messages to love ones in the card that were handwritten with love. These messages revealed the sincerity and love of the writer that these participants have never ever read or considered. For most, this was the first Christmas card they had ever seen. Unless you were in the room watching and listening you cannot imagine the impact reading the cards had on these teachers and students. They actually read and discussed what was written with each other for over 20 minutes, when I called a halt.

At this point, using a translator, because they can read and write English, but it is very hard for them to understand spoken English, I showed them what a Christmas box looks like when it is finished. The card that they used would be destroyed in the process, so I offered them an opportunity to keep the card with written words, and to draw another card to use in making their box. There was a waving of hands in the air asking for another card, as they wanted to keep the cards with the written messages of love. Once the boxes were made, the teaching team placed a penny, nickel, dime and quarter, along with some U.S. stamps and a piece of candy in every box as a Christmas gift to each student.

On Friday, July 20, we had our Christmas party with 200+ present because we let the participants invite guests. The students decorated three Christmas trees—an event they have never ever done before. Christmas songs were sung: *Jingle Bells*, *Away in the Manger*, *Joy to the World*, *Silent Night*, and *We Wish you a Merry Christmas* and four of our students read the Christmas story in Chinese from a Chinese/English New Testament, along with an English explanation that was given to each student as a handout. The Nativity story was acted out as it was read from the Bible. This, indeed, was the first time they have ever heard or seen any part of the Christmas story.

Your Christmas cards served as a door opener for the Lord to use in His own way and in His own time. We pray that the Lord will use us for His glory
Blessings,
David Wilson



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SHOW & TELL

An interactive weekend event based on Jesus' model for daily living.

Combining the message of God's love with practical acts, Jesus demonstrated what he meant when he said we are to love our neighbor as ourself. Discover for yourself how God intends you to fulfill that call in your life.

September 10-11

Led by Dr. Bill Ireland,

Pastor, author, and professor at McAfee Theological Seminary

COMING SOON

August Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 3

6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 6

Served at 8:00am

Prime Time Seniors

Tuesday, August 9

Fellowship Hall

Covered Dish: bring favorites to share and invite a friend

Time: Eat at 5:30pm, followed by program at 6:15pm

Program of "Classic Gospel Music" provided by Vernon Wilson and his quartet.

Enroll Your Child in SonRise

There are limited spaces available in our preschool which meets Wednesday and Thursdays, 9am to 2pm. SonRise accepts children 1-5 years of age. Contact Holly Phillips for information or to enroll your child: Holly@MonteVistaMaryville.com or call 983-1436. SonRise starts August 10.

WELCOME SHEILA MOORE

Sheila returned to Tennessee four years ago after living in Louisiana for many years. She has three sons who live in Louisiana, Arizona and Colorado. Sheila has a twin sister, a brother and two more sisters who are also twins. She enjoys worship and singing at Monte Vista and has joined the Worship Choir. Sheila says she doesn't have much time for hobbies, but enjoys reading and is interested in crafts. She likes Monte Vista's range of outreach--serving others in our community and around the world.



MONTE VISTA CHILDREN

Upcoming Events

July 31	Promotion Sunday
August 3	Wednesday Night Kid's Club Kickoff
August 10	SonRise Preschool begins
August 13	MVBC Children volunteer at Haiti yard sale
September 2-4	Preteen Retreat & Rock the Smokies Concert

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES BEGIN AUGUST 3

5:15-6:00pm	Dinner in Fellowship Hall
5:30-6:30pm	Youth Praise Team (Youth Area); Youth Arts Team (Rm 222)
6:00-7:00pm	Texting the New Testament (Rm 351) Prayer for the Church (Rm 240) Kid's Club (3yrs through 6th grade)
6:30-8:00pm	MV Students (grades 7-12) Dinner, worship, activities (Youth Area)
7:00pm	Worship Choir

OUR DOLLARS IN THE PEW

January: Birthing Kits for Haiti \$960

February: Blount Co. Emergency Housing \$351

March: CBF Global Missions \$290

April: Water for Life \$5,202 (including water bottles)

May: Our Mission work in Haiti \$427

June: School Supplies for Baptist Center \$418

July: True Purpose Men's Ministry

*August: Hosea's Heart

*September: Operation Christmas Child

*October: Bible for our Military

*November: Global Missions

*December: Birthing Kits for Haiti

AUGUST HAPPENINGS FOR STUDENTS

August 3	Welcome Back to Wednesday Nights 6:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Worship, study, activities <i>Continues each Wednesday in August</i>
August 13	Haiti Yard Sale, sign up to help
August 18	Vienna Coffee & Conversation Meet @ 7:05am Let Chris know if you need a ride to school.
August 23	Serve at The Welcome Table 4:30pm at New Providence

TEXTING THE NEW TESTAMENT

From "Snail mail" to "You've got mail" to "Instant messenger" to "Twitter," we are converting Paul's letters to the early church into text messages for today's world.

Wednesday, 6:00pm, room 351, Jerry Mantooth, facilitator

