

Preparing God's People for Works of Service

Happy Thanksgiving



As this is the Thanksgiving season (at least in the States) and at the end of another semester, it seems especially appropriate to praise God for all of the blessings He has given us during the year. We are grateful for the way He has provided for us personally and for the college.

Even though we are officially on summer holidays, our work has not slowed down one bit. We just completed the Fund

Raising Event (see details below). In addition, the Board is working to finalize arrangements for our move towards being an interdenominational reformed college as directed by the Presbytery. Terry has also had several preaching engagements recently.

HMA NEXT YEAR

Many of you have been asking when we plan to be in the States next year. We plan to leave at the end of next semester (late May or early June). We are still praying for someone who can come to Australia as a short-term replacement. The ideal person will have a seminary degree, freedom to come to the Sunshine Coast for about five months, and the willingness to raise support for a short-term mission trip. This person would be expected to

teach one class, lead a men's Bible study and do some light administrative work. *A recent seminary graduate or a teaching elder who is between calls might be the perfect candidate.* Then if a house swap was part of the deal, this would keep expenses down for everyone.

Thanksgiving Devotional Thoughts

At this time of the year we will sit at the table and give thanks for what God has given to us, and we should do that.

But as we look at Paul's prayers recorded in his letters something unusual stands out. Paul is thankful for what God is doing in the lives of others. A survey of Paul's letters reveals that most of his prayers focus upon thanksgiving for what is happening in the lives of others.

A few quick points may help. First, Paul is involved in their lives with prayer but also with personal ministry as he is able. Consequently, he can see God's work, and he can give thanks. Second, he is not afraid to encourage people with reports of his prayers and observations. This might be strange to us, but we can start with those close to us (e.g. spouses, children, and our pastor or Sunday School teachers).

Try getting involved with others and be as encouraging as you can. Who knows what will happen.



FUND RAISING EVENT SUCCESSFUL

Prayer Points

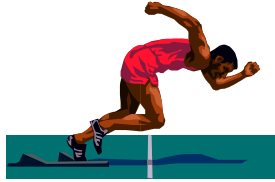
Praise God that He continues to provide for our support needs.

Praise God for the end of another successful school year:

- A. For the provision of lecturers & students
- B. For the provision of the financial needs of the college
- C. And for the volunteers who have helped in so many ways.

Pray that God will give the college Board members a spirit of unity (Rom. 15:5) as they begin the process of moving the college towards independence as approved by the Presbytery at their last meeting.

Ongoing pray request: Someone to assume responsibility for the college & stay in our home while we are on HMA next year.



He did it – all 21kilometers (12.5 miles)! Terry jogged a ½ marathon to raise funds for the college. It took a little longer than we thought, and he was exhausted at the end. The next day he could hardly walk - his calves were so sore. A pastor from our sister church

here on the Sunshine Coast came to cheer him on and actually jogged with Terry the last 6-7 k's just to encourage him to keep going.

What you may not realize is the purpose of this fund raising event. We want to hire a part-time librarian for the college. The lady is a professional librarian who has volunteered her services over the last two years, and we want to put her on the staff. By having her on the staff next year,

we will have another part of the resources necessary for accreditation.

If you made a pledge to support this work, then please send your gift to:

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