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Two Resumés

First Résumé, dated June, 33 AD:

Résumé of Claudius Muddisimus

Position Sought: Guard

Previous Employer: Roman Legion

Years of Employment: 14

Dear Sirs;

I am currently seeking employment due to an unexpected job loss after 14 years of faithful service. Records will show that I have been very responsible, having rarely taken sick days, always being at work on time, and never sleeping on the job. I have never been subject to duty-related disciplinary measures. I have always gotten along well with my fellow guards. And, until this recent incident – which was clearly beyond my control – have never allowed a prisoner to escape.

Since you have probably heard of the incident in question, but many false stories have put me and my fellow-guards in a bad light, allow me to share the account as it actually happened. First, I will admit I did not consider the assignment to be difficult. I have guarded many dangerous individuals, but never something so unlikely as a dead body. The unlikeliness of any danger did not lead us to carelessness, though, in spite of stories that have circulated to that effect. Neither I nor my cohorts drank on the job. None of us slept while on duty. We were not frightened off by a ragtag collection of fishermen and tax collectors. Stories that make such claims do not take into account our training, nor the seriousness such charges would bear to a Roman Legionnaire. We are well-disciplined and



take pride in our work.

My unit was assigned to this duty part-way through the Seventh day, and we worked in 12 hour shifts. I was assigned to the second shift, which was about mid-way through when the Event took place. About the time the sun was rising, the earth shook, breaking the governor's seal and rolling the stone away from the mouth of the cave

tomb. I understand how unlikely this sounds, but it is easier to explain than what came next. When the earth shook, the entire guard was knocked to the ground. Something compelled me to look at the cave. Even as the stone moved, I was taken with a sense of complete terror, such as I who am a combat veteran have never felt in even the most desperate battle. Even when the ground stopped shaking, I could not. My body twitched convulsively, but my eyes didn't move, locked on the opening of the cave. Light streamed out of the opening. Where it came from, I cannot say. It is impossible that someone went in, as I had not even blinked and could not have missed it.

Women's feet moved by me from behind. I heard them speaking and a man's voice, rich and powerful such as I have never heard answered with the words, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying." I could see the feet and lower part of two women enter the tomb. I tried to look at the man who had been speaking, but the terror upon me was too great; I could not lift my eyes that far. The voice continued, "Go quickly and tell His disciples that

Photo of the Month



Three tables deep, both sides of tables, 67 kids, one Banana Split—well, okay, it was three banana splits, two were 20 feet long, one was 10. And it may not be the most important fact—but none was left over! More details in the Awana article on p. 5.

He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you." Every word is just as he spoke it – I will never forget one of them.

The women left, the light left, and the terror became less severe. Shakily, I climbed to my feet, and noticed my companions doing the same. Unsure how to report events, but also knowing there was no further reason to guard this tomb, we decided to report first to the Jewish priests. These men actually gave us a bonus; but when we returned to our barracks, we were let go.

Having read my account, I trust you will understand that it was beyond my power to keep this body in the tomb. And technically, I did not fail in my duty. I was assigned to prevent anyone from stealing the dead body, not to prevent it from escaping.

Aside from this one incident, my record is spotless. Please consider me a good option for employment.

Sincerely, Claudius Muddisimus.

p.s. Regretfully, I am unable to work the graveyard shift.

Second Résumé, dated sometime in the near future:

Resumé of M. T. Greenes

Position Sought: Cemetery Groundskeeper
Previous Employer: Peaceful Acres Cemetery
Years of Employment: 14

Dear Sirs;

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Reading Corner

Welcome to the Reading Corner. I've been doing an inventory of the books in our library. Going through the fiction section, I realized that we have many great series that aren't complete yet. I started purchasing books to do that, with The Gresham Chronicles by Lawana Blackwell. These three books are set in the "quaint dairy village" of Gresham, England, where we follow along as widowed Julia Hollister starts a new life. Love is in the air in the second book, "The Courtship of the Vicar's Daughter," with four exciting stories of bumbling affection. And the third book, "The Dowry of Miss Lydia Clark" focuses on the reserved schoolmistress of Gresham. Mrs. Blackwell wrote another series called "The Tales of London" that take place around the same time. And she ties the two series together with "The Jewel of Gresham Green." Trinity has a great supply of fiction books. As spring break approaches, please visit us for some fun, intrigue, love and loss; and curl up with a good book. If you have recommendations for additional purchases, please come see me.



Heart Talk

by Mark Smith

Good Friday and Easter Sunday make fine traveling companions, especially this time of year.

Good Friday is the day commemorating Christ's death on the cross. Easter Sunday is our celebration of His resurrection

from the dead. The latter needs the former to have the complete story.

You can't have a resurrection without a death first.

In his classic statement about what constitutes the essential message of the gospel, the apostle Paul writes, "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures ..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Christ's death and resurrection travel together.

When Paul explains what we need to believe in order to be saved, he says this: "If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

Christ's death and resurrection travel together. He was crucified in our place, as our substitute, to pay the penalty God imposed for man's rebellion. But then God raised Jesus from the dead to show He was satisfied with His Son's work on that cross, allowing us to experience our own resurrection in the future to come.

In the apostles' preaching as recorded in the Book of Acts, Christ's resurrection was an essential ingredient of the message. Sometimes it seems that the speaker was impatient, handling the obligatory "death of Christ" element as quickly as possible in order to get to the proclamation of His resurrection.

Just one example of this – Listen to Peter in Acts 2:22-41, as he introduces the crowd on Pentecost to Jesus of Nazareth, "whom you put to death by nailing Him to the cross. But God raised Him from the dead,

freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him." Then he devotes the balance of his sermon to the Old Testament background for the resurrection and the historical fact that "God has raised this Jesus to life and we are all witnesses of the fact."

The traveling companions (Good Friday and Easter) brought about 3,000 souls into God's family and kingdom that day.

As Paul explained basic Christianity to the Roman saints, he handles a foundational truth of the Christian life: that God sees us "in Christ." What's true of Christ is and will be true of us, because we've been united with Him in both His death and resurrection.

"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism (an identification) into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection" (Romans 6:4-5).

And the application to our daily life? "Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). "Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness" (Romans 6:13).

In other words, we "die to self" in order to "live for God" in the supernatural power the Holy Spirit provides. Again, Good Friday and Easter travel together, not just for this time of year, but daily throughout the remaining years of our lives on the planet. And then, we'll die physically, transferring from this venue into the uninterrupted resurrection life Christ secured for us through His death and the empty tomb!



Wells and Churches are springing up in India

Dear brother in Christ Steve McLachlan,

Loving greetings from India in the most blessed name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May this letter find you all in peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Thank you so much for your prayers and continual support. My special thanks to all the saints there at Trinity Bible Fellowship who has been involved with our ministry.

I am sharing again how and what the Lord did through me and through Christian Faith ministries. The Lord enable to me to build 3 different Churches in this new year. On 7th February 2017 at Badaripeta village I dedicated a Church. Brother K. Ramulu is working there. And on 6th March I dedicated another Church at Munagapaka village. And brother Zachariaiah is working. And now on 16th March 2017 I am going to dedicate my third Church at A Koduru village. All these things are happening because you people are praying and helping. I still have two other Churches under construction, need funds to complete. Kindly pray for these Churches too. Thank you so much.

If God willing on 16th of March evening after that Church opening I am going to dedicate a water well at a village called V P Rega. This village has 7000 people but no fresh water. The Lord convinced me to help this village I was able to drill this well. I Thank God for His grace.

I have a special request for Meliaputti tribal village that we had visited on 14th February for our reach. Ever since the need of drinking water of that village is giving me trouble. I must do some thing for this innocent people. Please pray for that tribal village water well, because they do not have any drinking water. Please help me to help those hopeless people. May the Lord bless you.

Yours at His service,
Daniel Chittumuri



Missionaries of the Month:
Randy & Lynne Anderson

Randy & Lynne—who were among the founding members of Trinity Bible Fellowship—are serving in North Idaho with InFaith.

Currently Randy is serving as pastor at Blanchard Community Church, where he says things are going well. The church has recently sponsored an after school club for kids that meets once a week. Randy told me he is currently telling the kids the story of Sunday School Charlie at Shadow Mountain—which is what I'm doing with the Sparks at Awana! Five kids have accepted Christ and two families have joined the church since they've begun the program. The church also has Bible studies and a monthly men's breakfast.

Randy also leads home Bible studies, and is currently teaching on the 'ologies,' basic doctrines of the Bible.

Lynne has the big news—She's going to Africa! Daughter Ashley Peterson and her husband Dave serve as missionaries in Congo with Missionary Aviation Fellowship. When Dave's home church in Illinois asked what they could do for her, she said, "I want my Mother!" and they are buying the tickets! Plans are to go in October.

Keep Randy, Lynne, and the Church at Blanchard in your prayers.



(Last month, we read how the Hamms are doing in Israel. Here is what is happening in Cameroon in their absence)

Cameroon

You may remember that we have been praying for two topics related to the translation team – that Pastor Clifford could be transferred back to Bafanji, and that God would heal the wife of Moses, another translator living in Bafanji. God is good and has answered both requests! The day we started studying in Jerusalem we heard that Pastor Clifford was being transferred as the main pastor in Bafanji. We were so thrilled to hear that. And later, we got news that after all the chemo and then radiation, Moses' wife Adeline has been cleared from cancer and feels and looks great! A number of you have donated to help pay for the

Meanwhile, In Cameroon

cancer treatments. They are so very grateful for your gifts and support during that challenging time.

The Bafanji translation team has been moving ahead with drafting Acts and is testing out a strategy of adapting a translation from Bambalang, a neighboring language where Pastor Clifford has been pastoring the last four years. The languages are closely related, and he can understand the language quite well. He listens to a recording of a Bible portion in Bambalang and makes a draft translation in Bafanji. Because of cultural and grammatical similarities, he can create a draft translation quite quickly. Then the team gets together to edit and check the translation. Soon our consultant, Greg Beyer, will check and see if this is a strategy that they can continue to use in order to speed up the translation process. So far they have done this with five epistles. If it gets the go-ahead, they could draft the rest of the New Testament in Bafanji in two years or less. It will still need to go through all the normal checks, but it would be a great encouragement to everyone to see faster progress.

The team now has the video projection equipment to be showing the Luke

video in the village on a regular basis. They have showed it in many parts of the village, and it was very well received. We believe that this is a wonderful evangelism and discipleship tool as we now have pastors and mature Christians to counsel new believers and those that will respond to the salvation message.

The political situation in our part of Cameroon has become very tense in recent months. The situation in the North West and South West Regions continues to be a great concern for Cameroon. Most schools have been closed since November 2016. Many businesses are closed on certain days. Since January 18, 2017, there is no Internet in these two regions. This means that digital communications are limited to cell service. All SIL staff are safe and accounted for.

Please pray for the swift resolution of this situation and for the safety and well-being of all the Cameroonians and expatriates living and working in these areas. Pray that Christians would be united in prayer.



Elders Report

(3/7/17)

Present: Jeremy Eaton, Mike Anderson, Dion Ricketts, Steve McLachlan

Pastor's Report

- Vicente Reyna's building project was discussed. It was decided that an offering would be taken.

by Jeremy Eaton

- The Awana leaders had an encouraging meeting.
- VBS is being planned for June 19-23
- John Doyle and Becky Oehlwein are starting a Sunday School class for Middle Schoolers.
- Steve announced his resignation from the Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp board.
- Steve and others are planning to help install windows at CLBC on May 5th.
- Steve is planning a new Bible study about Bible ABCs.

Youth Ministries Report

- Youth Leadership training is on hold for now.
- The Rock and Worship Road Show happened on March 19th.
- Dillon Holbrook and Katarina Knittel are each planning a missions trip this summer.

New Business

- We discussed possibly sponsoring a billboard in our community, supporting a worthy cause.
- The Men's Rendezvous is in early planning stages and is tentatively set for June 16-18.

Next Meeting: April 4, 6 pm

Easter at Trinity Bible Fellowship

Good Friday service: 7 pm on Friday, April 14th. Communion will be observed.

Easter Sunrise Service: 7 am at the Davenport city park; put on jointly with the Presbyterian and Harvest Celebration churches. Coffee, hot chocolate, and pastries will be provided.

Easter Day Service: Sunday School and Worship Service on are at regular times.



Church Funds	
2/28/17	
Benevolence Fund	\$ 2,221.87
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	1,265.30
Asia Trip	4,777.92
General Fund	36,331.18
Total	46,696.27
Building Fund	\$235,931.11
Overall Total	\$282,627.38

Spring Cleaning



Mark it down! April 15th is Spring Cleaning day at TBF. Whether you prefer to work indoors or outdoors, if you prefer cleaning, maintenance, or repairs, there is work for you. Help our church put on its Sunday Best for Easter.

Pay attention to the Trustees on Sunday morning for more information.



Christian ABCs for Adults

This is the Bible Study for everyone who feels inadequate for most Bible studies. Session One is about the Bible: What it is, how it is arranged and why, who wrote it, how to find your way around it, and more. You will be surprised to find out how easy this is once the mystery is removed.

The class will consist of 8 one-hour sessions. It has finally been decided that we will meet on Sunday evenings at 7, and will be held in the new addition at church. Classes begin on April 9th. Contact Pastor Steve if you are interested.

Jessica's Home!

Greet Jessica and Chloe at an Open House at the Boleneus' farm on April 23rd, 1:30—5 pm.

Ladies, you're invited to a Baby shower on April 29th at the Church at 2 pm.



Get Comfortable

That's good advice, but I think sometimes—maybe *most* times, we take it the wrong way. When I think of getting comfortable images of a warm room, a tipped-back recliner, and a yummy snack (ice-cream with lots of chocolate toppings for me thank you!), all come to mind. I don't think there's anything wrong with any of the that—in moderation! But if you're like me, when you get *too* comfortable, things begin to slip...down a very slippery slope. Before I know it, my to-do-list has become encyclopedic, my family and friends are becoming acquaintances and worst of all... my walk with God acquires a distinctive limp. Maybe that's why when I'm working with the youth I rarely try to make them comfortable. Instead I like to ask them hard questions, like; have you read your Bible today, are you following God's commandments and what are you doing about the people in your life who aren't saved. Those are hard questions, but I'm not worried about how they'll handle *uncomfortable* topics. They've proven over and over again that they can handle them. In fact they truly inspire me week after week. But they also pay me back sometimes—let me elaborate.

All of us have lists, formal or informal, of the things we like and dislike. At the very top of *my* likes list is being involved in something that pleases the Lord. There's a tie for the things I dislike (*HATE!*), and anyone who knows me well can attest to

these. *Crowds* and *noise* are the most detestable things on earth for me. So naturally the Youth Group decided they wanted to attend a rock concert for our March Big Event. I blinked a half dozen times, swallowed hard, and put on a false smile as I nodded agreement. Since the top items on *both* of my lists had decided to link arms, I realized it was time for me to 'get comfortable'.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

There was no way that *I* was going to make myself comfortable at the "Rock and Worship Roadshow," that would take a miracle! But you know what...I think I got one. *Because* I prayed fervently that our outing would be a blessed time for all (I know there were many others doing the same...especially for a guy named Mike)... AND IT WAS SO! AMEN. Amazingly, I think I had more fun than anyone. God is good...*He* comforted me beyond my wildest dreams...without me even having to wear earplugs! So the next time someone invites you to get comfortable—or *uncomfortable*, take them up on it. Seek the Lord!

(P.S. Our **April Big Event** is another concert. This seems odd to type...*I can't wait!*)

May God bless you and yours.

Youth Stuff

How to Lead a Child to Christ (Or anyone else, for that matter)

Probably, the thing to start with, is don't be afraid. For some reason—probably the devil—we seem to be afraid to seal the deal, so we dance all around it, but never get to the point. This leaves a child unsure, and will leave him somewhere short of making that decision for Christ. How do you overcome that fear? Before you pray for the child, pray for yourself. Then mover forward.

Some people start with God's love and wonderful plan for their lives. Feel free to share that if you'd like. The necessary prelude for salvation is lost-ness, is sin. Some children refuse to admit they have sinned. Don't force the issue, they're not ready.

If they will admit sin, the next thing is to explain is sin must be punished. This isn't a hard point to make; children have no problem understanding crime and punishment; it's only us adults that get confused on that issue. Usually, you

Teachers **C**orner

don't want to talk about hell; just saying 'can't go to heaven' is adequate.

The idea someone else had to pay for their sins isn't hard for them, either. That's how their life works already.

Jesus is perfect, He is the Son of God, and He is the only one who could pay. When He died on the cross, that was Him being punished for their sins. This is the simple Gospel truth that even a child can understand.

If they want to, now you can lead them in prayer, asking Jesus to be their Savior. Don't worry if the same kids want to do this repeatedly. Jesus is not offended, and we shouldn't be either.

God made the Gospel simple; the only hard part is getting ourselves to share it.



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ON OUR ISLAND, EVERY SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

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Awana

What fun! Fifty Feet of Banana Split, and the kids went through it as easy as kids through ice cream. 7 1/2 gallons of ice cream, 2 bunches of bananas, 9 bottles of topping, 4 cans of whip cream, and 67 kids—Oops! Now you know our secret recipe! If you missed it, don't despair; we plan a repeat next year.

Special Nights in April

April 5	No Awana—Spring Break
April 12	Wild hair Night
April 19	Wacky Socks Night
April 26	Awards Night

It's hard to believe this year is ending already, but here we are. Hang in there, kids, and keep up the good work, We want to push on to the very end and finish well.

Missionary of the Month:

Randy & Lynne Anderson
Serving North Idaho



April 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Coffee Fellowship after church Youth Group 6:30 pm Marie Plasencia Clay Sterner	3 Craft Night 6 pm Mike Cronrath	4 Elders Meeting 6 pm Marcia Smith	5	6	7	8 Teen Youth Leadership Retreat @ CLBC April 7-8
Spring Break—April 3—7 No Awana or BSF						
9 Youth Group 6:30 pm Bible ABC's 7 pm Jim & Sandy Buchanan	10 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Workout 9 am Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Gideon Downing Maria Reyna	11 Debbie Anderson (Terry) Al & Debbie Anderson	12 Awana 6 pm Wild Hair Night	13 Ladies Workout 8:30 am BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study /Ladies Prayer 6:30 pm Quarterly Board Meeting 6:30	14 Good Friday Service 7 pm 	15 Church Clean-up Day 
16 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7 am Worship Service 10:30 am David Fitzpatrick	17 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Workout 9 am Terry Anderson	18	19 Awana 6 pm Wacky Sock Night	20 Ladies Workout 8:30 am BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study /Ladies Prayer 6:30 pm Quarterly Board Meeting 6:30 Janice Emery	21	22 Samuel Choate
23 Welcome Home/Open House at Boleneus' for Jessica and Chloe 1:30—5 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm ABC Bible Study 7 pm	24 Men's Coffee 8:30 am Ladies Workout 9 am	25 Steve Plasencia Lori Rieth	26 Awana 6 pm Awards Night Steve & Debbie Beckstrom Robert & Cindy McDowall	27 Ladies Workout 8:30 am BSF 9:30 am Men's Bible Study /Ladies Prayer 6:30 pm Quarterly Board Meeting 6:30	28 Women's Retreat @ CLBC April 28-30	29 Baby Shower for Jessica & Chloe 2 pm
30 Testimony Sunday Communion/Benevolence Offering Bible ABC's 7 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm						