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Little Characters with Big Lessons The Tenth Leper

Ten men were afflicted with leprosy. Ten men saw Jesus passing by on the road. All ten cried out, “*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*” And Jesus healed ten men. November being the month of Thanksgiving, I thought I’d use the occasion to write about them.



Let’s start with the fact that they had leprosy. Leprosy, as we know it today, also called ‘Hansen’s Disease.’ It comes in two forms, tuberculoid, which is less severe and usually temporary, and lepromatous, which can result in deformities and death. Both start with discoloration of a patch of skin, which becomes white or pink and often loses sensation. Today there are medicines to treat Hansen’s Disease.

In Israel, though, leprosy was more than a disease. It was symbolic of sin, and considered a stigma. Even though there are many diseases far more contagious than leprosy, those with the disease were sent outside the camp. Even Miriam, Moses’ sister, who God struck with leprosy for speaking against Moses, was forced to live outside the camp for a week (Numbers 12:9-15). The Old Testament Law had much to say about leprosy; Leviticus Chapters 13 & 14 deal with it extensively. (Good news for you bald guys, by the way. Leviticus 13:40

says you are clean.) I’ll summarize the part that is relevant to our story. A person with leprosy was required to live in isolation until he was declared clean by a priest.

So, in Luke 17, we find these ten men, united by the disease they share, living in no-man’s land, between Samaria and Galilee. When they see Jesus, they call out from a distance because they’re not allowed to get close, “*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*”

It’s easy to read too much into minor details, but sometimes minor details say a lot. They raised their voices, presumably because they were at a distance. There’s no indication Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd at this time. But when Jesus answers, He doesn’t cry out, He just speaks. “*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*” I think Jesus did not keep His distance and shout back at them; I think He walked up to them and spoke in a normal voice.

“Mercy!” is not just the leper’s cry, but the sinner’s as well. Mercy is what the person asks for who has nothing to offer in return. When an honest person walks into the grocery store, he does not ask for mercy, but for a good price. Or he might go to a yard sale and bargain, trying to get a better deal, but he still expects to pay for what he gets. A thief might go the store or a yard sale and try to get something for nothing without

Photo of the Month



“Our mission is to proclaim the Word of God, leading people to a saving faith and a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.”

A typical turnout for Monday Night Football—though we lost those with Youth Leadership that night. It was a bad night for the Detroit Lions, but great for Walt Sweetser, who is 7-1 on Monday night picks so far.

permission. But an honest person who wants something he cannot pay for must ask for mercy. Mercy is favor. Mercy is when something of value is given, receiving nothing in return. The leper and the sinner have no option but an honest plea for mercy.

Having received mercy, these men immediately ran to do as instructed; that's easy to understand. Family, friends, loved ones – they get to return to life! How long would it take you to find a priest? But one of them, apparently the only 'foreigner,' suddenly stops. It is evident he had taken off with the others, since Luke says he turned back. He wouldn't have to turn back unless he had been heading away. But as he was headed to see the priest, he was stopped by the realization he had something more important to do first. And glorifying God, he turned back, fell on his face at Jesus' feet, and gave Him thanks.

Jesus responded with a question – addressed to whom I do not know – “*Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine – where are they?*” Then He followed with another question: “*Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?*”

That word 'foreigner' catches my attention. It's not the usual word to describe a Samaritan. Samaritan is the usual word to describe a Samaritan. I think Jesus uses this word intentionally to establish a different distinction than we usually make between Jews and Samaritans. I

think He is saying, “The nine who are God's people, where are they? The only one who came back is not one of God's people.” The Greek word translated 'foreigner' literally means 'other people.' God's people ran off excited for their healing; but this man who was not one of God's people returned to God in praise.

Having asked His questions which are asked, apparently, for our benefit, Jesus turns His attention to the grateful man. “*Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.*”

What? I thought he had already been made well. Isn't that why he turned back to praise Jesus? I don't get it! That doesn't make sense unless.... Perhaps there was more to being healed than getting rid of leprosy. And perhaps the only one who received that greater healing is the one who returned to Jesus with praise and thanksgiving.

If you have not received mercy; you do not need to be thankful. You paid for what you got and it was a fair transaction. But if you have been given what you could never have paid for, then thanks and praise are your only appropriate responses. And if you give those things, you will find greater blessing still.

Pastor Daniel Visits TBF!

Hopefully you are already aware of Pastor Daniel's impending visit; but just in case, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 4th, and be in church!

His name is Daniel Chittumuri, he signs his letters as Ch. Daniel, and we call him “Pastor Daniel.” He pastors a large and thriving church in Visakhapatnam, India (east coast), administers and teaches a Bible College for training pastors, leads an orphanage and children's school, and

directs ministries to lepers, seniors, and widows. In addition to this, he is a truly dynamic speaker. You will be blessed if you are here to hear him speak.

A special offering will be taken to support his ministry.

Pastor Daniel's Sundays are full, but if you know of a church or group he could meet some other time, please contact Pastor Steve.

It's time to make our new Church Directories

Do we have accurate information about you? During the month of November we try to collect and correct our phone numbers, addresses, and other information (including spelling and new family members) so that when we get new pictures after Photo Sunday, we are ready to publish the new directories.

Anyone who attends and considers tbf their home church is urged to be in the directory.



Heart Talk

by Mark Smith

“Intentional Christians” know and are assured of their destiny!

They know they have a future home in heaven. Not only is it possible to know this, it is a necessity in order to live a fulfilled and spiritually profitable

Christian life while we wait expectedly for our full destiny to be realized.

Our sister in the Lord, Judy Crowell, is now experiencing her faith in reality. Her life, especially as she knew death was imminent, reflected in a very special way this assurance that she was going to be with the Lord! And how she lived mirrored this assurance, as she was devoted to Jesus Christ!

The Scriptures indicate we can know for sure where we're going. John writes that those who believe in the name of the Son of God “may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:11-13). We also have the presence of the Holy Spirit on the inside, assuring us that we are His own (see Romans 8:16, 1 John 4:13 and Colossians 1:27).

We need only to look at our own lives to see the evidence that we are truly saved. Since believing on Christ, have you had a new awareness of right and wrong (John 16:8; 1 John 3:19-24)? Is there a desire to obey God (2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 John 2:3-6, John 14:15)? Do you hunger for God's Word (1 Peter 2:2-3)? Have you experienced increased testing or hardship (2 Timothy 3:12) –

yes, that is evidence that you are one of God's children! Do you have love for other Christians and want to be with them (John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:14 and 4:11-12, Hebrews 10:22-25)? Do you desire to tell others about Jesus, what He did for you on the cross and what He means to you now (1 Peter 3:15-16)?

Knowing where we're going determines how we behave in the present (2 Corinthians 5:9-10, Titus 2:11-14, 1 John 3:2-3). Being certain of our eternal destiny will motivate us to growth in Christ and service for Him and to others.

The intentional Christian also will be able to recognize of his/her level of spiritual growth and be striving to grow all the more. John (in 1 John 2:12-17) sets up a measuring chart, like the one your mother may have had on a wall or door to chart how tall you were getting), to demonstrate the stages of maturity in the Lord.

Taking a “family” metaphor, John begins with “little children,” moves on to “young men” and concludes with “fathers” (mature ones) on his growth chart. As in our lives on the earth, we grow from total dependence upon others for nurture and care to having the ability (and responsibility) to care for ourselves (independence). True maturity, however, adds the element of interdependence, providing care and nurture to those “little children” in the faith we all once were!



What exactly do you do?

It seems that I (Tim) have been asked this question a lot recently. I usually respond with, "It's complicated," but I am realizing that apart from work at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp, many people are unaware of our year-round ministry. This past June marked three years of full-time ministry for us. In short, our ministry is to fulfill the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matt. 28:19-20). God has called us to devote our lives to making disciples as a career. Thus, I devote my entire workday to making disciples. This is accomplished through many avenues:

- Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp Program Director: During June, July, and August, I work directly with the general staff (mostly ages 13-18) as they lead cabins, wash dishes, and minister to the campers. This also includes the planning and preparation of all camp activities and events-work that is spread throughout the entire year.
- Youth Leadership Director: Youth Leadership is the discipleship program that partners with CLBC to disciple and train the summer staff. I will be teaching four of these groups for the next eight months: in Sandpoint, Cocolalla, Blanchard, and Spokane, as well as working with students via correspondence. Over the past three years, the Youth Leadership program has doubled in size, and thus visiting groups and resourcing leaders requires additional attention throughout the year.
- One-on-one Discipleship: God puts people in our lives who have a desire to grow closer to God, and can benefit greatly from one-on-one discipleship.

This entails meeting weekly or monthly to study scripture and encourage one another. I hope to maintain at least four one-on-one discipleships during the school year.

- Launch Pad: This is the newest addition to our ministry. In partnership with Launch Pad Ministries (launchexperience.org), I am teaching a release-time Bible class at Sandpoint High School. Students go to this class for first period every other day (block scheduling). I am on the teaching team for this class, teaching once a week during the school year.
- Preaching: Working with CLBC connects us with many churches. I am privileged to minister to these churches by filling the pulpit on occasion. On average, I preach once per month.



While the "upfront" aspect of our ministry is primarily done by me (Tim), Teresa plays a crucial role. She is a supportive wife, maintaining our home, traveling with me, encouraging the young ladies we encounter, and assisting me in countless other ways. She is not working full time this year, and thus is devoting time to volunteering, both in schools and at our local crisis pregnancy center.

This ministry year is looking both busy and exciting! Please pray that we would be faithful to God and His Word this year. You can play a vital part in our ministry, and we want you to consider joining our team.

Tim & Teresa Karr, Fall Newsletter (used by permission)

And What Exactly do Randy & Margo do?

Randy & Margo (and Tristan) will be visiting us on Sunday, November 25th, and sharing



their ministry during the morning Worship Service. But they'd like to do more than that! Anyone interested—and especially their supporters—is invited to join them for a special meeting on Saturday evening at the church, beginning at 6 pm.

If you've been following them, their ministry hasn't changed (reaching Muslims with the message of Jesus Christ), but their organization(s) have. They have been associated with Frontiers, Salaam, Baptist General Conference of Canada and the Canadian Network of Ministries to Muslims, and we send their support check to Converge Worldwide. Don't forget the Shalom House. Like some clarity? Come join us!

Praying and Praising with the Hamms

Praise the Lord!

* Cam and two other teachers are ready for the Verb workshop starting Monday (Oct 22). Cam printed stories for six languages that will be used to understand how their languages work. Collecting, transcribing, and translating these local stories (into English) has been a big part of Cam's work over the last year. We look forward to seeing them put to good use!

* Bible translators from four new languages (Bafanji, Bamukumbit, Bamali, and Bamessing) are approaching completion of their training. They have come faithfully to workshops with their homework complete. December will be the last training session before they begin to go systematically through the Gospel of Luke.

* Pastor Clifford's wife, Chantal, seems to be fully recovered from Typhoid. Also, his motorcycle is on the road again after replacing the

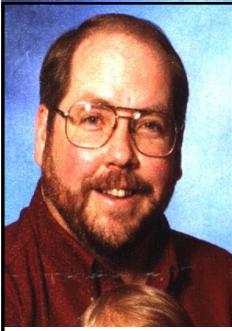


front tire, and his computer is now virus-free!

* After a difficult pregnancy, our Bafanji neighbor and close friend, Rose, had a healthy baby boy on Sept 21. His name is Success. Rose is also doing well.

* Our family is in good health: body, spirit, and mind. Saturday, we enjoyed the first swim of dry season. It's just been too cool during rainy season. (70F just isn't warm enough :) We are thankful for two hotels in Bamenda that have pools (outdoor and unheated, but generally clean.)

Cam and Valerie Hamm, in Cameroon with Noah, Ellie, and Jojo.



by Richard Hayes

Elders Report

Date October 13, 2012

Intercessory Prayer:

Attendance: Steve McLachlan, Knute Hernas, Richard Hayes, Mark Smith

Pastor's report:

- Preparation for Judy's memorial service on Saturday
- Preparations for Annual Business meeting. Get reports from all groups and individuals.

- Youth Service December 16th.
- Discussed change to Sunday School Superintendent term to 3 years. Elders decided to leave term at one year.
- TBF Institute begins Sunday evening. Steve and Mark are looking forward to the classes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sue made the first transfer from the general fund to the building fund. \$11,974.44 was transferred from the general fund to the building fund. General fund balance now \$20,000.

Old Business:

- As stated above Elders decided to leave term of S.S.S. at one year.

New Business:

- Annual membership review completed.
- Steve suggested Elders prepare an annual job review for the pastors. Mark will look for sample reviews for Elders to discuss.
- Elders discussed possible change back to two services. Advanced preparations for the change will be started soon.
- Discussion of Mission Committee recommendations. A recommendation of an increase of \$15 per month per missionary. This will be part of the next budget recommendation.
- Discussed a one-time donation of \$1,000.00 to Clifford Abell for his training. This will be part of the budget recommendation. (The current scholarship program language does not match Clifford's current training.)

The next meeting was not scheduled but will be prior to the Annual meeting and will review the budget and Pastors compensation and benefits.

Church Funds

9/30/12

Benevolence Fund	1,096.82
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	640.00
Scholarship	200.00
<u>General Fund*</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	\$24,036.82

Building Fund \$172,876.38

Overall Total \$186,977.19

*\$11,974.44 was transferred from General Fund to Building Fund.

Church Family Photos!

On Nov 24-25, Denise Hayes (Magic Moments Photography) will take photos for our Friendship Wall and Church Directory. It now takes too long to do this easily after church, so Denise will also take photos Saturday afternoon. Look for a sign-up at church to schedule your photo shoot!

As always, photos for the wall are free. If you would like to order copies for yourself, you can arrange that with Denise.

Annual Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting and pot-luck is set for Sunday, Nov. 18th, after church. At the meeting we will hear reports, vote on our officers and budget, and conduct any other business that comes up. Nominees are:

Elder: Mike Anderson

Trustee: Dave Fitzpatrick

John Regan

Deaconess: Debbie Boleneus

Treasurer: Sue Judd

Secretary: Wanda Bowman

SS. Superintendent: Josh McLachlan

Missions Committee: Laurie Anderson, Joan McLachlan, Cay Payne, Paul Scott, Sarah Sweetser, Joan Wintersteen.

Operation Christmas Child!

We still need items like...toothbrushes, toothpaste, candy, socks, gloves, hats, balls, matchbox cars. Things that are practical, like hygiene items, although we have plenty of soap for 100 boxes. Clothing would be good too.



Shoobox Packing Party, Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 am.

Children's Christmas Program

The program is set for Dec. 16th, and practice has begun! We could use more help though—we are in need of 1 or 2 narrators, help with costumes and decorations, and a birthday cake. Contact Carol Horner or Joan McLachlan if you can help.

We have practice CDs available for parents to sign out. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec 15, at 10 am.



Josh Cooper

Youth Stuff

In 1992, famous American yachtsman Michael Plant started a solo crossing of the North Atlantic from America to France. His family and friends gave him an enthusiastic farewell as he launched on a fall morning. They had no reason for concern. Plant had made this journey several times before. He was a world-renowned sailing expert. Coyote, his \$650,000 state-of-the-art sailboat, even had a new 400-megahertz emergency GPS radio. Four short bursts from the radio would bring rescue. But of course, no one thought that would ever be necessary.

However, 11 days into the trip, trackers on the ground lost contact with him. At first they weren't concerned because they knew he was busy navigating storms in the area. Besides, he sent no S.O.S. signal.

But 12 hours later, crews began searching for him. After 21 days, they found the Coyote floating upside down, with Plant nowhere to be found. Days later, his body washed ashore. But the mystery of the tragedy's cause remained. Sailboats don't normally capsize, especially 60-foot ones. At last, investigators discovered Plant's one

tragic mistake: he didn't load enough ballast. The weight above the waterline was greater than the weight in the area beneath it. That simple reality had cost Plant his life.

As Christians, we may look like we have everything figured out. We may go to church every Sunday, pray before meals, read our Bible everyday, and look like we have everything figured out. But that may not be the case. It is the heart that God looks at, not the outside. 1 Samuel 16:7 says, *"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'"*

Upcoming Events

November 9th-10th —**Faith Builders Retreat** at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp.

November 18th—180° to go to **Sky High Sports**. We will meet at the church at 4:00 and be home at 8:30. We will jump on big trampolines and they will lead us through some awesome games, and we will have some pizza for dinner.



I expect this is the last of my newsletter contributions as your Sunday School superintendent, as I anticipate handing the role over to Josh McLachlan after the membership meeting later this month.

Let me take this opportunity to reflect on the past couple of years and express appreciation to those who, in cooperation with the Lord, really make the Sunday School and Children's Church ministries work here at TBF: The teachers.

God has certainly favored us with a strong staff of teachers in each grade level. Our children's classes are in very capable hands. Thanks to Joan McLachlan, Janice Emery, Leslea McLachlan (and Cay Payne), and Richard Hayes for their faithfulness, competence and devotion to our Lord and to His kids.

Our youth ministry thrives on Sunday mornings with Josh McLachlan and Josh Cooper at the helm of our junior and senior high kids, respectively. And our adult ministries, with four options available, are capably staffed by Pastor Steve (adults), Mike and Laurie Anderson ("college/career"), Annie Ricketts (women), and, dare I say it, myself (teaching Philippians in a "senior citizens" focused gathering at Dolores Anderson's home – thanks, Dolores, for your hospitality!).

Teachers Corner

The S.S. Superintendent also is responsible for each summer's vacation Bible school program and I must say thanks to those who have staffed all the varied positions and contributed to the fun but spiritually profitable experience we've had at VBS during the past two years. God blessed with record-setting participation as we enjoyed the "Circle of Friends Ranch" as cowboys in 2011 and set our goal to be "God's Champions" with a mini-sports camp theme coordinated with the Christian's spiritual armor this past summer. I very much enjoyed being "P.R." (short for "Public Relations," since I couldn't believably masquerade as either a cowboy or an athlete!) – even while at the elementary school taking photos for the paper, I still get greeted by some kids as "P.R.!"

■ On another note, TBF Institute is now up and running with an enthusiastic group of learners in both classes being offered between now and the first Sunday in April. It's not too late to get in on the experience. Both classes have met only once as of this writing, with nine more sessions to go for each. See me or Pastor Steve for more information.



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MUST BE FOOTBALL SEASON

Awana

Special Nights:

November 7th:	Patriots Night
November 14th:	Canned Food Night
November 21st:	No Awana
November 28th:	Cowboy Night

On the 14th, we practice Thanksgiving by giving! All food gathered (it really doesn't have to be canned) will be taken to Care & Share to help our local people meet their needs.

Huge Amounts of Small People!

If it seems to you like there are more kids at Awana then there used to be, you're right! We are in our 25th year of Awana here at tbf, and we have more kids than ever before. The biggest group is T&T Girls, on one night there were 30 of them! But the group that has grown the most is the Cubbies—we've had as many as 22 of those little cuties!

It's a high-energy year—pray for God to work with every single child He brings our way.

Missionary of the Month: Randy & Margo Hoffmann

Serving Muslim Ministries

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November 2012

Women's Ministry Leader: Sandy Buchanan

Group Members: Sarah Sweetser

Marcia Smith

Julie Elledge

Lori Rieth



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 <p>November 4th!</p>				<p>1 Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm</p> <p><i>Teresa Karr</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Andrew Abell</i> <i>George Scharff</i> <i>Larry Skinner</i></p>
<p>4 Daylight Savings Time Ends Pastor Daniel Shares Coffee Fellowship Hermeneutics Class 5 pm 180° 6:30</p>	<p>5 Men's Coffee 8:30 am MNF</p>	<p>6 Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Allyson Morrison</i></p>	<p>7 Awana 6 pm Patriots Night Bible Study @ McLachlan's</p> <p><i>Leanne Wilson</i> <i>Robert & Debbie Boleneus</i></p>	<p>8 Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm</p>	<p>9 Elder's Meeting 3 pm</p> <p>Faith Builders Fall Retreat at CLBC</p>	<p>10 OCC Boxing Party 10 am</p>
<p>11 OCC Collections Theology Class 5 pm 180° 6:30</p>	<p>12 Men's Coffee 8:30 am MNF YL 7 pm</p> <p><i>Mark Smith</i> <i>Troy Tarbert</i></p>	<p>13 Young Married's Bible Study 6 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Awana 6 pm Canned Food Night Bible Study @ McLachlan's</p>	<p>15 Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Alan & Joanne Coriell</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>James Wilson</i> <i>Greg & Wanda Bowman</i></p>
<p>18 Annual Business Meeting/ Potluck after church</p> <p>180° Sky High Sports 4-8:30</p>	<p>19 Men's Coffee 8:30 am MNF</p> <p><i>Tim Karr</i></p>	<p>20 M & M's 6 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Steve & Marie Plasencia</i></p>	<p>21 NO Awana</p>	<p>22</p>  <p><i>Duane Oehlwein</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Family Photos 3—6 pm Meeting with Hoffmann's @ TBF 6 pm</p> <p><i>Josh Regan</i></p>
<p>25 Communion Hoffmann's Visit Family Photos after church 180° 6:30 <i>Matthew Andren</i> <i>Dion Ricketts</i></p>	<p>16 Men's Coffee 8:30 am MNF YL 7 pm</p> <p><i>Rod & Lori Rieth</i></p>	<p>27 Young Married's Bible Study 6 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Awana 6 pm Cowboy Night Bible Study @ McLachlan's</p> <p><i>Debbie Boleneus</i> <i>Wayne Lembcke</i></p>	<p>29 Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm</p> <p><i>Elizabeth Hamm</i></p>	<p>30</p>	