



## FROM THE PASTOR: FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST...

Mr. C.F. Moore passed away recently. He was 92 years old, and he had spent the last several years in an assisted living facility. His wife Margaret had died some years before, and he had various health issues. Even before he had serious ailments, he suffered with deafness. I never heard him complain about the music being too loud.

Every week you see something of Mr. Moore when you look up to the pulpit, since he is the one who made the cross that hangs on the wall over the choir area. He used to make small wooden crosses that he handed out to folks he met.



If you had met Mr. Moore in his old age, you might not have thought much about him. You would probably have been polite to him, held a door for him, but you wouldn't know what kind of man he was. Mr. & Mrs. Moore were members of Westminster Presbyterian Church when it owned our present building. He and his wife "came with the building." It was Mr. Moore who helped encourage Westminster to think about giving the building to New City.

Mr. Moore told me that he helped pay for this building twice, once when it was first built, and the second time when New City took it

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over and provided a Trust Fund for the retirement of Westminster's secretary and continuous support of their missionaries. New City had to raise \$300,000.00 for that Trust Fund before we could take possession of the building. In order to do that we had a capital campaign called "Possess the Land." Mr. & Mrs. Moore decided to become part of New City, and they also decided to give money toward the very Trust Fund that was paying our way into the building. That Trust Fund continues to give support to missionaries today, and when those missionaries have all passed away or left the ministry the money will be divided between Mission to the World and the mercy ministry of Mission to North America.

Some of you may not know how strongly some of those Westminster members felt about not welcoming black people into this building. Mr. Moore saw that happening; he saw the church tear down a playground and make it into a parking lot because they saw black children playing on it. He knew that wasn't right, and when the time came to

decide between helping a church which would and did include black folks to get a building, or holding out to make sure it went to a white congregation, he stood up.

There was resistance, and the folks who had strong racial feelings went to nursing homes to get proxy votes to prevail against New City coming in. After those votes were declared void, those folks took us to Presbytery, and after they lost there they took us to General Assembly. Finally, the issue was settled in our favor. Mr. Moore stood up when it counted, and although he was never loud, and never mean, he was sure and he was steady. He wasn't the only one, but he suffered the loss of some old friends when it happened.

Now, Mr. & Mrs. Moore were not liberals; they weren't even used to black folk being that close to them. Mrs. Moore would express surprise about how nice "that colored lady was" who sat next to them. Before our eyes we saw people who were really from a different generation and culture interact and come to

love folks who formerly had been strangers and aliens to them.

They were old when we came and grew older among us, and now they have passed. They lived their testimony; they loved Jesus. When I was deployed with the Army, they took my family out to eat and loved on them, and my children marveled at their sense of humor.

So what can an old man do, when he is no longer known by his career or vocation, and is not feared or respected because of his wealth? What can an old deaf man do whose only reputation is that he loves his wife and family, comes faithfully to church, and makes little crosses for children? Well, he can still stand up for what is right, and speak against what is wrong. He can take the risk of entering a new culture and learning to make new friends. He can see things change all around him, and instead of complaining, give glory to God. He did all that with dignity and calmness, and the power of it spoke loud and clear.

In case you didn't notice, we had a man among us.

**The Love Box Ministry for our soldiers needs donations.**

**There are only four boxes to fill. Each is small, so please send small items, and no heavy scents, as they permeate the entire box.**

**The most welcome gift you can give is a written note or card of appreciation.**



# HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY

*Hope for the Inner City is a Christian ministry in East Chattanooga that helps poor people in perpetual crisis become self-sufficient. By God's power and through your support, we are seeing lives changed and communities transformed. Meet some of those whose lives are being changed at [Hope4theInnercity.org/changedlives](http://Hope4theInnercity.org/changedlives).*

## Racial Reconciliation Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a family pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 26, 2011

- Eat delicious food with family fellowship.
- Celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ across racial lines.
- Pray for those seeking employment in troubled times.
- Support our job-readiness program for inner-city residents.

**When and Where:** Saturday, February 26, 9 to 11 a.m. at Hope for the Inner City (1800 Roanoke Ave., Chattanooga)

### Register Online or by Mail

Send \$15 per individual or \$150 per table of 10 to:

Hope for the Inner City

P.O. Box 11584

Chattanooga, TN 37401

## Jobs for Life

Do you know someone feeling hopeless without a decent-paying job? Jobs for Life, Hope for the Inner City's newly expanded job-readiness program, offers our urban neighbors the chance to escape chronic unemployment and feelings of hopelessness.

Jobs for Life is an eight-week, soft skills class that inspires, guides, and equips participants to find and keep steady employment, in an atmosphere that builds relationships and community.

If you can volunteer as a mentor, budget coach, guest speaker, or job provider, please contact Hope for the Inner City.



Hope for the Inner City / 1800 Roanoke Avenue PO Box 11584 Chattanooga TN 37401 / (423) 698-3178 / [www.hope4theInnercity.org](http://www.hope4theInnercity.org) / email: [info@hope4theInnercity.org](mailto:info@hope4theInnercity.org)

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# WEE ONES

New City Fellowship's Nursery Ministry to children 4 years of age and younger. Wee Ones exists to support the parents of young children so that they may be involved in the activities and events of the church. Wee Ones also seeks to involve the entire congregation in supporting parents by caring for the church's very young children and helping little ones know their God and His Son, Jesus Christ. For more information, contact Mackenzie Peck at 423.883.2902.

## February 6

8:30 a.m.

Mari Salter  
Bethany Lane  
Carol Tigar  
Laura Clark  
Jeff Clark (HM)

11:00 a.m.

Mary Zacharias  
Curt Zacharias  
Steve Austin  
Lynn Austin  
Karen Smith  
David Smith (HM)

## February 13

8:30 a.m.

Kathy Morris  
Kimberly Morris  
Lisa Morris  
Joey Morris  
Tim Morris (HM)

11:00 a.m.

Melony Stover  
Shirley Moon  
Shari Watson  
Kayla Underwood  
Jennifer Ross  
Andy Ross (HM)

## February 20

8:30 a.m.

Laura Love  
Marialice Hatch  
Elena Hatch  
Gretchen Castleberry  
Chris Castleberry (HM)

11:00 a.m.

Ashley McGarvey  
Darrell Benn  
Michelle Benn  
Vincent Howard  
Yukiko Howard  
James Goldsmith (HM)

## February 27

8:30 a.m.

Perseverance Bray  
Anna O'Neil  
David Wilkinson  
Juana Roberts  
Clint Roberts (HM)

11:00 a.m.

Daniel Dupree  
Kelsey Dupree  
Alicia Wilson  
Addis Alemayehu  
Kim McDonald  
Rich Huhn (HM)

## March 6

8:30 a.m.

Jen Waltermeyer  
Dave Waltermeyer  
Janice Heath  
Gregory Heath (HM)

11:00 a.m.

Xavier Cabezas  
Kara Cabezas  
Inza Hagins-Dyer  
Debby Boyd  
Rodney Boyd (HM)

We ask all members to serve on a nursery rotation (about 5 times a year). If your name is not on our schedule, please email [newcityweeones@gmail.com](mailto:newcityweeones@gmail.com) so we can add you. College Students who attend regularly are also asked to serve.

## 55+ MINISTRY

New City Senior Fellowship (55+) is having a Valentine Brunch on Saturday, February 12, from 10 to 12, in the fellowship hall. There will be special entertainment and surprises for all who attend.

Those with last names beginning with A-E bring breads; F-J bring fruit; K-S bring casseroles; and T-Z bring beverages. We will supply coffee and tea. Come and join in on the fun!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The women of NCF Glenwood and East Lake are invited to gather together Saturday, February 19th at Chili's on Brainerd Road (5637 Brainerd Road - near Eastgate Mall) at 5:30 p.m. We will eat together - meals start at \$5 for a bowl of chili and go up from there. After supper (around 7:15), we will return to the Fellowship Hall for a couple more hours of fun...we will be learning the "Thriller" dance! You are welcome to attend both parts of the evening or just one. Come alone or bring a friend, but make sure you wear comfortable shoes and clothing! Childcare is available for children 5 and under for the on-site part (second half) of the evening, beginning at 7:15.

Please RSVP with Laurie Gienapp (423-605-4857) so that we know how many tables to reserve at Chili's and how many rooms are needed for childcare.

# MISSIONARY UPDATE: GUY AND SUSAN RAINSFORD IN KENYA

Dear Friends,

As you probably know, voting for the Sudan Referendum has begun, and the nation is preparing. "There has never been, nor is there likely to be, a time in the history of Sudan like this. The culmination of the peace process is coming down to the vote: will South Sudan separate or remain part of a unified Sudan?" (SIM colleague)

Many around the world are praying, watching, & waiting. As a family we are particularly concerned & prayerful because of our daughter Rehema.

Here are some things for you to pray for concerning Sudan's Referendum.

- Pray that the results of the vote will be accepted by the Sudanese government and the international community.
- Pray that the religious liberty of all people will be respected and safeguarded.
- Pray for the rebuilding of infrastructure and social services post-referendum.
- Pray for spiritual renewal amongst believers in North & South Sudan.
- Pray against generational results of war, death, dislocation, losses.
- Pray for a spirit of forgiveness.
- Pray for an advance of the gospel in North & South Sudan.
- Pray for the Sudanese Church, which is wrestling with major issues like poverty and lack of trained leadership.
- Pray for peace and reconciliation.
- Pray against corruption.
- Pray against long-standing tribal conflicts.

Blessings to you all for standing in prayer with & for us.

- The Rainsford family



## February Is Black History Month at New City



A special weekend seminar on the History and Theology of the African American Church will be presented Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, by Dr. Carl Ellis. It will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday and continue Saturday at 9 a.m. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends to an informative and enlightening presentation that will demonstrate the impact the black church has had and continues to have on our nation. You can sign up on Sunday, February 13 or call the church office at 629-1421.

On Sunday, February 20 we will have our own New City "Choir Day" with special music and guests, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

# MISSIONARY UPDATE: GYVEN AND JULIET NABORS IN KENYA

Hello from Nairobi Kenya

Juliet and I would first like to apologize for the long gaps between our newsletters as well as lack of pictures. We had some technical difficulties with our camera, and we lost all the pictures we had taken. We also have had trouble with our internet access as well. We hope that this newsletter finds you well, and that your new year has been a good one so far.

In November we had little to no Thanksgiving since we were busy trying to finish the school semester at Nairobi International School of Theology. We spent the day writing term papers and finishing assignments. We were not able to have a meeting with the teens from New City Fellowship. We did not have enough money to pay for the van to pick up the kids.

In December school closed for Christmas break. New City Nairobi had a church picnic on the 12th. The church invited people who normally do not come to church. This included some Asian families and several IDPs (Internally Displaced People. They are displaced from the post-election violence in 2007/08).

I helped grill food and run some games. The church also had kids' Christmas program, and I helped recruit some teenagers to be involved in it.

The teens hosted a Christmas party where we had 5 new people participate. Three of these were Hindu girls who came with a girl who regularly attends. This was encouraging to us, since part of our outreach strategy is for the kids we work with to invite their non-Christian friends. One of the challenges this has presented is our snack time diet. Because we are doing ministry to teenagers from different religious backgrounds, we have to have many varieties of snacks. We've had to stretch our budget more and come up with creative snacks for everyone.

This semester we hope to increase our time with the kids as well as develop more programs and events. Last semester was dominated by our schooling, and we were not able to give as much time as we wanted to the ministry. We hope to dramatically change that this semester. Our home is not close to any of the people that we are ministering to, so Juliet and I rely on public transportation to get around. This would not be a problem if we lived somewhere more central, and all the kids we worked with lived in the same geographical area. But since we don't, and the kids are scattered all over Nairobi, we are not able to visit them. By the time we get out of school and get home it is already dark. It is not safe for us to travel around the city on public transportation after dark. Our current support level is not enough for us to afford to buy a vehicle.

Our plan is for me start taking classes in the evening so I have my days free to meet with the kids and with my superiors during the week. In order to accomplish this, we need to raise our support from \$600 a month to \$2,000 a month. This was our original target support level, but due to the economic climate and the rush to move before the wedding date, we were only able to raise a little more than quarter of it. In order for the ministry to grow and for us to achieve our goals, we need to get to this level.

We hope that you will pray with us that we will reach this goal, and that you may consider supporting us or advocating on our behalf for others to support us.

In Christ,  
Gyven and Juliet Nabors



# MISSIONARY UPDATE: PAUL AND LIZ MEINERS IN LONDON

Dear Praying Friends,

Paul and I are very grateful for all the generous gifts given to our support during the month of December. Thank you so much for keeping our support account healthy and therefore allowing us to continue on here in London.

We spent two weeks over the holidays in Kenya with our daughter, Rinnie and her family, who live there; Anna, who joined us from the States; and Meg, who came up from Tanzania for a week. We made new memories on top of old ones as we visited old haunts, saw old friends, and camped at a favorite spot on Lake Naivasha.

We are back in London, settling into work and routines. Paul has been invited to speak at a team retreat in Slovakia at the end of February, so he is beginning to prepare for that. They would like teaching but also time spent in prayer. He is also working on guidelines to help incorporate single missionaries on teams—a real felt need of our singles on the field. Maintaining the Europe Member Care Website is a priority of his, to keep fresh and useful information available to the missionaries.



We had our first English class today. We are very grateful for the 36 women who came. Six of them were new. We will begin our after class Bible reading next week, but were thrilled to have several of the ladies (one a Muslim, one a Buddhist) ask if we were starting it today.

I (Liz) like to pick a verse for the year, and below is what I've chosen for this year. We have experienced some sadness this year and have wondered what God is doing or why He isn't doing what we might expect. So I love how Peter expresses the hope of God's promise of heaven, "But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." The thought of my heavenly home brings the

hope I need during times when I am unsure of what God is doing.

I (Paul) have found a new verse as well. We are reading Jeremiah, and in 32:38-39 God says, "They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them." This reminds me of God's covenant commitment to us, and that only he can grant us the integrity to faithfully follow him, not just intellectually or verbally, but in the kind of action that grows out of reverence for Him. Some prayer points:

- Thank the Lord for His faithfulness in providing for our support needs.
- Thank the Lord for time in Kenya. We hadn't been back since 2003.
- Pray for Paul and his responsibilities within MTW Europe.
- Pray for my ESL class and women to come to know the love of the Lord Jesus.
- Pray that we might trust in God's righteousness and power.



With grateful hearts as we begin another year in here London,  
Liz and Paul Meiners (<http://paulandlizm.blogspot.com>)



*Solutions for Disaster Response, Missions, and International Connections.*

In January R3 International hosted a Dessert and Coffee fundraiser for the Haiti Homes project. We had a great turnout and it was a very encouraging time for us. WDEF News channel 12 was there and ran a great piece on us on the evening news both Saturday and Sunday, and Moody Radio will be interviewing us about this soon.

If you have connections with media or businesses, please tell them about this project. A model home was built during the event and left on display in Rudy's Room the following Sunday. We will continue to work hard over the next few months to raise money for the homes. We are also looking for people to commit to giving monthly to the ongoing ministry of R3I. Now that we have our own 501(c)3 status, checks can be made out to us directly, and either mailed to us or dropped in the offering plate. Please see our website for more information: [www.r3international.org](http://www.r3international.org).



## Homes for Haiti Project

When the earthquake struck Haiti in January of last year, R3I began praying about how we could best be involved. We were helping various organizations and churches in their efforts, when we were offered an opportunity to bring tents down to needy people in the city of Jacmel.

As we drove through Haiti, we were struck by how many structures had “pancake” collapsed, meaning the roof fell straight down, which has a very low survival rate. We were actually sickened by this, and began discussing options for at least preventing this. We also saw what a number of other organizations were doing, and talked with Haitians about what they wanted.

Upon our return to the U.S., R3I Assistant Director David Peck began drawing up plans for homes. We did not want to do anything temporary, but we also wanted to avoid the trap of handouts that could cause long term harm. We needed the homes to be easily transportable to remote areas, to be buildable by local workers, and to be culturally appropriate. After much drawing, debating, researching, and experimenting, we settled on our design.

We had an opportunity to take a few homes to Haiti last March to see how they would work. The Haitians loved them so much so that the workers traveling with us would only sleep in those homes at night. Through the Church of the Good Shepherd, we were connected to a remote village in the mountains that had been hit hard by the quake. We hired unemployed men from Hope for the Inner City to help us here in Chattanooga, and began cutting and bundling the homes.

We have built 49 homes in Haiti to date. We have been asked by people we got to know in the city of Leogane to return and build more homes there. It is our goal to try to take 30-40 more homes down there.

Each home costs \$1200, which includes shipping them to Haiti, setting them up on site, and helping the home owner begin the process of finishing out the home. We provide the steel frame, which is earthquake and hurricane resistant, but we also are moving towards including metal roofing and even walls.

