

Emmaus

Times

NOVEMBER

2009

Transformation through Faith

[Transformed by Faith]

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" — I Corinthians 2:9

In the summer of 2006 we, as the congregation of The Church of the Resurrection in Dallas, heard the Lord call us to conduct an exercise in faith which we called "Transformation through Faith". The goal was to raise funds to accomplish three things:

1. Hire much needed additional staff
2. Make needed improvements to our facilities
3. Pay off the debt on our building

In the fall of that same year The Episcopal Church made decisions about the Christian Faith which meant we could no longer stay in that denomination. In May of 2007, we stepped out in faith in order to **". . . contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints."** (Jude 3) We chose to make a stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ because He is the only way to the Father.

Here is how this move affected the "Transformation through Faith" campaign:

The changes:

1. We no longer own a building and therefore no longer need to pay off debt.
2. We no longer have a need to make improvements to a building we no longer own.
3. However we still had the need to hire additional staff.

The blessings:

1. The expense for each of our three moves has been paid for out of this fund.
2. We hired a Children's/Youth Minister, a Minister of Music, and a part time priest.
3. We have been able to save some monies for future land or building purchases.

Many of you have been giving faithfully to this effort to have our lives "Transformed through Faith". We thought we had certain needs but God knew our future. Truly **"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"** — **I Corinthians 2:9** God knew we would have these expenses before we did. Your faithfulness to give these last three years has made all of this possible. THANK YOU.

You have given \$274,000 to this campaign. The current balance is \$139,000. The needs are still great. The cost of transforming Heritage Christian Academy's gym into a worship center was around \$50,000. The cost of keeping our new staff members is still being paid for out of this fund. In the near future, we will need to increase our regular giving so that we may pay for staff needs without having to use these limited campaign funds.

Thank you to those who have been giving sacrificially these last three years — well done good and faithful servant. If you have not begun or completed your pledge, would you please ask the Lord to help you fulfill this commitment?

For those of you who are new and were not a part of our church when we started this faith endeavor, would you please pray and ask the Lord what he might put on your hearts to give? We still have two months to go to complete this faith journey. You may write checks out to "Transformation Anglican Church" and then in the memo line simply write in **"TTF"** which of course stands for "Transformation Through Faith".

As we finish this campaign at the end of this year, would you please pray about giving whatever the Lord puts on your heart so that we may continue to spread the Good News and build the Kingdom of God in Rockwall?

Remember, none of us can conceive what **"...God has in store for us."**

**Blessings,
Don.**

A



For Missions

by June Hines

Sue McLain sent this wonderful story of how God is using BEE World to minister to His people in closed and restricted access countries. The story, written by Sue's colleague, is entitled *Blessing the Fruit of Our Labors*.

The women filling this austere fourth floor room stretched out their hands toward the posters on the plaster wall and began to pray. Typical of this Asian country, they all prayed out loud at the same time, their eyes closed in passionate concentration, sometimes nodding or moving their hand in blessing. The women here were only 2-4 years in the Lord, yet the explosive church growth in their area had caused them to become leaders and co-leaders of house churches as there was no one more mature in their areas. They were overseen by an itinerating BEE graduate from another region in their country who had first come here just 4 years ago to share the gospel and has now seen fruit of dozens of fervent young churches. Many of these women helped lead home fellowships made up entirely of women, while some assisted their husbands to lead mixed congregations. They had come to this BEE seminar from many provinces and had just completed their final-day reports, sharing with us and their sisters their prayerful plans to teach this course they called "Healing Wounds of the Heart". They had assured us there was a bottomless supply of deep untreated pain in this country—people whose heart

wounds had festered their whole lives. The result was widespread bitterness, hair-trigger rage, unimaginable cruelty and self-destructive behavior.

Leading up to this day, these students had spent more than 60 hours in BEE training and practiced facilitating both small groups and even taken turns leading the whole class, encouraging discussion, writing on the white board and organizing small groups with competence. Earlier, they had shared their own traumas through drawings, words, time with God and writing a Biblical lament Psalm. The stories we heard had made us facilitators weep—tales exposed to the light for the first time—of zig zagging through falling bombs with a tiny baby cradled in arms trembling with fear, of dead bodies, cruel taskmasters, abandonment, heart-killing words of condemnation. But after praying for and weeping over one another's pain, and asking God to help bring healing and strength to forgive, they were now eager to spread the Lord's healing beyond this classroom.

On this, our last seminar day, they had considered all the pieces of planning their own seminars, had drawn up plans with teams who had banded together by region. These posters on the wall described who God was leading them to teach and then all of the details of when, where, how and why. We were overjoyed that not only did they intend to take the course throughout the country, that some were going to help teens, some children, some other women, some drug addicts, some even wanted to use their course to lead unbelievers to Christ. They felt that it was often the barrier of bitter wounds that kept people from being able to respond to the gospel. As my partner and I prayed and asked God

to bless these sisters and their bold plans, it was easy to imagine the thousands that today's work would touch. We thanked God for the privilege of allowing us to come so far in order to walk with them from the stranglehold of dark and terrible secrets to the freedom of new opportunities to minister His healing to others in His name. As one beautiful, strong, woman said, "because of our trials, we open God's heart. We can give Him glory and love His plan. God has changed our way of thinking." And another, a bronzed woman with work-hardened muscles beamed, "Now I can help our church to admit wrongs and receive healing. Now I can help others forgive."

Sue's prayer requests are as follows: Continued trust in Him for financial provision. Wisdom as I edit both the Marriage course and the Hewbrews course.

From **Cate Burnett**: I just found out yesterday that the woman I've been working with in Mongo on translation won't be able to work with me anymore. Oh, no! So, I'm starting to look for a new translator here in Mongo. Please pray that God would bring the perfect person to Mongo to work with me on the Guerguiko New Testament translation.

Please pray for the **Starrs**, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in recruitment in Indiana and Chicago. **Alan** is traveling almost weekly this fall to different Christian college campuses to talk with students and staff about opportunities to serve with Wycliffe. Let's pray for **Caleb** (16 years old) as he travels and sings with a ministry choir October 31-November 4. If you would like to receive

their newsletters please email the Starrs at Alan-DeEtte_Starr@sil.org.

Coleen Starwalt reports: We are close to being able to purchase our tickets for Nigeria with 93% of our monthly budget pledged! Funds are still needed for one-time outgoing expenses. Those interested in helping, please send a check to Wycliffe with a note attached "For Ervin and Coleen Starwalt's overseas setup account 300099-71." During this busy time pray that **Ervin** and **Coleen** will put relationships first: with the Lord, with each other, with family. Ervin finishes up his cross-cultural requirement the first of this month. And Coleen will be guest speaker "yikes!" at a women's luncheon at a large church in Nevada.



Raising his left paw to shade his eyes from the warm November sun, my cousin Roy looks toward the parking lot of Heritage Christian Academy. "Are you sure he will come?" he anxiously inquires.

I reply, "Oh, yes. He'll be here—bearing gifts, no doubt. We are great friends! Look, I see a little red sports car flying down the driveway as we speak."

My friend, sporting his colorful clerical duds, grabs a small wicker basket from the back seat of his convertible and, as we walk down the grassy path through the trees together, he turns to me. "So this is Roy your cousin. I am glad to meet you at last, Roy, because I have

read in the Emmaus Times about your journey into an appreciation of Anglicanism.”

Taking his cowboy hat in his paw and turning it around and around Roy speaks. “Well, Podnah, I've known Jesus a long time; and now I'm thinking about being confirmed into the church, bbbut just thinking about it. I don't want you to think I am going to do it. Such a big step and all.”

My friend opens his wicker basket, spreads out a large red checkered napkin, brings out a small knife, 3—count them—3 kinds of cheese, water crackers, and a beautiful apple. “Why don't we enjoy a snack and just have a chat.” I look at Roy with an “I told you he would bring mouse treats!” look in my eyes. My shy cousin visibly relaxes for the first time.

My friend begins. “First it is important to realize that no one has to be confirmed. A Christian can be walking in the Spirit and not desire confirmation. But if it is in your heart to be a part of the one catholic and apostolic church, then confirmation is a delightful step. Have you been baptized?” Roy nods. “At confirmation one makes a mature commitment to Christ through prayers, the renewal of his baptismal vows, and by the laying on of hands by the bishop.”

He continues, “When a person who has been baptized as a baby says 'I want to be connected to Christ's visible Church, and to say yes to the creed, and to affirm that which was confessed by my parents and Godparents on my behalf'; then that person is ready to be confirmed. All those who have been baptized and are being confirmed are holding to truth for themselves, and affirming that Jesus is

their Lord and savior. The Bishop, in the laying on of hands...”

“Wait a minute, sir,” Roy interrupts . “The Bishop would lay his hands on my head? Why that means that the one who received the power of Jesus through —what's that called, Bennie?”

I smile, “It is called apostolic succession.”

“ Oh yes,” he says excitedly. “I would receive the same power passed down from Our Lord to the apostles, and the apostles to the bishops and one bishop to another down through years and years and then to our own Bishop Jones and finally to me?!”

My friend says, “Right you are, Roy. During your confirmation Bishop Jones would pray things like, 'Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Roy with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service, and sustain him all the days of his life.' and 'let your fatherly hand ever be over your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come.'”

“With your confirmation into the church comes responsibility. You are committing to love and serve the body of Christ and to live under the authority of your priest and bishop. God's love for us lets us know that we all need to live under authority.”

Roy replies, “ I get that. I really do. I don't believe any longer that it's just me and my Bible against the world.” He looks soberly at my friend. “I do want to be connected to the world wide catholic church. But do you think when Bishop

Jones comes in December he'll—you know—confirm a mouse?"

"I'll take care of it," says my rector with a smile as he bites into a hunk of Wisconsin extra sharp cheddar.

Cheese and conversation—Always a good way to work things out. That's what I believe.



Who Are Those Guys Anyway???

The son-in-law of Larry and Susan Maupin, **Technical Sergeant Trevor Shaw**, was deployed to Afghanistan at the end of October. Trevor, whose wife **Christie** is three and one-half months pregnant, will be in that troubled country for six weeks.

Trevor serves in the Texas Air National Guard. His unit has a support function for the U.S. Air Force; and, in Afghanistan he and a small team will be working in pilot survival support. His group handles all things that have to do with the pilots' equipment. For example, it takes eight to twelve hours to pack a parachute. Although Trevor will be on a "secured base," father-in-law Larry remembers working on a "secured base" in Viet Nam; and therefore, asks us to pray for Trevor's safety. Let's keep Christie in our prayers as well.

The OSL Corner

by Sharon Parker

Are you interested in learning more about healing? If so, do we have a deal for you! Not only are a couple of the small groups participating in the Order of St. Luke training during their regular meetings, but at our monthly brunch, we are currently using the School of Healing Prayer DVD series from the Francis and Judith McNutt Training Center. Both of these wonderful people have been involved in the healing ministry since the 1970s and are well known around the world. Even if you aren't sure you want to belong to OSL, this is a great teaching tool and you are welcome to join us. If you want to participate in the OSL Training, please talk to Terri Thompson or Daymon Schulgen and they can arrange for you to sit in with one of the small groups for the training. Some of the newer attendees of Transformation may not know about the Order of St. Luke and may have questions, so this could be a good time to have those questions answered.



The monthly brunch for **Saturday, November 21st** will be at the home of Dennis and Debbie Pendergrass (201 Ripplewood Drive in Mesquite) and all who are interested are invited. This includes those who are currently going through the training and some who have not been active for a period of time. Just let Daymon, Debbie or me know so that we can plan on the number who will attend. Normally we each bring a dish of something you would serve at a brunch

and share the good food, just like any potluck. Food will be served at 10 a.m. and teaching will start at 11 a.m. Meetings last until about 12:30 p.m. Then on **Saturday, December 19th**, we will gather at the home of Bill and Daymon Schulgen for our annual Christmas Brunch.

At our OSL brunch in September, we were told of a bracelet consisting of twelve pictures of embryos and fetuses in the womb that could be purchased by those who are interested in saving the lives of the unborn and supporting one of the pro-life organizations. If you think this is something you might like to look into, the web address is www.conceptionislife.com and click on the CIL button.

Remember, if you have a desire for prayer for healing or other needs, you may come back for prayer after you take communion. There are two prayer teams who will minister to you. Just go to the right of the altar and go down the hall to the Band Room and someone will be glad to pray for you. You may also call me, Sharon Parker, at 972-524-9382 and I will be happy to put your request on the OSL only prayer chain.

The Order of St. Luke the Physician is an inter-denominational, international ministry for healing of body, mind and spirit.



Austin Street Centre Ministry

by Sharon Parker

On the afternoon of September 30th several of our members gathered at the home of Larry and Susan Maupin to prepare sandwiches to serve at Austin Street Centre that night to the 400+ homeless who are clients of this wonderful ministry. We have had this connection with Austin Street for many years; first at Resurrection and now at Transformation. Austin Street Ministries is run under the careful eye of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His faithful helpmates, The Revs. Beulah (Bubba) and Harry Dailey. It is located in Dallas, right off South Central Expressway on Hickory Street. It is not just a place for the homeless to get off the streets for the night and get a bite to eat, it is a place of healing and protection. Many of the clients receive medical help for disease and for addictions. Some are trained to go back out into the workforce and then some are reunited with families and are able to move back home. It is our great pleasure and honor to serve our Father by caring for his children there.

Your generous contributions to the Austin Street Centre Ministry of Transformation Anglican Church make it possible to feed the approximately 400 men and women when we are scheduled to do so. Usually

that is four times a year. All contributions are important in helping with the food. How many times have people come up to me and handed me a ten dollar bill, saying, "I wish it could be more"? You need to know that ten dollars can buy ten loaves of bread at the thrift store on Wednesdays and that will help to provide 100 sandwiches. Some of the contributions are used for chips, while others are used to provide meat and tuna for the sandwiches, or perhaps fruit and pickles (boy, oh boy, do the clients love dill pickles). Usually, Susan Maupin, Sue Griffin and I bake about 24 cakes to serve, but this last month we were blessed when some of you volunteered to bake. And oh, what an assortment we had! Chocolate, spice, lemon, strawberry, coconut and yellow cakes. The people had a little difficulty deciding which piece of cake to take! Because the weather was so nice that Wednesday, there were not as many people in the Centre as usual and we had sandwiches left over, which meant they also had food for breakfast the next day.

We thank you so much for all of your contributions, and the clients thank you as well. **Our next journey to Austin Street Centre will be December 30th.** We hope you will be able to help for that night and perhaps you can travel down with us to see the appreciation of the people for yourselves. May our Lord God bless you for serving Him by helping the poor and homeless.



November, 2009

1 B Sam Thomas	16 B Shannon Champe
2	17
3	18
4 B Sandi Stolar	19
5	20
6 B Ann Woods	21
7	22
8	23 B Jennifer Horan
9 B Seth Carr	24
Sara Maneval	25
10	26 B Carrie Jones
11 B Don McLane+	A Rick & Sara Maneval
Elizabeth Simmons	27 B Hal Hines
12	28 B Jack Hesseltine
13 B Barbara Shaver	29 B Rick Maneval
14 B Tina Gwinn	30
15	

**Twenty-Second Sunday After
Pentecost
All Saints Day
November 1, 2009**

PROPERs

**OT Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 119:1-8
NT Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel Luke 19:11-27**

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

**Capt/CB Bob Sylvia
OT/CB Bill Schulgen
PS Christy Hopkins
NT/CB Myra Lenoir
PP/CB Dawn Hall**

ACOLYTES

**AA1 Pete Howk
AA2 Benjamin Craddock**

PRAYER MINISTERS

**Jay Minton* Jeannie Filson
Sue Griffin Jane Whiffen**

USHERS

**Will Parker* Matt Hill
Joy Eapen Samuel Thomas**

GUEST RECEPTION TEAM

**Set up: Ed Figueroa
Prayer: Sue Griffin
Name Tags/ Jeannie Filson
Greeters; Martha Farjardo
Valet: Mark Dillow
Guest Hosts: Larry/Susan Maupin**

**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2009**

PROPERs

**OT 1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146:4-9
NT 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21
Gospel Luke 6:27-28, 32-36**

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

**Capt/NT/CB Bill Thorogood
OT Sharon Barnett
PS/CB Ken Craddock
PP/CB Dan Hampton
CB Terri Thompson**

ACOLYTES

**AA1 Nanette Thomas
AA2 Samuel Thomas**

PRAYER MINISTERS

**Bill Schulgen* Daymon Schulgen
Sharon Parker Dawn Hall**

USHERS

**Ed Figueroa* Jacob Figueroa
Sam Figueroa Nathan Figueroa**

GUEST RECEPTION TEAM

**Set up: Dick Davenport
Prayer: Patsy Dial
Name Tags/ Sara Maneval
Greeters; Barbara Shaver
Valet: Rick Maneval
Guest Hosts: Dick/Nancy
Davenport**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday After
Pentecost
November 15, 2009**

PROPERS

**OT Daniel 12:1-4a
Psalm 16:5-11
NT Hebrews 10:31-39
Gospel John 13:12-17**

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

**Capt/PS/CB Hal Hines
OT/CB June Hines
NT Tim Sharp
PP/CB Debbie Sharp
CB Sam Thomas**

ACOLYTES

**AA1 Jean Howk
AA2 Amber Smith**

PRAYER MINISTERS

**Larry Maupin* Susan Maupin
Ann Smith Holly Lawler**

USHERS

**Rick Maneval*
Shannon Champe Chad Simmons**

GUEST RECEPTION TEAM

**Set up: Dennis Pendergrass
Prayer: James Blevins
Name Tags/ Elaine Smith
Greeters: Donna Miller
Valet: Matt Hill
Guest Hosts: Bob/Cheryl Sylvia**

**Last Sunday After Pentecost:
Christ The King
November 22, 2009**

PROPERS

**OT Daniel 7:9-14
Psalm 93
NT Revelation 1:1-8
Gospel Matthew 6:19-24**

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

**Capt/NT/CB Joy Eapen
OT/CB Matt Hill
PS Jacob Figueroa
PP/CB Vonciel Hickman
CB Hal Hines**

ACOLYTES

**AA1 June Hines
AA2 Nathan Figueroa**

PRAYER MINISTERS

**John Shaver* Barbara Shaver
Debbie Pendergrass Debbie Sharp**

USHERS

**Arvo Mallay* Zach Williams
Fred McGee Nanette Thomas**

GUEST RECEPTION TEAM

**Set up: James Blevins
Prayer: Bill Croll
Name Tags/ Sandi Stolar
Greeters: Jean Howk
Valet: Paul Stolar
Guest Hosts: Jay/Kay Minton**

**First Sunday Of Advent
November 29, 2009**

PROPERS

OT Zechariah 14:4-9
Psalm 50:1-6
NT 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Gospel Luke 7:36-50

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

LAY SERVERS

Capt/OT/CB Hal Hines
PS/CB Bob Sylvia
NT/CB Bill Thorogood
PP/CB Joy Eapen

ACOLYTES

AA1 Pete Howk
AA2 Jean Howk

PRAYER MINISTERS

Bill Schulgen* Jay Minton
Larry Maupin John Shaver

USHERS

Zach Williams* Jacob Figueroa
Sam Figueroa Nathan Figueroa
Fred McGee

GUEST RECEPTION TEAM

Set up: Dennis Pendergrass
Prayer: James Blevins
Name Tags/ Elaine Smith
Greeters: Donna Miller
Valet: Matt Hill
Guest Hosts: Bob/Cheryl Sylvia

TRANSFORMATION ANGLICAN CHURCH

N O V E M B E R, 2009

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Bible Study, all ages 10am Worship 1pm Jail Ministry 6pm Student Ministry Bible Study	2	3	4 10am Intercessory Prayer	5 LR Network Gathering/Christ Church/Plano 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	6 LR Network Gathering/Christ Church/Plano	7 LR Network Gathering/Christ Church/Plano 7:30am Men of the Church Fellowship/ Bible Study
8 9am Bible Study, all ages 10am Worship Rawandan Coffee Sale 5:30pm YABS	9	10	11 10am Intercessory Prayer	12 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	13	14 7:30am Men of the Church Fellowship/ Bible Study
15 9am Bible Study, all ages 10am Worship 6pm Student Ministry Bible Study	16	17	18 10am Intercessory Prayer	19 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	20	21 7:30am Men of the Church Fellowship/ Bible Study
22 9am Bible Study, all ages 10am Worship 1pm Jail Ministry 5:30pm YABS	23	24	25 10am Intercessory Prayer	26 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	27	28 7:30am Men of the Church Fellowship/ Bible Study
29 9am Bible Study, all afes 10am Worship	30					

TRANSFORMATION ANGLICAN CHURCH
RADICAL ACCEPTANCE—PROFOUND
TRANSFORMATION

The Lord draws us by His RADICAL ACCEPTANCE
and PROFOUNDLY TRANSFORMS us through
AUTHENTIC BIBLICAL COMMUNITY by being a
CHURCH OF SMALL GROUPS.

OFFICE LOCATION

Address: 329 Oaks Trail, Suite
115, Garland, TX 75043

Phone: 972-279-6286

Fax: 972-203-9467

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Monday through
Thursday

WORSHIP LOCATION
Heritage Christian Academy
1408 S. Goliad Street
Rockwall, TX 75087

Transformation Anglican Church
329 Oaks Trail, Suite 115
Garland, TX 75043
972-279-6286
www.transformationac.org

STAFF

Don McLane, Pastor
Thom McGee, Assistant Priest
John Shaver, Executive Director of
Ministries
Randy Wills, Music Minister
Carrie Jones, Children’s & Youth Minister
Elizabeth Horan, Nursery Coordinator
Jean Howk, Administrator

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Rick Maneval, Richard Matthew and Larry
Maupin – Ken Craddock, Treasurer

The Emmaus Times: The deadline for each
issue is the 10TH of each month to be
published in the following newsletter.
Please send your articles to Jean Howk by
mail at 329 Oaks Trail, Suite 115, Garland,
TX 75043 or email
jean@transformationac.org. All articles are
subject to editing and may or may not be
published.