

April
2004
No
Foolin'

Agape LoveLetter

There's no
fool like
an old fool

Thanks, John

Welcome to Al

Thanks to John Easterwood for teaching us everything -- not everything he knew, but everything we could learn. He has moved on to a more mature audience but we hope he will return, at least when **we** are older... and perhaps wiser.

Welcome to Rev. Al Tunberg who has begun teaching on the parables of Jesus. Al brings his experience in cross cultural missions to the job and, who knows, might even be able to communicate with some of the atypical learners in the back row.

There may be intermittent substitute teachers -- but don't start getting any ideas about practical jokes or you may not be allowed out for recess.

John Symington and Bob Goodman



John Symington and Bob Goodman were in China, mostly Inner Mongolia, examining sites for a Camp Shamineau English Language Camp. Bob reports that they rode many miles on bumpy roads examining sites at the invitation of various governmental bureaus, who all wanted a camp in their area. They were all prepared to sell land reasonably or even give it away if it were developed. Some also asked if the group could build a school. The final decision will be made by John Carlson who hopes to have a camp functional by this summer, probably at a free site near the border with Outer Mongolia. It will be a challenge with current lack of water, sewer and electricity. Pray that the resources and personnel will be found to create and staff the camp. The need and the opportunity are incredible.

Thanks to Greeters

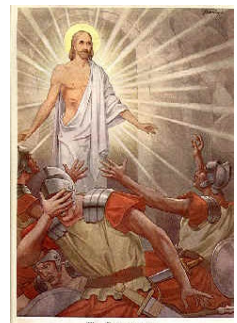


Thanks to those who served as greeters, some during the dominant cold season here in the tundra.



Gerhardts Gift

Hip Hip Hooray! The class raised \$1400 to help John Gerhardt with the building project in inner city New Orleans. Deb Holman, it is reported, delivered the money, unless she bought a scalped basketball ticket.



Watch for Regatherings



The Kansas Tornado

Ron Dudley moved to Kansas.
1009 North Ford St.
Hutchinson KS 67501

Happy Birthday, Ron, April 6!!

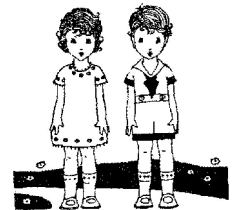


Hey, party animals, if there is an evening meeting at church, a concert of prayer or other evening activity, you can be sure-you-betcha that there will be an Agape Regathering to follow. A number of the Agape Parade of Homes are available and now that Martha Stewart is out of the running, you will not find any more gracious hostesses or hosts. Keep your antennae aimed at the church bulletin, www.firstfreechurch.org web site or actually arrive at class in time to hear the announcements.

Easter April 11

There will be no ABFs (Adult Bible Fellowships, remember?) on Easter Sunday with an extended fellowship time. But don't get out of the habit or we may unleash Norbert again to use his troopmaster voice to call a halt to the coffee and doughnuts.

Molly Miller



Molly Miller has been helping Russ Anteronen with the Childrens' Mission.

Welcome Back Grace Vandervort



Grace Vandervort has returned from Djibouti, but although she has retired from overseas missions, she is hardly the typical retiree as she will be working as an RN at one of the local hospitals.

Other Prayer Requests

Felix Juarez has been off work due to the MTC Strike.

Thanks that Bruce, Mark and Christy Fleming returned safely from Africa after a trip that could be written up in the Readers Digest's adventures in true life.

Joey and Andi Harthan are expecting another baby, having lost their first child.

Pray for sufficient consulting work for Bob Goodman to keep the wolf from the door.

Hultstrands will be gone on a Peru Dental Mission Trip April 8 - 17. Pray about the flight, getting the equipment through customs, their health, and just pulling it together.

Barb Hugo

Barb Hugo went to Jamaica and Thunder Bay on mission trips



Grandma Paulette?

Dan & Theresa (Goodman) Hebert are expecting their baby on April 25.