

# INTOUCH

July 3, 2011

## THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – JULY 3

CBC FAMILY CAMP  
July 3 through July 9  
Forest Home Camp in California

- 12:15 PM MISSIONS LUNCHEON Fellowship Hall  
*with Doug and Marina Landro*  
*who bring news of Ukrainian outreach to Muslims in Central Asia*
- 12:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry meet @ Subway, 44<sup>th</sup> St. & Indian School
- 2:00 PM Nursing Home Ministry serve at Osborn Health & Rehabilitation
- 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)
- 6:00 PM EXCEL High School will not meet this evening

MONDAY – JULY 4

### INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

**May you and yours have a safe holiday,  
one in which God is praised and thanked  
for the Country in which we live and for the freedoms we enjoy,  
but remembering always our greater freedom in Jesus Christ.**

*“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*  
John 8:36

*“Live as people who are free,  
not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil,  
but living as servants of God.”*  
1 Peter 2:16

TUESDAY – JULY 5

CBC FAMILY CAMP

WEDNESDAY – JULY 6

CBC FAMILY CAMP

- 7:00 AM Elder Prayer Paradise Bakery, Tatum and Shea
- 9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – “That's A Stretch” Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM EXCEL Junior High The Monson's home

### *Candy Extravaganza!*

4223 East Yucca, Phoenix 85028

THURSDAY – JULY 7

CBC FAMILY CAMP

- 9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – “Cirque Du Soleil” Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Young Adults Ministry The Tessmer's home

FRIDAY – JULY 8

CBC FAMILY CAMP

- 9:00 AM Women's Aerobics – “Dance It Off” Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY – JULY 9 CBC FAMILY CAMP CONCLUDES

- 10:30 AM Messianic Bible Studies 209

SUNDAY – JULY 10

- 9:00 and 10:40 AM MORNING WORSHIP Sanctuary  
Pastor James Hoxworth  
“What Truly Satisfies?”  
Psalm 63

- 9:00 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304
- 9:00 AM Children's Discipleship (19 months – gr. 5) 101-103, 201, 203
- 9:00 AM Adult Fellowship Classes 208, 209
- 9:00 AM Teleios: *Peacemakers-Biblical Principles* Library (205)
- 9:00 AM Intergenerational Class: *Lord Teach Us to Pray* 207
- 10:40 AM Nursery (birth – 18 months) 301-304
- 10:40 AM Children's Church (19 months – gr. 5) 101-103, 201, 203, 206
- 6:00 PM EXCEL High School Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER Library (205)

In a recent letter from our dear brother in the Lord, François Picard, President of SEMBEO (Séminaire Baptiste Évangélique du Québec) in Montreal, Québec, we learned of heart-breaking news planted firmly in their family's understanding of and faith in our Triune God. Surely they are an extraordinary encouragement to us, and a very real example of lives lived in and for Jesus Christ. He wrote:

Dear friends,

My son Jérémie (11 years old) said to me, “What a year, daddy! The car was stolen with the Japanese missionaries' luggage in it; you got sick, totally knocked-down, like I had never seen you before; and now mom is sick and you are telling me it is serious ... What is going to happen? Could she die?” I answered him, “You are right, Jérémie, but whatever happens, we are not alone. *The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing ... and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever* (Ps. 23:1, 6).

We are going through another trying time. A very difficult ordeal is giving us one more occasion to see God at work. Hélène was recently diagnosed with an anaplastic cancer of the thyroid. It is the most aggressive form of cancer, the squamous cell carcinoma of the thyroid, and it is incurable. Humanly speaking, Hélène has no hope of healing. Specialists decided against an operation and Hélène will undergo radiotherapy treatments over a six-week period. God is sovereign and He gives us peace regarding the present situation. We know that this illness is unto His glory as *we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined ... he also glorified* (Rom. 8:28-30).

Last Sunday, I was scheduled to preach and substitute for the adult Sunday school class. Many offered to replace me but I insisted in doing both, and the Lord blessed me tremendously by His Word. I preached about the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were sad and questioning what they had learned about Jesus ... and there He was, walking with them, teaching them about what was supposed to happen to Him after death, revealing Himself to them as the Resurrected One ....

What a blessing to know Him and to live with the courage He provides: *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling* (2 Cor. 4:16 – 5:2).

Two weeks ago, Dr. Donald Carson (friend of CBC and founding member of The Gospel Coalition), was here to teach a course. He encouraged me and took the time to talk to my son. Jérémie is putting a lot of energy into his end of year exams. We have many opportunities to talk about our hope, both to family members and medical staff! Hélène is serene and keeping her eyes on God. We are astonished by the reaction of so many people, talking as if it was the end of everything ... Hélène continues one day at a time under the Lord's gaze. I will surely miss her wisdom ... My sweet half, who gave me a son when she was 47 years old, my beautiful Sara ....

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SEMBEQ's ministry gives me so much joy, by God's grace! I recently attended a conference intended for evangelists with a view to reach Montreal with the gospel. God is at work. The pastor of a Montreal church, a SEMBEQ student and former cohort member, moved closer in order to better serve his church. I am convinced we are at the heart of God's will in training workers who become church planters and evangelists. To God be the glory! H  l  ne is encouraging me to carry on with this calling.

Here is how you can pray for us:

- That God will be glorified by the peace He gives us.
- That this illness keeps providing numerous opportunities to witness to family members, unsaved friends and medical staff.
- That J  r  mie keeps his eyes on God while going through this ordeal.
- That God gives us peace and allows us to make the most of the time we still have together.
- That God would perform a miracle and heal H  l  ne, according to his will.

*For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come* (Hebrews 13:14).

*For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol ... You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forever more* (Psalm 16:10-11).

*Fran  ois Picard*

Your missionary in Quebec

**WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MUSLIMS IN CENTRAL ASIA?** What are you doing to help? Probably a lot more than you realize! Although this region is closed to American Kingdom Workers, we are mobilizing Ukrainians to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Why can Ukrainians share with them and others can't? How is God directly reaching them? **Come join us for lunch today! Doug and Marina Landro** would love to share this information with you. There will be a time for Q&A. Lunch will be served just **after the second service in Fellowship Hall**. We at CBC support their work, so through them you are a part of this ministry! Join us and hear what impact you are having in central Asia!!!

**SUNDAY CLASSES FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** (Children who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade): Sundays, July 5 – August 7, 9:00 and 10:40 AM, Room 203. Because summer-time attendance can be a bit sporadic in Children's Ministry we are combining our Grade 1-3 and Grade 4-5 Sunday classes. Promotions of all classes and return to regular schedule will take place in mid-August. Please note: Children who have completed Grade 6 have been welcomed into our Junior High Ministry. Please contact Pastor Brent Klontz, klontz@cbcaz.org, for more information.

**DO REMEMBER OUR 75 CBC FAMILY MEMBERS** who are away this week at Family Camp at Forest Home Camp in Forest Falls, California. This is a get-away for everyone – all ages - one that keeps the focus on God, the Author and Creator of the Universe, and incorporates time with one's family, designed to strengthen and renew their relationships. Everything about the camp is meant to contribute to these goals. One of the most unique and special parts of the experience is the opportunity for adults, parents specifically, to relax in the evenings while trained child care assistants take care of the children. Pray God's very best for everyone there and look forward to their reports when they return home.

**MUSIC JAMBOREE 2011** is coming in July! Sponsored by Desert Bells and CBC, this training camp provides general music instruction with specific application in the playing of bells and percussion. Open to 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, it will be held July 11-15, 18-22 here at CBC. For beginning to advanced musicians the classes and activities include: Handbells (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Bells), Percussion (American and African Drums, South American Drums), Orff Schulwerk (Aural Development, Xylophone Techniques, Metal and Wood), and Music & Movement (Stage Presence and Music Appreciation). Registration forms are available in the narthex and the church office.

## Freedom

*O HOLY FATHER, thou hast freely given thy Son,  
O DIVINE SON, thou hast freely paid my debt,  
O ETERNAL SPIRIT, thou dost freely bid me come,  
O TRIUNE GOD, thou dost freely grace me with salvation.*

*Prayers and tears could not suffice to pardon my sins,  
nor anything less than atoning blood,  
but my believing is my receiving,  
for a thankful acceptance is no paying of the debt.*

*What didst thou see in me?*

*that I a poor, diseased, despised sinner  
should be clothed in thy bright glory?*

*that a creeping worm*

*should be advanced to this high state?*

*that one lately groaning, weeping, dying,*

*should be as full of joy as my heart can hold?*

*that a being of dust and darkness*

*should be taken like Mordecai from captivity,*

*and set next to the king?*

*should be lifted like Daniel from a den*

*and be made ruler of princes and provinces?*

*Who can fathom immeasurable love?*

*As far as the rational soul exceeds the senses,*

*so does the spirit exceed the rational in its knowledge  
of thee.*

*Thou hast given me understanding to compass the earth,  
measure the sun, moon, stars, universe,*

*but above all to know thee, the only true God.*

*I marvel that the finite can know the Infinite,*

*here a little, afterwards in full-orbed truth;*

*Now I know but a small portion of what I shall know,*

*here in part, there in perfection,*

*here a glimpse, there a glory.*

*To enjoy thee is life eternal, and to enjoy is to know.*

*Keep me in the freedom of experiencing*

*thy salvation continually.*

As significant as our national independence and personal freedoms may be, to be celebrated tomorrow as is our custom, how much more significant is our personal and corporate dependence on our Triune God and our God-given freedom gained in and through Jesus Christ? Infinitely more!

"Freedom" from *The Valley of Vision, A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

**BACK2SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE** as we have taken the call to "Bring Christ to the City", two schools we have worked with - Larkspur Elementary and Excelencia School - have asked us to help them with a backpack drive to provide some of the kids with the simple, necessary school supplies they could not provide on their own. Our goal as a local mission team is to provide 300 backpacks to the schools (150 for each school). We anticipate this to approximately cost \$30 per backpack. Pick up a shopping list at the booth today, on the patio and drop off your backpacks Sunday mornings, each Sunday in July, in the Family Room. If you would like to make a monetary donation, the youth from Excel will go out and fill the backpacks for you!

### CBC GIVING TO DATE, 2011

Budgeted Need for June 2011	\$107,516.00
Last Week's Giving	\$21,245.00
June Giving to Date	\$ 88,321.00
Remaining Need at the end of June 2011	\$ 19,194.00