

# *The* LANTERN

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## **MISSION TO NEPAL**

### *Recognizing and Sharing our Blessings*

Bruce and Kate Humphrey

God reminded Kate and me in Nepal that missions always involves a willingness to take TIME with people. To be honest, it often felt like we were simply wasting our time. Nepal is a country where poverty and inefficiency are the standard lifestyle. It was not unusual to have our host promise to pick us up in the car at 9 a.m. only to have the car show up around 11:30. We sat in meetings with dignitaries who discussed matters in Nepalese so that we had no idea what was going on... for two or three hours at a shot. We traveled out of Katmandu to visit some rural churches. The 120 mile trip took us six hours, arriving at 1:30 a.m.!

More than once we wondered why God had us there. Was it in order to listen to a pastor share emotionally about his broken marriage? Was it to address the graduating students, most of whom were the first ever in their families to complete a college degree? Was it to pray for healing for the thin ailing 81-year-old man (who reminded me of my dad) at the close of the three hour hot, stuffy, no electricity, worship service?

One thing is for sure. We at RBCPC are blessed. Let's be honest—we are spoiled. Every so often it is worth getting out of our comfort zone to remember that we are blessed in order to bless others.

*Bruce*

## **LINKS OF INTEREST:**

### *Season of Service:*

Kick off with Ken Blanchard in worship

June 12/13

[www.rbcpc.org/missions](http://www.rbcpc.org/missions)

### *Summer Mission trips:*

Dominican Republic, Kenya, Egypt, Ecuador

[www.rbcpc.org/mission-events--trips/](http://www.rbcpc.org/mission-events--trips/)

### *Update:*

On pastoral response to the news

[www.rbcpc.org/pastoral-response-to-the-recent-news](http://www.rbcpc.org/pastoral-response-to-the-recent-news)

### *Summer Youth Programs:*

V.B.S and Summer Theater

[www.rbcpc.org/people/children/](http://www.rbcpc.org/people/children/)

Highway Summer Camp and MSM programs

[www.rbcpc.org/people/youth](http://www.rbcpc.org/people/youth)

### *Contact Us*

Just send a message by clicking on a staff's name.

[www.rbcpc.org/about-us/staff/](http://www.rbcpc.org/about-us/staff/)

## Potpourri Concert

*Sunday, June 6, 4 p.m., Sanctuary, Free.*

Celebrate "GLOBAL JOY" as RBCPC's vocal and instrumental ensembles present music from around the world in the final event of the 2009/2010 Concert Series: Grace Notes, Joyful Noise, Men's Quartet, Treble Makers, Youth Ensemble and the Sanctuary Orchestra.

## Soaking In God's Presence

*Saturday, June 12, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Room LL50.*

To "soak" in God's Presence is to rest in His love, rather than to "strive" in prayer. This month's theme is *Father's love*. Bring your own blanket and pillow or use blankets provided. Childcare is available. Contact Mary Jo Coffee, [mjcoffeerb@yahoo.com](mailto:mjcoffeerb@yahoo.com).

## Savvy Travelers

*June 11* - Come along on the popular annual "Mystery Trip" to an enjoyable San Diego area venue that will be a real surprise! Lunch will be provided. *July 20* - Visit the lovely Wayfarer's Chapel in Palos Verdes, have lunch at a Long Beach marina restaurant, and take a gondola ride through the canals of Long Beach's Naples area. Visit the courtyard or contact Kay and Jim McClain, (858) 451-3569.

## Grace Notes Auditions

*Saturday, June 27, 10:00 a.m., Room LL30.*

Grace Notes will hold an open house rehearsal. There will be a chance to meet, to learn more about membership, and to sing with members of this women's ensemble. Auditioners should prepare a simple hymn to sing. Contact Grace Notes Director, Christopher Cook, (858) 481-0877, ext. 288, or [ccook@rbpc.org](mailto:ccook@rbpc.org).

## Library Corner

New Arrivals: *Among the Gods* by Lynn Austin, *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson, and *Between Sundays* by Karen Kingsbury. The library is open Sunday mornings after each service. Visit [www.rbpc.org/library](http://www.rbpc.org/library).

## The Treasure Box

*Order by Sunday, June 13, Cost \$30.*

*Deacon Sponsored.* Quality food for less! Take advantage of this on-going program for yourself or as a blessing for someone else. Order your box with cash or check at the Deacons Table in the Courtyard, or on-line [www.rbpc.org/the-treasure-box](http://www.rbpc.org/the-treasure-box). Contact (760) 737-8339.

## Grief Recovery Support Group

*Sunday, June 13 and 27, 4 - 5 p.m., Room 181.* Contact Karen Bassett, (760) 743-2056 or Sally Welty, (858) 485-1859.

## Women's Cancer Prayer Group

*1st and 3rd Friday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Room 220.*

Contact Susie Hovey, [mshovey@cox.net](mailto:mshovey@cox.net), (858) 486-3380.

## Self-Defense Training

*Saturday, June 26, 2 - 4 p.m., Free.*

Self-defense training for young women from teens to college age (12-20 yrs.). Register for the workshops on-line at [www.temas.org/keepsafe](http://www.temas.org/keepsafe). Limited space, only 50 per class. Register today!

## Parish Nurse

*9:30 a.m. every Sunday (11 a.m. June 6 & 27), Courtyard.*

Distracted drivers contribute to nearly 8,000 car crashes in the country every single day. Tips to minimize distractions and other travel safety information is available. Blood pressure screening.

## Heartstrings

*Saturday, May 1, 9:00 - 11:00 p.m., Room 220.*

Knitting and crocheting for a cause. All skill levels welcome. Contact Cyndi Nolan, (858) 484-4674, [www.rbpc.org/heartstrings-hugs-from-the-heart](http://www.rbpc.org/heartstrings-hugs-from-the-heart).

## Helping Hands

Is the water dripping? We can correct these things and also help with carpentry, electrical, and computer problems. Call (858) 487-0811, ext. 239.

## Women's Christian Book Club

Tuesday, June 15, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Room 181.

June: *Faith and Doubt* by John Ortberg. July: *The God Cookie* by Geoffrey Wood. Contact Ellen Norton [ellen.norton10@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.norton10@yahoo.com).

### *Stewardship for Life*

Your financial gifts are a blessing to others as the good news of Jesus Christ is shared in so many ways around the campus of RBCPC and in the community. Thank you for your generosity for the work of Christ. Your financial gifts advance the cause of our Lord.

#### **Actual Income and Expense Update**

Year to Date (Through April)

Income	\$ 3,701,087
Expenses	<u>3,651,349</u>
Surplus	\$ 49,738

#### **Ministry Budget Pledges**

2010	\$ 2,285,510
2009	<u>2,528,489</u>
Shortfall	\$ 242,979

Pledges for 2010 were less than 2009, however, through April, overall giving has been equal to 2009. Please check out our website for a more detailed statement of the Treasurer's Report at [www.rbcpc.org/treasurer-report](http://www.rbcpc.org/treasurer-report).

Your gifts to the Ministry Budget support all of our day to day ministries including adult education, children and youth programs, adult, youth and children's music programs, worship services, communications and outreach, caring ministries, missions, salaries, facilities, etc. ---Everything to keep our church running for the Lord! Gifts of appreciated stock or real estate are an act of good stewardship. Call Mary, (858) 487-0811, ext. 212, to get a stock transfer form with instructions.

Electronic Church Giving (ECG) is a simple way to give regularly. Pick up a form at the Welcome Center. Online Giving is another alternative to donate through our website at [www.rbcpc.org/admin/giving](http://www.rbcpc.org/admin/giving). Or use church-provided envelopes and clearly identify how you want your gifts to be used on the envelope.

Thank you for your generosity to the work of Christ through RBCPC.

### *Stewardship for Life*

I wonder how different young people's hearts are supposed to be. Recently I sat in a planning meeting and the thought that we weren't serving our youth was discussed, that somehow God for them had become irrelevant. Our style of worship was no longer meaningful, even contemporary worship was no longer relevant. I hear terms like "we do church well," but it is not bringing in our youth. How will they learn about God? Are these fears new? No I think not, God is and always will be relevant, and he speaks to each generation and each person in terms that allow that generation or person to hear. I have faith that the youth of today will choose service over self indulgence, that their quest for relevance and authenticity will drive them to serve in new ways and places, and that is good. Every generation has felt called to a new relationship with God and to serve in new ways. From Psalm 55:22, I "cast my burdens upon the Lord," Stewardship and the future will be well served by our youth. It is their time to translate their values into policy and I have faith that God will guide them to serve as faithfully as those who have come before them. They will wear the mantle of Good Steward well. - *George Colberg*

### **Experience Transformation as a Church Leader: Become an Elder or Deacon**

As you prayerfully consider your nomination or the nomination of another member, please remember: qualifications include having a heart for Christ, being a member of RBCPC, and a commitment to a three year term. Detailed position descriptions for Elders or Deacons, and nomination forms, are available on the website [www.rbcpc.org/nominating-committee](http://www.rbcpc.org/nominating-committee) and in the Welcome Center. Contact Frances Lin, (858) 487-0811, ext. 203.

*Nominations accepted until June 5, 2010.*

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## RBCPC Vision Statement

*Jesus transforms us so that  
we can help change the  
world!*

*The Lantern* is published monthly and communicates the activities, stories and concerns of this church.  
Please submit all articles electronically by noon on the 20th of each month. Send to lantern@rbcpc.org.

## Worship Services

*Contemporary Worship*  
Saturday, 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 a.m.

*Worship Cafe*  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

*Arabic Worship*  
Sunday, 11 a.m.

*Traditional Blended*  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

## Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## Spiritual Apps for the Life You've Always Wanted

*Begins June 26 & 27*

Pastor Bruce will lead us in an 8-week series through “spiritual apps” (aka: spiritual disciplines) for a transformed life. *The Life You've Always Wanted*, by John Ortberg, is suggested for companion reading along with the sermons. The small group study guides will reflect upon and engage discussion from all three sources: the book, weekly sermons, and scripture references. The intent is to explain what these “apps” are, provide ways to try them out, and discover what works for you as you incorporate them in your every day life. This summer series is designed to be highly accessible and mobile – take it with you! All you need is the book and your iphone/blackberry/ipad, and you will be able to stay connected to the series while on vacation.

## We Need You!

Looking for adults who would love to spend some time with kids to help with Vacation Bible School. Opportunities include being a tribe leader for the week to helping one day with a craft. No prep work involved, just come and have fun with the kids! *June 14-18*, volunteer hours will be from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.