

From the Pastor—

In a few short days, Riverside will be sending a team to Haiti. On this trip, we have three simple objectives. (1) We will be reconnecting with our mission partners in Haiti, Jesus Way Christian Ministries and Pastor Jean Claude. Both of these relationships are essential for our work, and it is **profoundly lovely to see God's people serving as he has gifted them. The hospitality we experience at the JWCM guest house is top notch, facilitating every other aspect of our time in Haiti. Pastor Jean Claude's generous heart and the warm welcome from our partners at his church are a beautiful reminder of the unity of Christ's universal church.**

The needs are staggering. Hundreds of thousands of children in Haiti are hired out as **domestic workers in others' homes, living on the streets, or in orphanages** ([AP News](#)). This is a problem a hundred mission trips cannot solve, but we are privileged to work with godly caregivers who are making a difference. The children at Hope Orphanage are getting shelter, clothing, food, education, and spiritual nurture. Our short trip can offer little to add to these, but (2) we aim to express our appreciation for what is being done, pledge our continued support, and make sure the children remember that they are known and loved.

Finally, (3) we expect God to be working in our hearts, stirring us to do the work of the kingdom where he has us and with what he has given us.

Would you pray for us and with us? Pray that God would work through us by the power of the **Holy Spirit to accomplish these goals and to use us for the building of Christ's kingdom.**

Pastor Isaac

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Youth - August Activity!

The date is not yet set, but we want to have an August blowout at Summerland! **Once the date is finalized, invite your friends to come along! We'll have 3 hours of unlimited mini-golf and rides. Cost is just \$10 per Riverside kid, with one friend free!** Parents, watch for an email from Matthew once the date is determined.

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	2 <i>Haiti Trip</i>	3	4
5 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship/ communion <i>Haiti Trip</i>	6	7 6:30 Deacons	8 6:30 am MBS (Perkins) Noon—RAYS	9	10	11
12 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship	13	14 5:45 Finance 6:30 Session	15 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	16	17	18
19 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship	20	21	22 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	23	24	25 9-3 Craft Day
26 9am Wor Team Prac 10 worship	27	28 6:30 Family Ministry	29 6:30 am MBS (Perkins)	30	31	

Key: **Children's Ministry** MBS—Men's Bible Study WBS—Women's Bible Study Youth Ministry Special Event

August Anniversaries



Erik & Carol Williamson	8/3/02
Joe & Laura Newhouse	8/7/10
Bob & Kim Koopmeiners	8/10
Dave & Lindsey Henry	8/12/06
Todd & Lisa Myra	8/10/96
Garrity & Missy Gerber	8/16/08
Jon & Sara Moorlag	8/18/06

August Birthdays

3	Chris Jones
4	Pat (Roger) Weihrauch
4	Isabella Maturi
5	Dave Henry
7	Claire Moorlag
8	Sharla Huls
10	Sam Braswell
12	Ronan Westlund
13	Stephen Pennertz
14	Karla Holland
14	Ann Kelley
14	Mark Stumvoll
19	Pat (Gordon) Weihrauch
26	Gean Wiltgen
29	Wesley Rudolph
31	Cheryl Pogatshnik

SAVE the DATE! Mark your calendars for our fall
bonfire/potluck at Ruth Tidd's farm on September 30th!