

The Canaan Connection



Canaan Bible Chapel

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CHRISTMAS COOKIE PROJECT 2010

In the early evening hours of December 20th and 21st some folks from Canaan Bible Chapel set up a table outside the entrance of K-Mart in Honesdale to distribute Christmas tracts. As shoppers left the store, our people handed out more than 150 tracts, provided 6 gallons of hot chocolate and hundreds of cookies donated by people in the church. On Tuesday night, the church teens, under the direction of Paula Adolfsen, distributed the hot chocolate and sang Christmas carols. The effort was spearheaded by Liz Allsop, who reported that most of the shoppers were thankful for the special treatment they got. Several were perplexed as to why anyone would show such kindness. Liz was assisted by some of her family members and friends in this outreach.

"Things went so well, I'm hoping to do another tract distribution at Easter time," Liz stated.

If you would be interested in helping Liz with this project at Easter, please tell her.

Many thanks to all who donated the goodies and to the young people who participated in this important outreach.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth. It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11



FROM THE STUDY

BY PASTOR DAVE CRISPELL



Welcome to 2011!

With the beginning of 2011 we celebrate not just the beginning of a new year but the second decade of the 21st Century. I doesn't seem possible, does it? This century is still in its infancy. It would appear that we are not off to a very good start considering some of the defining events of the past decade and more recent, this past year.

As Bible believing, born again Christians just how should we approach this new year and new decade? I would challenge us to approach it in faith with anticipation and expectation.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,,," (Eph 3:20)

Missionary to India, William Carey, said, "Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God".

Let us, "Get more from Heaven (power) in 2011, so that we can get more for Heaven (people) in 2011".

DID YOU KNOW?

MISSIONS TRIPS

Ministry Opportunity for Men: A one-week work detail this winter for mission work in the Bahamas to repair the ceiling of a church. If you are interested in going and would like more details, see Jerry Birmelin.

Our teens are raising support for a missions trip to the Bahamas this coming July. The support efforts began this past Christmas as the group sold beautiful handmade ornaments. **Younger teens** plan a missions trip to Colorado this summer. Both groups will be raising funds for expenses.

Each group covets your prayers for safety, good health and multiple opportunities to make this time count for eternity. Trips like these not only foster fellowship among those attending, but plant seeds that often result in others coming to Christ. Often, they are the beginning of a lifetime of love for missions in someone's heart.

If you can contribute to the efforts financially use the envelopes in the pews and mark them accordingly. Most of all, please cover these people with your prayers as they plan and then go.

SPOTLIGHT ON...LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary has two projects underway for the New Year. Under the leadership of new president, Louise Long, the group is currently gathering baby items for Care Net. They are looking for donations of baby blankets, booties, sweaters, and hats either homemade or store bought. There will be a box in the back of the church through February 13th. Any items you can donate will be appreciated and gratefully used by mothers needing assistance.

In December, the group finished tying off a quilt that was donated to our missionaries in the Yukon, the Bakers.

The next project is care packages for our college students and those serving in the military. More information on this will be coming shortly, so watch the Sunday Bulletin for details.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets each month. Meetings are announced in the weekly bulletin. In addition to special projects such as those listed here, the ladies have a devotional and lunch at each meeting. Special speakers and Bible studies are also regularly scheduled. It is a time of fellowship for the ladies as well as spiritual growth and practical projects for distribution to others. Thank you ladies!



Tying off the quilt for the Bakers

The Baker Family



MEET OUR YOUNG ADULTS—BRENDAN LUPYAK

What led me to join the military was a kind of uncertainty about where I wanted to go after high school. I had wanted to go to college but wasn't sure how I was going to get there. I started looking at the Army's website and then a recruiter called me and asked if I had any questions. I decided to take a trip down to the station. After asking several questions—and a lot of prayer—I decided that it was the best choice for me and my future. I am currently stationed at Fort Gordon, (Augusta) GA. I am training to be a 25 Bravo, which is a fancy way of saying 'geek squad.' For some reason they decided to put me in a leadership position in my barracks and am now in charge of 60 guys that range from 18 to 40 years old. God has really helped me through the trials and the monotony of military life. As of right now my plan is to attend BBC in the fall to further my civilian education and complete the Army's ROTC program so I can become an officer in a few years. One of my favorite sergeants on post also happens to be a great Christian man. He has taught me a lot about how to live for Christ while serving my country. My favorite verse or verses, as I should say, has come to be Psalms 91 - 'The Soldiers Psalm.' It has helped me through more hard times over the past five months than I'd like to remember! - Brendan Lupyak

