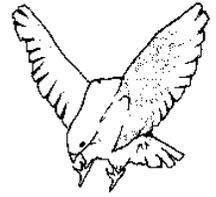


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TIM'S SERVICE

by Tim "K9" Kunzweiler, President

That Two Percent. Alas, Luke 6: 27-36 has taken on a more personal meaning for Sheila and me this month ó reminding me I must be compassionate, just as our Father is compassionate. Still, it's something I have to admit: it's hard to pray for those who hurt us (particularly while they might be attacking!). I'm trying to answer the Lord's call despite the fact that someone broke out the driver's window of the car Sheila had driven to a dog park and stole a check and Sheila's purse this mid May. Broad daylight and public areas don't seem to be detriments to thieves these days. We're not sure what their motivation was (they certainly did not get much cash ó and the purse was not in view) but they have cost us in time, money and peace of mind. Recovery activities have included stopping payment on the check, scheduling and paying for the window repair, purchasing and changing home door locks, changing the car keying, replacing credit cards, contacting credit agencies for monitoring, etc. Some personal things in the purse were, as you might understand, not replaceable. Would you join me in a prayer that the Lord's Spirit would reach such people, not just for convicting them but for calling them to new life in Christ?

Peacekeeper Updates. I was pleased to hear from *two* Peacekeepers after my request for your



e-mailed replies to the January/February Newsletter.

One note was from **Kim Morgan** (West Point, New York, formerly in Italy) and she delighted me by noting she had spent some years in Dayton, Ohio ó in the Beavercreek Congregation where Sheila and I currently minister and fellowship! The other note was from Evangelist **Bob Casino** who testified how the power of "peer pressure" and feeling left out were among the strong forces at work during his military years (maybe you can relate well to these feelings). The blessing was in finding other individuals who believed in the Lord. Bob spent time in port making sure he found the believers and received strength from the community to stand firm. Bob was active duty from June of 1954 to July of 1974 in the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. He served on Destroyers and Cruisers for some 17 years and received shore duty finally just before retiring in Dam Neck, Virginia as an Instructor. He indicates he loved instructing and that led him into his vocation after getting out of the Navy as a High School Teacher. He served that way for another 20 years before retiring again in 1996, teaching Computers, Chemistry, Physics and Math classes. Bob has been an Evangelist since 1996 and finds that the most rewarding feeling comes from service to brothers and sisters (service not for the rewards, but for Christ). He added: "As someone has said, "We have been saved for works, not by them" and I look forward to whatever is yet to be in my walk with the Lord."

U.S. Memorial Day weekend. If you search for information on Memorial Day (USA) you might find factual statements like Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed the last Monday in May. But, let us remember: This day honors those who have died in all



In similar manner, Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth of Nations member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Perhaps you know of additional memorial days across our world. On a pass through my original home town (O'Fallon, MO) back in April I was pleased to spot the city has erected a Veterans Memorial near the east side of town (see photo). The sight of the numerous bronze empty boots on the plaza certainly causes reflection.



During this year's Memorial Day celebration Sheila and I had been visiting our son (Alex) and his wife (Amber) in Lamoni, IA. If you have never been to Lamoni for this day it is worth your time to plan a trip. The town places flags and small crosses throughout Rose Hill Cemetery (photo above), honoring those lost in armed conflicts. One can't help but feel a special connection when you can read, on the cross, the name and conflict he, or she, was associated with. On a lighter note, the family and I managed to avoid a "cow strike" the night

before we headed back to Ohio when we experienced a close encounter with a fugitive dark heifer trotting down U.S. 69!

In Christ ó Victory!
May God bless all
Peacekeepers.

Tim óK9ö Kunzweiler,
President.

Kid's Stuff

by Mary Yocum



School is almost over, we have few plans for the summer, but I am sure we'll have fun with our grandsons.

Ian will be starting preschool at Head Start next year. Hopefully he'll be finished with potty training. He gave Grandpa Don a standing ovation the other day and told him "Good job! He even claps for himself ó telling whichever set of parents and/or grandparents that he's finished.

His Dad has him enrolled in swim classes the same week we're taking Dominic to Branson, Missouri. We look forward to several phone calls between the boys.

One day Dominic asked his Mom, "What's a boogie man?" Without missing a beat Ian answered, "He eats buggers!" I guess it was obvious to him. I could imagine him thinking, "what you didn't know that? What's the matter, you been living in a cave or something?"

All of a sudden everything is super-duper. He's got a super-duper car, a super-duper jacket, and Hulk is a super-duper monster!

Oh, and Ian's not scared of Hulk, or that fuzzy blue monster at the end of his book, but he's scared of Grandma. Don says he doesn't blame him.

Quote Corner

- ❖ The miracle of giving is that giving makes miracles. ó Bishop Robert E. G

Greetings

by Curt Heaviland

Recently I wrote a letter to our members asking for articles for the newsletter. The more I thought about it the more the thought of my experience why meö came to mind. As a result I have decided to put it in writing.



In 1944 I joined the Navy and went to basic training at Great Lakes where I went through torpedo school. After graduation I was shipped out to the south Pacific where I picked up my ship, the Johnnie Hutchins, DE 360. Our primary duty was that of convoy duty and anti-suby marine warfare. Most of the duty was boring but necessary.

The cruiser Indiannapolis was sunk off the coast of Luzon and as a result a hunter killer group was formed consisting of seven Destroyer escorts and a baby aircraft carrier. My ship was assigned the duty of being a decoy. During the time that we were on patrol our Sonar unit picked up a contact. We headed in that direction and I heard on my earphones öaction to starboardö and almost immediately the report on the phones was öaction to port.ö The 1st class petty officer on the phones asked the officer on deck which was it to be öaction to port or action to starboardö? The response was öYes.ö

About this time I was watching a white wave in the water as the wind was causing a few whitecaps. The command came down to set the depth charges on 50 feet as we usually had them on a magnetic charge. As this was my duty I began to set the depth charges on 50 feet. While doing so I glanced off to the starboard side and saw the white wave much closer to us and I could make out that it was moving. I watched as it passed about 10 feet from where I was standing and I could see the props of a torpedo turning.

During all of this I heard on my earphones a conversation about a two man sub trying to ram us. As I continued to set the depth charges, the five inch gun fired over my head and hit the sub. Both the five inch muzzle blast that the five inch gave over my head and the explosion of the sub that was hit by the five inch projectile drove me off my feet.

Since that time I have gone over the circumstances surrounding the action and I have asked the question öwhy meö? If the Lord has had something else He wanted me to do, I hope I have lived up to the expectations. As I ponder these thoughts, two more have come to mind, to which I will relate at a later time if agreeable.

Using the Right Building Code

By Art Smith, Council of Twelve Apostles

The call to respond is urgent. Look to the needs of your own congregations, but look also beyond ytour walls to the far-flung places where the church must go. Each disciple needs a spiritual home. You are called to build that home and care for it, but also to share equally in the outreaching ministries of the church. In that way the gospel may be sent to other souls also yearning for a spiritual resting place.

—Doctrine and Covenants 162: 7d

Someone always asks me how my latest trip to Central an South America has gone, and I usually focus purely on the positive. But the reality is that our work in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ is a combination of building something new and trying to figure out how to rebuild something that has collapsed or appears at high risk of failing.

On February 27, 2010, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck the Biobio region of Chile, including the city of Concepcion. It left a trail of devastation. Though Chile prepares well for earthquakes, this powerful tremor exposed buildings (even new ones) that had ignored construction codes. A devastated apartment tower I stared at was only a few years old.



Iöve visited more than my share of congregations that this tumbled-over building reminds me of. But Iöve also visited countless congregations that are growing and full of promise, putting up new buildings to accommodate ministries, just like the school and new classroom in Concepcion Sur. I watched as Honduran craafsmen smothered stucco over exterior of the Alma Corine Mejia classroom. I easily could see the quality of work going into this school.

A few weeks later, as children occupy the desks and a teacher writes on the board, I know we have done something good. I've never been more enthusiastic than now about our challenge to focus on what matters most—the mission of Jesus—as we use the building code to construct and rebuild our congregations around the world, both people and

gathering places. Thank you for generously engaging in Christ's mission.

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