

# buzz

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## New Helmets for Babies

Lydia and Jeremiah Voth will be sporting these new helmets for the next three months or so to allow new head growth to round out flat spots on the back of their heads. While the custom-made helmets can be warm to wear, they do not cause the babies any pain. Thank you for praying for them as they continue to adjust to wearing the helmets.

—Luke & Cindy Voth

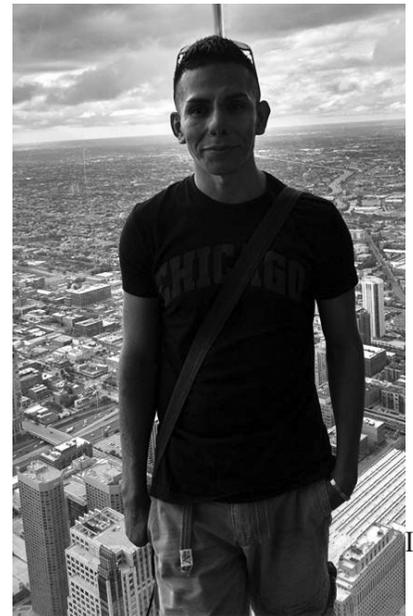


## Birthday Open House

The family of Galen Yoder is planning an open house for Galen's 90th birthday on Sunday, August 9, from 2–4:00 p.m. at the Juniper Place dining room. Come and help us celebrate.

## Farewell from Carlos Ramos

After much prayer and thought, I have decided to return to my family in Honduras on Wednesday, August 5. One of the reasons I am planning to go back to Honduras is because I really need to be around my family. Family is very important to me and although I have a sister and a brother living here, I rarely see them. I feel alone here, and because I do not have legal status, I am limited in what I can do. Another reason is that I am not able to do the things here that I would really like to do such as hairdressing. I feel that I would have more opportunity to accomplish that in Honduras. I have appreciated the support you have given me and I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you. Thank you for being so generous and I will always appreciate it and be thankful for it. I would really appreciate it if you would keep me in your prayers through this transition. This has been a tough decision but it's what I really want to do even though my future in Honduras is uncertain.



## Endowment Fund Applications Welcomed

The Endowment Fund Committee again welcomes applications for projects that would benefit from assistance from Waterford's Endowment Fund. Based on the June 30 balance, \$4,400 will be available in this cycle of grants. The deadline to prepare applications for this cycle is October 1.

Waterford's Endowment Fund was established to serve as a way to support the ongoing work of Jesus at Waterford. Ministry teams, recognized groups within the congregations, and individuals representing outside agencies are all invited to apply for grants. Past distributions have supported continuing education for ministry teams, special events, housing projects, mission organizations and more. We welcome being inundated with requests, as these applications represent creative approaches to ministry. Applications are available in the literature racks located near the mailboxes.

As you consider an application, here are a few suggestions from the Endowment Fund Committee that can strengthen a proposal:

- Linkages to the congregation's mission and directional statements are beneficial.
- Opportunities to serve as one-time "seed money" for a new project or to expand an ongoing project are particularly well received, though consideration should also be given to the sustainability of an ongoing project.
- We have typically denied projects that would more appropriately be funded from our regular congregational spending plans.
- Given that we typically receive requests for more money than is available, the opportunity to partially fund a proposal through your itemizing of components is helpful.
- To encourage new creativity, we typically will not fund a project in two consecutive distribution cycles.

If you have questions about the process of preparing an application, please contact a member of the committee listed below.

Contributions to the fund are welcomed at any time. If you have questions about contributing, please contact a committee member, particularly

Lyle Miller. The Mennonite Foundation also provides excellent assistance in considering creative ways of being generous with the financial resources we have been entrusted with.

—Endowment Fund Committee: Elvina Schmidt, chair; Tim Burkholder, chair of the congregation; Jim Fisher, lay ministry partner for Facilities & Finance Ministry Team; Jerry Detweiler; Jon. Wieand; Lyle Miller, pastor of family life and financial stewardship

## A Free Trip to the Holy Lands!

Do you wake up at night wishing you had the chance to visit the Holy Lands? Have you always wanted to walk where Jesus walked? Are you afraid of flying but don't want to spend weeks on a boat sailing to the Middle East? Good News! On Sunday August 9 from 6:30-8 in the evening, you're all invited to travel to the Holy Lands at WMC. Our very own Mel Claassen will narrate as he shares a video from his and Lorna's personal travel in 2008. The focus will be on their time spent in Jerusalem. Adult Nurture will provide drinks and paper products for the journey. All other travelers are invited to bring finger foods.

## Sharing with College Students

What happens after college? Beginning life in a new place, new job, new community. A lot of new. Where does one start? A few of our Waterford Goshen College grads (Ashley, Yvette) are remaining in Goshen to start life after college and are looking for things like a bed, desk, or dresser. Current college students living off campus (Paul) are also in need of furniture and items to set up housekeeping in a new apartment. If you have something like this and are able to share it, that would be greatly appreciated. By doing this I think we share who we are as a congregation. We are "extending the table." Our college student welcome can continue after graduation, as we share in life together. If you have a bed or dresser or desk you would like to share, please contact JD.

—Beth and JD Smucker

## Thank You

I want to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards and phone calls that I received during my total knee surgery. They were very much appreciated. Thank you also for the miniature rose plant.

—Sandy Kauffman



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