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Jordan and Erin Smeltzer to Serve in Guatemala

Jordan and Erin Smeltzer are excited to be moving to Antigua, Guatemala at the start of June! They will be working with Common Hope, Erin as a Vision Team Coordinator and Jordan as a volunteer while he studies Spanish. Common Hope is a non-profit organization that has been partnering with the people of the Antigua Valley for over 30 years to help families and communities improve their lives through education, health care, and housing. As a Vision Team Coordinator, Erin will be planning and leading groups that come to learn about Guatemala and the work of Common Hope.

Jordan and Erin are looking forward to the opportunity to return to the country where Erin spent part of her childhood and to live alongside, learn from, and serve the people of Guatemala. While they know that there will be challenges with this transition to a different culture and pace of living, they look forward to these changes and the ways that they will grow through them. Jordan and Erin appreciate the support and friendships they have found at Waterford and covet your prayers as they follow God's leadings in this new chapter of their lives.

Learning Trip to the U.S. – Mexico Border

Mission and Service Ministry Team is sponsoring a learning trip for Waterford attenders interested in learning about immigration and U.S.-Mexico border issues. Meet with immigrants seeking asylum, border patrol agents, people involved in providing sanctuary, Native Americans whose lands are divided by the wall along the border, and others whose lives are affected by the border.

The trip is being organized by Kevin Miller and will be similar in format to the MYF learning trip in July 2016 to Tucson, Arizona. Former Waterford pastor Tina Schlabach will assist with some activities in Tucson. Transportation and programming will cost about \$750 per person; cost for food and lodging to be determined based on participant/group choices.

Two possible dates for the trip are being considered: Oct. 14-22 and March 30-April 8. Contact Kevin Miller at Kevin.Lorene@gmail.com for questions or to register interest in participating. Be sure to include which date(s) you would be available. Responses received by Sunday, June 18, will help determine trip dates.

–Kevin Miller

An Opportunity to Visit South Africa

Stanley Green of our congregation is leading a learning tour to South Africa September 12 to 26, 2017. Eldon and Rachel Stoltzfus are planning to participate in this tour.

This tour will be visiting MMN mission partners in several South African cities. A number of historical sites from the years of apartheid are also on the itinerary. An optional visit to Chobe National Park and Victoria Falls is also on the schedule.

Stanley welcomes others from Waterford who are interested in joining this learning tour. If you are interested or want more information, you are invited to contact Eldon Stoltzfus, Waterford's Missions and Service Ministry Team lay partner.

–Eldon Stoltzfus





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Thank You

Words cannot express our gratitude to you, the Waterford Church Family, for the support, prayers, and encouragement given to us in the passing of Edith King. The support we have felt cannot be put into words. A special thanks to Neil and Velma for your tremendous work to make this occasion meaningful. God bless you all.

—*John King and family*

Dear Waterford Family,
Thank you for your love and support during Mom's hospitalization. She feels your care and prayers. Thank you for your ongoing prayers!

—*Tom Meyer (Mim Meyer's son)*

We accept our new home at 1643 Clover Creek Ln, Goshen, IN 46526 as a gift from God. Your prayers have kept us going through our housing journey. Thank you to the Agape class and family for helping to move our household items into our new location. Special thanks to Aaron Lehman and Alan Zimmerman for moving the piano. Now we can settle in.

—*Tim and Sharon Burkholder*

Thank you for your love and support during the passing of our mom, Margaret Lehman. Your gift of plants was lovely. They are outside our doors as a sign of beauty and welcome for all. Blessings,

—*Becky Gascho and Mary Ann Wieand*

Roof Replacement Rental House

We're looking for a group of volunteers to replace the roof on the church rental house next door. The plan is to tear off the shingles on Friday afternoon/evening on June 9 and install the new shingles on Saturday June 10. On Friday we could use as many as 20 people and on Saturday about 15. The rain date will be the following weekend. We need a number of people to get this job accomplished and encourage you to donate your time. No experience necessary! Please contact Aaron Lehman or Jan Oostland if you're willing to participate for part or all of this project.

—*Jan Oostland, Facilities Manager*

Stephen Minister Application Deadline Nearing

Waterford Mennonite Church's Stephen Leaders are recruiting persons to train during the August 30th – December 18th period to serve as Stephen Ministers. In order to provide a timely response to applicants and plan training details, we are asking that Stephen Minister Applications of Interest be submitted to Mel or Lorna Claassen, Liz Gingrich or Bill Minter by Sunday, May 28. If you are still uncertain of your intent, or have not yet been provided an application, please talk to any one of them.

—*WMC Stephen Leader Team*