

September 18, 2009



Dear Friends in Christ,

First order of business: ***“What happened to all the books? Part I.”*** All of the books donated for the Philippines have now been distributed. After Sharon took a large consignment to Denver this summer to be shipped to the Philippines, most of the rest were delivered by the Furukawas and Halvorsons to an organization in Denver which will sell some of them (with a commission to the church), ship others to mission work overseas, and recycle whatever is not otherwise usable. A small percentage of the books went to Southern Peaks Library. All that remains now is to give thanks to God for everyone who labored so hard to collect and to distribute the books, and to pray for those who will receive them. ***Next week: Part II -- The Church's Books.***

This week's picture is coming to you late (see the map in the office hall for the uncropped version). Here's what Rusty said when he sent it September 3:

Hey y'all. some asked for photos, most didn't, but we like this one. It is in the courtyard of the Rafael Larco Herrera Museum in Lima. One of our favorites. Hope we can take you there on your next visit! Ciao! Sara and Rusty

Also coming late is this thank you (dated August 18):

Dear Pastor Katherine and members of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church, Thank you for having us at your church on August 19th. We enjoyed the opportunity to help with Sunday morning worship service and also to provide an afternoon concert. Thank you also for your love offering. We are passionate about serving the Lord through the music ministry that He has given to us and your love, encouragement and support helps us to continue. We appreciate you so much! We will be praying for you. God bless! Cal and Cindy Turner

Please continue to hold Geri in your prayers. She was all gowned, capped and IV'd when the doctors told her the surgery would have to be postponed a week. Let's pray all goes well this coming Tuesday.

Were you here last Sunday? We had a wonderful breakfast with the Unitarian Universalists (known to friends as the "UUs") and a worship service graced by Audrey Liu's Minute for Mission (and Shasta's appearance looking for her mommy), during which Dorothy Croft presented a check for \$1200.00 from Presbyterian Women for the Bunk Bed Fund. After church the UUs provided coffee and cookies for us all out on the lawn and then the Deacons had their meeting.

Speaking of the Bunk Bed Fund, it now contains enough to build the beds but not yet enough to buy the commercial mattresses. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope with cash for "Alamosa Presbyterian Church – Bunk Bed Fund." Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Monday Elder Charlie Goff from Salida, our COM Liaison, came to town. He and I got to hear some of Noel Harlan's and Noel Herrera's wonderful stories that evening (when, alas, no one else showed up for Session).

Tuesday the book sorting crew finished emptying the back of Fellowship Hall and celebrated all they have accomplished since June. Then they gallantly agreed to help with the first phase of compiling information for a written history of the congregation. If you know of other written histories which we have not yet found, please let me know. (I have one from an old pictorial directory.)

Wednesday I attended the "Evolution of Grace" events at ASC. Thursday PW met and later I attended a meeting about Angel Food Ministries, which I'll report on to the Session in October. Today I had the great privilege of meeting with someone who would like to be baptized. Session will be considering the request soon.

This Sunday one of the La Puente volunteers will be here for a Minute for Mission to speak about their work, HOPE Week, and the bunk beds; and I'll continue with our peacemaking theme. MONDAY AT 8:30 IS THE FIRST MEETING FOR "STRONG PEOPLE / STRONG BONES." A copy of the flyer is attached.

Scriptures for Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-31 James 3:13 – 4:3,7-8a
Psalm 1 Mark 9:30-37

This Tuesday, September 22, is the first Women of Worth (WOW) Program for single mothers sponsored by the SLV Women's Resource Center. See the narthex bulletin board for more information.

In Christ, Katherine