

# THE FORCEY FOCUS

A NEWSLETTER FOR FORCEY BIBLE CHURCH - JULY 2017

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## Building Loan Capital Campaign Results Were Great!

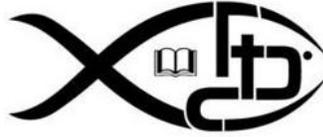
For all who gave, prayed or in any way encouraged our recent Loan Capital Campaign, thank you very much. The \$250,000 Matching Gift was fully matched and total giving to the campaign came to \$951,468. We praise God for his generosity expressed through his people. That amount chopped off the top of the principal value of the loan will greatly reduce our monthly payment and allow us to pay off the loan much sooner.

Thank you again and let's all rejoice in God's goodness!

~ *The Trustees*



Mission Possible is in Canada through July 24. Please be in prayer for Paul and Carmina Adams and the team. Click on their pic for updates on their blog.

**FORCEY**  
  
**DAY CAMP**

There is still space to register  
for Forcey Day Camp!!!  
Runs June 26 – August 11



**REGISTER ONLINE!!!!**

## BEFORE YOU I KNEEL

Good songs of worship speak the truths of Scripture about God. Yes, they may take shape out of our need and use words from our cries. But if they are to take us beyond the shadow of our pain and into the presence of God, they need to speak of Him and they must proclaim the promises and truths of Scripture.

My wife recently shared with me a song by the Gettys. It is one of those worship songs that weave together the words of God. If you read the lyrics carefully, you should be able to recall various promises of Scripture. I have a copy on my desk, and have been re-reading the song slowly and deliberately. It is a prayer, and I have been making it mine. It draws me into the presence of my God. And I offer it to you.

*~ Phil Powers, Lead Pastor*

**"Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker,  
To offer the work of my hands.  
For this is the day You've given Your servant;  
I will rejoice and be glad  
For the strength I have to live and breathe,  
For each skill Your grace has given me,  
For the needs and opportunities  
That will glorify Your great name.**

**Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness  
To cover the work of my hands.  
For patience and peace to shape all my labor,  
Your grace for thorns in my path.  
Flow within me like a living stream,  
Wear away the stones of pride and greed  
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me  
And a harvest of life is grown.**

**Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;  
Establish the work of our hands.  
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom  
In every small and great task.  
May we live the gospel of Your grace,  
Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,  
Then our lives will bring eternal praise  
And all glory to Your great name."**

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LISTEN TO SERMONS  
ONLINE

[www.forcey.org/sermons](http://www.forcey.org/sermons)



“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight” (Rom 3:20). In the work of personal evangelism, Christians often meet individuals who are depending on their good works in order to go to heaven. In such cases, the soul winner must emphasize man’s lost condition due to sin and the certainty of eternal judgment. Once this foundation is laid, the prospect is often open to the gospel invitation to receive Christ for salvation.

Within the last month, while witnessing to patients at a local hospital, a Forcey member encountered a middle-aged patient named Karen. She was friendly and open to discuss

spiritual issues. However, it soon became evident that her hope of eternal life rested solely on her good works. The Forcey member then explained to her at length that “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of

## Soul Winning

God” (Rom 3:23) and that “the wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23). She listened respectfully and seemed to grasp her lost condition before God. He then explained that Christ had paid

her sin debt at the cross by His death and resurrection (Rom 5:8) and urged her to receive Him as her Savior. With a sincere and humble attitude, Karen called upon the Lord Jesus to forgive her sins and to save her soul (Rom 10:13).

This witnessing opportunity demonstrates that a person seeking salvation by good works may not be hardened to the gospel of grace. Rather, as in Karen’s case, she simply did not know how to be saved (Rom 10:14).

*~ Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team*

## FORCEY ON THE MOVE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Forcey is partnering with people around the world through missions. We are able to support a number of mission endeavors through your generous giving in March to the Missions Project Fund. Here is a thank you from a project we were able to help:

### Carolinas Outreach To **HAITI**

The multipurpose building in Haiti used by the community served by Carolinas Outreach, destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. We sent a donation toward repairing the roof.



*“Thank you Forcey Bible Church for caring for the people of Haiti. We appreciate your help in repairing our multipurpose building. This will enable us to better serve the people and minister in the name of Jesus. God bless you.”*



## KENYA FESTIVAL

Our Kenya Team leaves on July 15 to serve the Pokot people, a ministry started by Forcey missionaries Julius and Rachel Murgor.

On Sunday, July 9 at 12:45 in the Forcey playground area, we invite you to the **Kenya Festival** and join in the celebration/picnic-style send-off for the team! You'll get a chance to hear more details about their itinerary and an opportunity to pray for the team.

RSVP ([either online](#) OR at the Welcome Center) so we know how much food to prepare. A \$3 per plate donation is requested to help cover the cost of the food. You are welcome to bring outdoor chairs or blankets for your family.



**THE POKOT** tribe located in northwest Kenya, are estimated at over 1 million people. This semi-nomadic Pokot tribe live in a remote, rural, deeply impoverished area of Africa. The Pokot are beautiful, peaceful and resilient people that struggle to survive in challenging circumstances.

Lack of clean water and modern day infrastructures, constant famines and infertile land for growing anything, make life very hard, especially for the women who are the primary care-takers of families, homes and even the income.

Check out the video below to see how wells being drilled throughout Pokot are making a difference to the people & opening eyes & ears to the message of the Gospel.



## KENYA TEAM PRAYER REQUESTS

That God's mission in Pokot will be increasingly clear to us, and that we will clearly understand the role He wants us to play in bringing His vision into fruition.

That we will learn obedience, faith, and devotion to our Lord through this trip, and that we will come back ready & able to pour that experience into others.

That God would multiply the team's efficiency so that we can finish preparations in the few meetings that we have left before we depart.

That God will prepare the hearts of the people for the experiences He would like us to share with them, and that we will be a part of the sowing & harvesting process as a result of our ministry there.

## KENYA TEAM SHOE FUNDRAISER



### THE SHOE FUNDRAISER CONTINUES!!!

We are grateful for all the families who have been bringing in new, used, and gently worn shoes. So far we have collected about *50 bags of shoes (25 pair per bag)*.

If you are willing and able to help with this effort, contact Sharon Lamy (301-549-3152, or by email at [lamy.sharon751@gmail.com](mailto:lamy.sharon751@gmail.com)).

# SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION ENDS JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>



Our collection of donations (money preferred) or school supplies to fill backpacks with needed school supplies to needy families ends on Monday, July 3.

## WAYS TO MAKE MONETARY DONATIONS:

- *Online [www.forcey.org/backpack-school-supply-outreach](http://www.forcey.org/backpack-school-supply-outreach);*
- *Church lobby on Sunday morning or*
- *Church office during the business day.*

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS** (no backpacks) may be left in the designated box in foyer or in the church office. The link above will provide you with an approved list of supplies.

We would prefer monetary donations as it allows us to buy in bulk at lower prices and provide better uniformity between backpacks. We will still use all supplies donated with great appreciation if you'd prefer that way to donate.

Backpacks filled with prayers, love, a booklet to share the gospel and supplies will be provided to the Langley Park Bible Club and Anacostia Gospel Chapel.

Questions? Contact Diane Wesche, [kd.wesche@verizon.net](mailto:kd.wesche@verizon.net)

## SIS DINNER AND BACKPACK ASSEMBLY EVENT

Every lady is invited to a light, but yummy meal followed by a time to assemble all the school supplies into backpacks. Please come on July 28 at 7p.m. at Forcey. We will also pray over the backpacks to end our evening.

