

# THE FORCEY FOCUS

A NEWSLETTER FOR FORCEY BIBLE CHURCH - AUGUST 2017

## FORCEY ON THE MOVE - MISSIONARY UPDATES

God is drawing people to Himself in many ways and many places. Here are excerpts from a couple missionary letters. Remember that you are part of these ministries through prayer and giving.



Harriet Smith is the prayer coordinator for Bridges International, the Cru ministry to international students. Recently Harriet was co-leader

of a team from her church that went to Nicaragua, and ministered in a variety of settings. Here are some excerpts from her report:

*"How can I adequately thank you for participating with*

*me in the mission trip to Nicaragua through your prayers, encouragement and gifts? God did so much in us and through us that it's really difficult to properly describe the life change that took place among the 14 who participated. But I will do my best to let you in on some of that.*

*All together we shared the gospel with over 400 people and nearly 50% indicated faith. We saw extreme poverty, but we also witnessed the love and determination of people to overcome the odds.*



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# Kids PROMOTION SUNDAY



The Children's Sunday School Promotion Day is September 3.

Therefore the LAST day in their current classes will be August 27 and the FIRST day in their new classes will be September 3. This will include when the 5<sup>th</sup> graders become 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Teens.

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*On our trip from Managua to Miami, a professional soccer player sat next to me. God opened the door to share the gospel with him and he trusted in Jesus. He was even traveling with a Bible. When we got to Miami, I asked the woman on the other side of him if she had been praying for me and she said, "Yes, the whole time." I love how the body of Christ works together. You are part of these stories too so let's praise God together for all He did!"*

## FORCEY ON THE MOVE - MORE MISSIONARY UPDATES

From Mark Lewis, Director of ReachGlobal, crisis response ministry of EFCA.

...Emily (daughter) and I will be heading to The Philippines, and the area that was devastated by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Since then, the Lord has brought about significant growth in the church. Over a dozen new churches have been planted in the region since the storm, and the original church planters are now leading multiple churches and teams of church planters, so last year, we started meeting with them to help in their development and equipping as their roles have changed.

We'll also spend a few days investigating the possibility of starting a Global Fingerprints child sponsorship program in the region. Emily will be filming interviews with the church planters and their teams, to document the incredible fruits that have resulted from ministry in this region since the Typhoon.

**PRAY:** that the Lord would use us to encourage our Brothers, and that the Holy Spirit would continue to move through these Godly leaders.



# Summer Missions Luncheon

On Sunday, August 20 following the 11:00 service. We will have a luncheon to hear reports from the Kenya Team, Mission Possible, Day Camp, Haiti and others who ministered during the summer. We will also have the opportunity to say goodbye to Paul and Carmiña Adams, and send them off as they move to Virginia after many years at Forcey.

Sign-up is available online or at the Welcome Center to bring sandwiches or a salad to share.



[ONLINE SIGN-UP](#)

# EVANGELISM MINISTRY



“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God” (Acts 26:18). This commissioning of the Apostle Paul by the Lord Jesus is very relevant for today. In witnessing for the Lord, it is not uncommon to meet those who are involved in idolatry through adherence to a cult. In these encounters, the Holy Spirit is well able to bring light and life to a darkened heart through the message of the gospel.

Recently, at a local hospital, a Forcey member met a middle-aged patient named Gloria. As they discussed her spiritual background, he discovered that she had been exposed to a cult that was attempting to indoctrinate her in its idolatrous paths. Despite her cultic involvement, Gloria allowed the Forcey member to present to her the gospel of Christ. She listened

respectfully but was somewhat combative on certain doctrinal issues. However, the Forcey member persisted in presenting God’s plan of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus, trusting the Holy Spirit to open her eyes to the truth of the gospel.

When the Forcey member asked Gloria if she wanted to receive the Lord Jesus as her Savior, to his surprise and delight she responded “Yes.” Gloria then called upon the Lord Jesus to forgive her sins and to save her soul. After reviewing with her the assurance of her salvation in Christ, the Forcey member left with a thankful heart that this patient had indeed turned “from darkness to light” by the power of the Spirit of God.

~ *Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team*

## Soul Winning

## TAKING STRIDES

### WHAT IS TAKING STRIDES?

Taking Strides is a weekly Bible study that follows the message on Sunday morning and helps you to prepare for the study of God’s Word.



### HOW SHOULD IT BE USED

Use Taking Strides as a personal Bible study tool, for family devotions, and for preparation for discussion in a Home Group.

Weekly lessons are based on the current sermon series at Forcey and are made available the week before the study. Copies are available online and at the Welcome Center

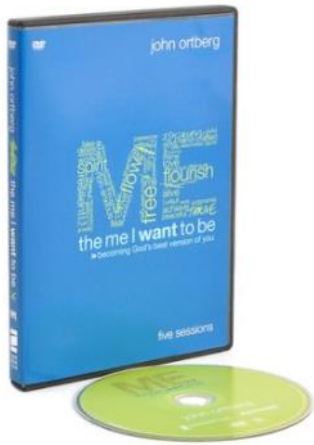
### CURRENT SERIES

#### God Delights:

- *In His Son*
- *In All He Does*
- *In His Creation*
- *In His Fame*
- *In His Election*
- *In Doing Good To All Who Hope In Him*
- *In Bruising The Son*

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# MEN'S ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

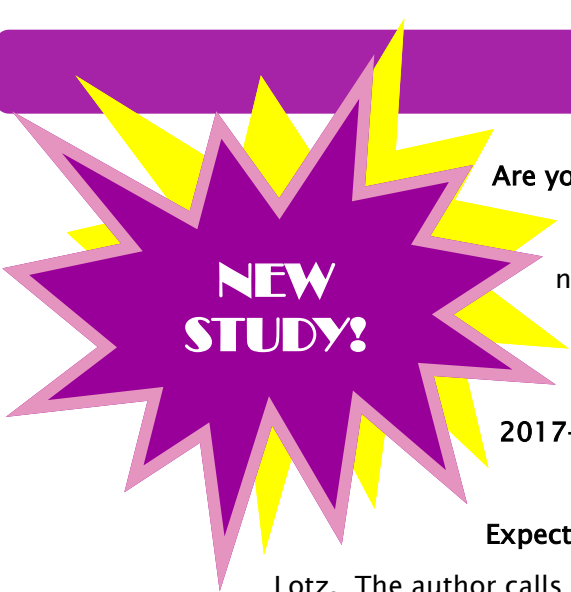


Beginning on August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Fellowship Class will begin viewing the DVD series *"The Me I Want to Be"* by John Ortberg. Based on Ortberg's popular book of the same name, this series will be five sessions long and will finish up on September 17<sup>th</sup>. With the goal of becoming God's best version of who He made us uniquely to be, we will view a short video by the author each Sunday and spend the balance of the class time in discussion of the topic; unlike our customary study, there is no book to buy or "homework" to prepare for class. Come out and join like-minded men on this exciting spiritual journey to become the unique person God made you to be!



There are two identical sessions each Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> hour, 9:15–10:30 a.m., and 2<sup>nd</sup> hour, 11:00 am to 12:15 p.m. We meet in room 324 at both time slots, and all men are welcome to join in our study and weekly discussion.

## BUSY LADIES BIBLE STUDY



Are you a lady looking for a Bible study with a group of ladies to busy just like you "too busy"? Then the Busy Ladies Bible Study may meet your needs. The group meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at a pre-determined host home. The evenings are a time of fellowship, Bible study and prayer. **Our monthly meetings will meet September 2017–June 2018.**

**Expecting to See Jesus**, by author, Anne Graham Lotz. The author calls Christians to wake up to the fact Jesus may come in their lifetime. She guides the group in seeing the Lord in a fresh way, so that each participant can have a genuine experience of life-changing, fire-blazing personal revival. We will use a Participant's Guide to further explore and discuss the video teaching which we will view during our meeting time. The cost of the Participant's Guide is \$12.

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