

As in water face reflects face,

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So the heart of man reflects man.
Proverbs 27:19



God's Garden

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In the Genesis 1 account of the creation God looked at His world and said that it was good. Isn't it a great comfort to know that God made a good world in harmony and perfect balance with everything fitted together! He even made mankind as His final act. There is so much good in the world for us to enjoy, use and care for.

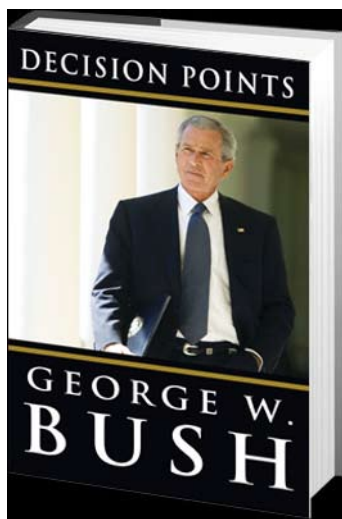
Springtime is a special time to watch God at work. The trees and plants around us burst into life and show us His perfect love for us.

Of course as God's special creation we have a part to play. Planting, sowing seeds, tending our gardens and lawns helps us to appreciate His goodness to us and points to the Creator.

As followers of the One God and believers in his Messiah, let's be leaders in protecting and caring for this world.

Library Update

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Decision Points by George W. Bush

Decision Points is the extraordinary account of America's 43rd president. Shattering the conventions of political autobiography, George W. Bush offers a strikingly candid journey through the defining decisions of his life.

In gripping, never-before-heard detail, President Bush brings readers inside the Texas Governor's Mansion on the night of the hotly contested 2000 election; aboard Air Force One on 9/11, in

the hours after America's most devastating attack since Pearl Harbor; at the head of the table in the Situation Room in the moments before launching the war in Iraq; and behind the Oval Office desk for his historic and controversial decisions on the financial crisis, Hurricane Katrina, Afghanistan, Iran, and other issues that have shaped the first decade of the twenty-first century.

President Bush writes honestly and directly about his flaws and mistakes, as well as his accomplishments reforming education, treating HIV/AIDS in Africa, and safeguarding the country amid chilling warnings of additional terrorist attacks. He also offers intimate new details on his decision to quit drinking, discovery of faith, and relationship with his family.

Decision Points will captivate supporters, surprise critics, and change perspectives on one of the most consequential eras in American history—and the man at the center of events. book review copied from <http://www.randomhouse.com/crown/features/decision-points-by-george-w-bush/>

Mark Stoltzfus adds:

Decision Points is a book that history lovers will enjoy reading. It covers a lot of events that happened in the last 10 years. This book has given me a new perspective on President Bush's presidency.

Two characteristics that stood out to me was his good choices regarding the Supreme Court Justices and his administration's counter terrorism programs to keep the United States a safe place to live.

So if you have any aspirations about being a president some day, Decision Points is a must read

Remember the verse in Proverbs.
'The heart of the king is in the Lord's hand.'

Thanks to the librarians for all your efforts in
getting good books for us to enjoy.



Doctor in a Dark Land

This book appears to have been given to the Church library by Emily Mast (David Mast's daughter) as her name is written on the front cover of the book. The only record of the book being read was in 1994 when Anita (Howe) Harrison checked out the book.

Excerpt from Doctor in a Dark Land:

"Bethesda!" Dr. Rex Lockwood put the Landrover into neutral, and the car began the long glide down to the lonely jungle settlement. His heart beat a little faster at the sight of the scene of his early labors.

"Bethesda!" Esther's eyes shone, too, and her heart contracted a mite with a sense of unbidden foreboding, as she pressed the small form of her baby tighter to her breast.

"Befesda!" Peter stood behind the front seat of the car, his head just about level with those of his parents. "Me born dere, eh Daddy? I fink I 'member dis place!"

A sequel to Doctor in the Jungle: Doctor in a Dark Land continues the adventures of Dr. Rex Lockwood. The Doctor and his wife Esther have just returned from a six month furlough in the States, with their two young children, to the Congo, a land of unrest and uncertainty. The natives are tired of being treated as dirt and are seeking the darkness of witchcraft to bring freedom. Once again the Dr. and his fellow missionary Mr. Barclay shed the Light of Jesus into a Dark Land. Trust is almost broken but renewed, wayward Christians are forgiven, and in the end the Name of the Lord is Glorified.

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February should have been listed as volume 8, Issue 6
March should have been listed as Volume 8, Issue 7

Missions Report

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submitted by Adrian Stoltzfus

A Missions Report from Adrian Stoltzfus serving with Youth With A Mission in Perth, Australia.



Outback Ministry

Melva remembers life at the Mission as a young girl. She received an education, was taught English, had her basic needs cared for, and learned about God and the Bible. But she did not belong there! As an Aboriginal in Australia before 1970 she didn't have the status of human and instead was classified under "flora and fauna". Like thousands of others she is part of the Stolen Generations, taken from her family to be raised at one of the many "missions" in the outback, forced to give up her cultural identity, her language, often mistreated, in order to fit into the white culture of the day. It is a sad part of this nation's history that only recently has the government made a formal apology for.



I met Melva and some of her family this February as I joined an outreach team to Kalgoorlie and Esperance, small towns about ten hours east of Perth. Our main focus was working with kids at a Christian Aboriginal school, teaching, sharing Bible stories with them, doing art therapy, and helping to bring healing to this next generation of Indigenous Australians. We have a ministry from Perth that has been going regularly to these remote towns. The kids captured our hearts! Through a local contact we were introduced to Melva and quickly welcomed into the family as we served them through cleaning and yard work. For two weeks we visited them every day, sharing stories with them and hearing about their lives, helping care for their young grandson, cleaning and helping in other ways.

The pain of rejection is still so real for them as a people. As white missionaries we were able to ask forgiveness for the wrongs of the past and how God was misrepresented to them. God really moved in their family and we saw a noticeable change in their attitude especially towards Christians. One lady joined a weekend conference with a church after having avoided them for three years! Others were motivated to give up alcohol addiction.

I hope to join a team going back in July this year. God gripped my heart for the people we met in the Aboriginal communities and at the Teen Challenge rehab center we worked at. Western Australia: five times the size of Texas, with only 2 million people, two-thirds of which live in Perth! Yet even in the remotest parts of the world God sees and is at work!

Mexico Report

As I returned from the outback our last teams arrived from Mexico City for their report back week here in Perth. God has done incredible things there over the past year! We sent about 1,000 missionaries from YWAM, other missions agencies and churches. I can't share all the stories, but here are the stats from the past year.

Salvations: 10,413.

Instant Healings: 666.

Received prayer for a need: 27,693.

People who heard the gospel: 46,770.

Received teaching: 53,586.

Mercy Ministry (incl. health care): 1,706.

And we are seeing many Mexicans now interested in missions in the nations. God is really at work in the world!

Thanks for praying.

