

# Rockville Reflections

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As we,  
who with  
unveiled faces  
all reflect  
the  
Lord's glory,  
are being  
transformed  
into his likeness  
with ever  
increasing glory,  
which comes  
from the Lord,  
who is  
the Spirit."

2 Corinthians  
3:18

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## Holly Trail Fellowship

December 2, 2007



see page 5 for story

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# HAPPY New Year

## Prayer for New Year's Day

O God,  
thank You for bringing me safely  
to the beginning of another year.

Please guide and guard me  
all the months to come.

My way is open to Your all-seeing eye;  
shield me while I travel onward.

I cannot help myself;  
protect me from the unknown perils  
that lie before me.

Brighten every blessing  
that may fall to my lot  
with the sunshine  
of Your love and favor.

Give me Your strong support  
when I am in danger of falling,  
and Your pardon when sin overtakes me.

Let me live this year  
as if it were my last on earth.

For Jesus' Sake. Amen

taken from Lord Teach Us To Pray, Kathi Joanne Wilson

## Youthful Happenings

### In His STEPS JR High Youth Group

Advisors:

Dave and Rose Myers 610.286.7870

Activities as announced

### SR Youth Group

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Activities as announced

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Activities as announced

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*Sr Youth  
Christmas  
Banquet*



*The Sr Youth  
and their parents met  
December 20, 2007  
at  
Shady Maple  
Banquet Center  
for an evening of  
remembering the past year  
and  
extending our thanks to the  
Youth Leaders,  
Dave and Verna Dienner  
and  
Dale and Renee Horning.*



# Missions Update

Correspondent: Rhoda Snader

## A JOURNEY OF FAITH

...By the Veisauyadra Family

A seven year old boy stood by the seaside and watched intently as a big white ship docked in the harbor. Amazed as the tourists poured out and wandered into the city, he whispered to himself "One day I will travel the world in a big white ship." Little did he realize that someone heard his whisper that day.

On the other side of the world, a young girl spent hours in the barn everyday milking cows with her brothers, playing piano, singing at every chance and silently whispering in her heart "the man I marry will be someone who shares my love for music!" That whisper was also heard by someone that day.

Twenty years later, in 1989, when the boy was a man, he was sitting on a big white ship in West Africa, with the memory of life as a seven year old flooding his thoughts. With tears running down his cheeks, he realized his dream was reality on board the big white Christian missionary hospital ship... the Mercy Ship, ANASTASIS. The next seven years on board would change his life forever.

In 1986, this cow milking maid found herself sitting in the administrative offices at Lancaster General Hospital. Knowing she did not want to be in that same office 20 years down the road, she stared at the world map in front of her desk, silently praying "Lord, take me to the nations and use me."

Metui grew up in a small family in the islands of Fiji with one sister. His father passed away when he was a baby, so he never knew his biological father. After his schooling in Fiji in a local Catholic school, he worked in the capital city, Suva, as a salesman for a local hardware store. Though he was raised in a very nominal Christian family, he knew there was a God, but did not understand the possibility of a personal relationship with His Son, Jesus. Through this journey in life, in 1986 at age 25, he found himself in a football stadium at a concert by the Continental Singers. Before the night was over, he knelt before the Lord and gave his heart to Him. From that day forward, there's been no turning back!

"This journey of faith has been an incredible adventure for us. We pray that these words of God working in our lives would encourage you in your own journey of faith and the things for which you are trusting God. How many times have we been so thankful that God directed and led, even when we hadn't a clue what was happening or what we were doing. To those of you who have supported, prayed, visited, fed, volunteered, scrapbooked, and loved us, thank you very much!! God is in the process of transforming families in Coatesville and around the world, one at a time. Whether it's through the Little Blessings Preschool, Coatesville Community Christian School, He-Brews Coffee House, interaction with City officials, or in the Kurdish region of Iraq through the rebuilding of destroyed villages... the gospel is preached and His Kingdom extended." Revelation 7:9: "I looked and there was a great number of people, so many that no one could count them. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language of the earth. They were all standing before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They were shouting in a loud voice, Salvation belongs to our God, who sit on the throne and to the Lamb.

Though Parla loved her job at LGH, she was restless and felt God moving her onward. After graduating from Messiah College in 1993, she made several attempts at various music ministry opportunities. The door that opened was with YWAM so she attended a Discipleship Training School on board Mercy Ships, ANASTASIS, in 1994. She later joined the ship crew on a longer term after her DTS.

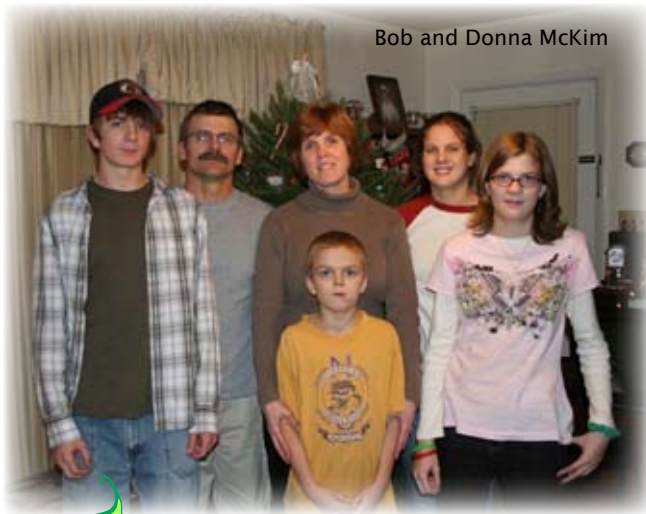
It was during those years on the ANASTASIS that Metui and Parla became friends, a friendship that grew over a period of four years. And, on March 28, 1998 in St. James Park, London, England, Metui finally popped the million dollar question and they were married six months later on Sept 5, 1998 in Atglen, PA. Both Metui and Parla have over 33 years of mission experience between them and have served in more than 55 nations in the past 20 years. They are both gifted musicians and worship leaders, a ministry that they've been involved with for the past 15 years.

A calling they both share is bringing hope to the lost and encouragement to the redeemed through their music ministry. Prior to their coming to PA in 2002, they were serving with the YWAM founders, Loren and Darlene Cunningham from 1995-2002 at YWAM Lausanne, Switzerland. In addition to leading Schools of Worship and DTS's, Parla worked as Darlene's personal assistant and Metui served on Loren's leadership team, experiences that God arranged as training and preparation for their future assignment in pioneering YWAM Coatesville. "Those years in Switzerland are sweet memories of working closely with the Cunninghams, being trained in leadership, and beginning our family." said Parla. Now they have three boys and one girl. Taylor (8), Bethanie (6), Elliott (4) and Judson(2 ). All three boys were born in PA and their only girl was born in Switzerland.

Since their move from Switzerland to Pennsylvania 5.5 years ago, they have pioneered a small YWAM base in the City of Coatesville, PA. With a group of ten staff and volunteers, they direct the Coatesville Neighborhood Center, a Center dedicated to bringing transformation into the City through the application of God's Word into every Marketplace of Society. In addition to their international outreach in northern Iraq and mobilizing and sending missionaries all over the world, their vision for YWAM Coatesville is to expand into the impoverished areas of each city in Pennsylvania in the next ten years.



Bob and Donna McKim



## Rockville Yearly Holly Trail

Written from the home of Carl and Sharon Shirk

It was every kind of weather BUT pleasant that evening on the outside of our homes. There was a mix of cold, rain, and a winter chill in the air. However on the inside we warmed up the fire-place, lighted candles, baked cookies, and hoped for lots of people to come to our house.

On that cold night the Rockville church family was committed to their yearly trek for what is known as the Christmas Holly Trail. This year five families were chosen to open their homes to share the part that is theirs to

do for that one evening. All the others are invited to go from house to house and enjoy a sort of progressive luncheon type evening and also grab fellowship with whoever else ends up at the same place at the same time in those five homes.

Early in the afternoon, as we finished setting up the cookies and fixing coffee we wondered if people would think we lived too far away and would go to all the other places instead, however we didn't need to wonder long and our house soon filled up with cookie lovers and fellowship was lively.

It was a treat for us to have Phil and Vonda and children join us for the evening. You all know how Phil enjoys conversation and makes it happen. So everyone had lots of fun catching up and telling stories. We had our basement set up for the children and they could take their cookies with them while they chose to play games, read, or found toys to play with. And Ellie and Brock hosted that part quite well, knowing where to find everything.

What fun!, the weather didn't keep people away, the cold on the outside made the inside even more warm and welcoming. And we are happy that many of you came, lots of cookies and coffee disappeared, people had a great time together and we got to stay indoors that cold, wet night. Sharon Shirk



Paul and Twila Ranck



Craig Smucker



Carl and Sharon Shirk



Cliff and Carolyn Stoltzfus

# Do you Know... the Petersheim's?

*Correspondent: Christina Kartz*



Steve and I both grew up in different parts of Chester County. He first noticed me when he came to my family's farm. I was milking the cows while he was getting the cows ready for a dispersal sale. We also attended the same youth group as teenagers.

We got married in 1989. Within eight years of that, our four boys were a part of our family.

We live on a small farm close to White Horse and have had different animals and pets from time to time. At the present each of the boys has their own dog, of which they raise puppies to sell.

Waylen is in high school at Living Word Academy. Kyler, Kolton, and Blake attend school at Linville Hill Mennonite School.

Besides trying to stay on top of things in our home, we own a concrete wall business. Steve manages in and out of the office. I do the bookwork. On the side I substitute waitress at Dienner's Restaurant.

Two of our family's favorite activities are 'Ten Hits' (an original Petersheim baseball game) and lying on our porch roof on hot summer nights watching for shooting stars and telling stories.

We appreciate our church family here at Rockville, and have enjoyed working with the JR Youth in the past.

Blessings to each one as you enter a New Year.  
Verda- for the Petersheims

# Weekend to Remember

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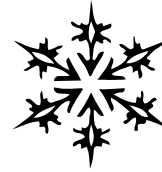
*Call Paul Ranck at 717.442.1287  
with questions.*

# LIBRARY LINES



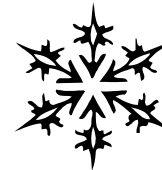
Librarian Correspondent:  
Ruby Lerch

These books were added to the library recently.



## Books for Children:

The Small One  
Biscuit Finds a Friend  
A Gaggle of Geese and a Clutter of Cats  
The Blanket Show  
Marmee's Surprise (Young Readers)  
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie (Young Readers)  
An Unlikely Family Tree (with CD) - a fun poem/song of the genealogy of Jesus)  
Jeremy, Barnabas, and the Wonderful Dream  
The Pirates Who Usually Don't Do Anything (Veggie Tales)  
Maury Had a Little Lamb (Young Readers)  
Spunky's Diary (Young Readers)  
The Tale of Benjamin Bunny  
Hello, Sun!  
Fuzzy Rabbit  
Little Raccoon's Nighttime Adventure  
Peter Rabbit Tales  
From Akebu to Zapotec (with CD) - this book is published by  
Wycliffe Bible Translators, and has a people group (that is currently without the Scriptures  
in their language) for each letter of the alphabet.



## Children's DVD's:

Veggie Tales - The Wonderful Wizard of Ha's  
The Quails' First Christmas - A Quest for the King

## Adult Non-fiction:

Saddam's Secrets - Georges Sada  
Light Force - Brother Andrew  
Ordinary People, Extraordinary Faith - Joni Eareckson Tada  
The Seven Wonders of the World - Ron Tagliapietra

## Adult Fiction:

Summer - Karen Kingsbury  
A Vow to Cherish - Deborah Raney  
The Red Geranium - Janette Oke  
The Messenger - T. Davis Bunn

## Refiner's Fire Series:

Candle in the Darkness - Lynn Austin  
Fire By Night - Lynn Austin  
A Light to My Path - Lynn Austin  
Where My Heart Belongs - Tracie Peterson

## Focus on the Family Radio Theatre (on CD)

Billy Budd, Sailor  
Bonhoffer: The Cost of Freedom  
Ben-Hur



## Youth Fiction:

Also, youth readers, be on the lookout for volumes 21-40  
of the Left Behind for Kids series coming to the library this month!

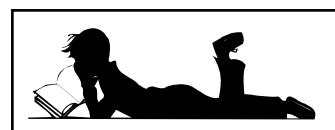
Mandie and the Fiery Rescue  
Mandie and the Foreign Spies  
Mandie and the Invisible Troublemaker  
Mandie and the Dangerous Imposters  
Beauty

SummerHill Secrets (Vol. 1) - Beverly Lewis  
SummerHill Secrets (Vol. 2) - Beverly Lewis

\*Exiled to the Red River - Chief Spokane Garry  
\*Sinking the Dayspring - John Patton  
\*The Forty-Acre Swindle - George Washington Carver  
\*Traitor in the Tower - John Bunyan

\*These four titles are part of the Trailblazer Book Series by Dave and Neta Jackson, a series of thrilling adventure stories introducing young readers (ages 8-12) to Christian heroes of the past. In addition to these four books, we already had five of these titles in the library (The Betrayer's Fortune - Menno Simons, The Bandit of Ashley Downs - George Muller, The Fate of the Yellow Woodbee - Nate Saint, The Runaway's Revenge - John Newton, and Defeat of the Ghost Riders - Mary McLeod Bethune.) Parents, if you would like to see more of these titles in the library, please let us know. There are currently quite a few of them available in the bargain room at Good's Store!

Choose a good book from the Library  
for the days when the snow flies.



# GriefShare

*your journey from  
mourning  
To joy*

## *Upcoming Video Sessions*



**02/13 Living With Grief** This session introduces you to GriefShare. It also explains what living with grief is like, why you shouldn't be ashamed of your grief and why you shouldn't rush through your healing.

**02/20 The Journey of Grief**

This session prepares you for what to expect along the journey of grief. At the same time, it emphasizes that everyone's journey is unique and warns against comparing grief experiences.

**02/27 The Effects of Grief**

You're probably surprised at how debilitating grief is. This session explains that this is normal and suggests practical ways to find comfort.

**03/05 When Your Spouse Dies**

If you've lost your spouse, this session helps you think through the critical issues involved in your healing. It also begins preparing you to face the difficult transition into a new reality without your spouse.

**03/12 Your Family and Grief**

This session shares how to keep your family afloat when its members are drowning in grief. It also presents some of the unique issues involved if you're grieving the death of a child.

**03/19 Why?**

Just because God doesn't answer all of your questions doesn't mean He won't answer any of them. This session answers the "Why" questions and encourages you to begin asking other questions as well.

**03/26 The Uniqueness of Grief Part One**

This session explores how the causes of, and your responses to your loved one's death affect your grief. Topics addressed include suicide, long-term illness, murder and false guilt.

**04/02 The Uniqueness of Grief Part Two**

Relationships, past and present, affect your grief. This session helps you address insensitive comforters and unresolved conflict with a deceased loved one.

**04/09 God's Prescription for Grief** The bereaved are often overwhelmed by the advice they receive from others. And often, what goes unnoticed is what God says about healing. This session tells you how to position yourself to experience God's healing.

**04/16 Stuck in Grief**

It's easy to get stuck along the journey of grief. This session explains how to keep moving on the path to healing.

**04/23 Top Twenty Lessons of Grief Part One**

In this session, those who've walked the journey of grief will share what they've learned and how they've grown from their grief experience.

**04/30 Top Twenty Lessons of Grief Part Two**

In this session you'll hear the most significant lessons that can be learned during grief.

**05/07 Heaven**

This session gives practical advice on how to tap into, and hold onto, the source of hope in this disappointing world.

Photo of Catherine and Twila Ranck taken at the **GriefShare Christmas Banquet** held in our home December 12, 2007. We hosted fourteen GriefShare participants and family members at a sit down dinner.

### *SEMINAR/SUPPORT GROUPS*

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### When to begin

You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is 'self-contained,' so that you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next 13-week session and to view any of the videos you have not seen.