



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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### Explore God With Us!

In just a few weeks we will begin exploring God together. We will be joining hundreds of churches in the greater Chicago area in a sermon series and small group study entitled, "Explore God." Seven questions will be investigated:

Does Life Have a Purpose?

Is There a God?

Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?

Is Christianity Too Narrow?

Is Jesus Really God?

Is The Bible Reliable?

Can I Know God Personally?

This series is the perfect opportunity to ask your non-Christian neighbor, co-worker or friend to come with you on Sunday to join us in wrestling with these often asked questions. We are still looking for small group leaders to lead some of our small groups. The small group material is intriguing and will illicit great discussions. For more info contact Jennifer at the church office. 219-345-3388

*Pastor Jim*

January 2019



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## **Get ready to Welcome the Janowskis!!**

Mark your calendar for February 3rd! We welcome Mark and Alicia to Community the morning of February 3rd. Plan on staying after the morning service for a welcome lunch. There will be no Sunday School that morning so that everyone can stay for lunch and welcome them. More details on the lunch to come.

**Pray for them this month as they prepare to move to Indiana and that their house closing goes well.**



### **Mark**

- ◆ Chaplain Candidate in the Michigan Army National Guard: Currently attached to the 507<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion, which is headquartered in Kalamazoo but has companies all over Michigan
- ◆ Served as a missionary in Haiti before beginning seminary in August 2015
- ◆ Worked as a mechanical engineer in Chicago (where he is from) before moving to Haiti
- ◆ Passionate about discipleship, faith formation, pastoral care, youth ministry, and international missions
- ◆ Hobbies: Drums, piano, guitar (just enough to embarrass myself!), carpentry, archery, fixing and building things, and reading
- ◆ Fun fact: Mark has been blind in his right eye...twice! Thankfully, his eye healed both times!

### **Alicia**

- ◆ Currently works as the Curriculum Development Coordinator for Crossroads Prison Ministries
- ◆ Completed an MA in Educational Ministries from Calvin Theological Seminary in May 2017
- ◆ Born and raised in Ontario, Canada. Mark prefers to call her “pre-American.”
- ◆ Passionate about curriculum writing, project management, and GEMS
- ◆ Hobbies: Painting, sewing, drawing, anything craft-related, and piano
- ◆ Fun fact: Alicia’s Canadian accent has mostly disappeared after living in the U.S. for the last three and a half years, but it comes back when she speaks with other Canadians! Kind of weird, eh?

### **Mark & Alicia**

- ◆ We met at Calvin Seminary in August 2015...and married in August 2016!
- ◆ We both love hiking, camping, almost everything outdoors, watching movies, music, and exercising.
- ◆ We enjoy cooking together, especially new (and hopefully healthy!) recipes.
- ◆ We love to travel but haven’t been able to get away from Grand Rapids very much these past few years due to seminary. We have a map on our wall showing the places we’ve been and the places we hope to go someday!

### **Questions?**

- ◆ You can learn even more about Mark and his ministry experience by visiting <https://markajanowski.com/>
- ◆ Wondering something about us that isn’t listed here? Please ask! We love meeting new people and we can’t wait to get to know you!





# Women's Ministries



A fun Christmas Brunch -  
Crafts, Crepes and Cocoa.  
Such a sweet program  
from our Sprouts.



Thrive also crafted  
and enjoyed  
Crepes at the  
Generations Center.  
Join us on Break -  
Away Wednesdays  
- 6:15 pm

*Did you resolve to spend more time in God's Word? -  
We have the perfect place for you in 2019!  
Join BLOOM & Sprouts for a "LITE Brunch" Wednesday, January 9  
at 8:45 am in the Community Cafe'.  
Preschool class and Nursery provided.  
Discussion: The Israelites almost get into the Promised Land!  
Contact Marjie den Dulk for more information*



  
**Coffee Break  
Small Groups**

Mondays @ 9:15 in the  
Café'.  
Contact Jean Bultema  
for more information.



## Detonate News

### Detonate:

Welcome back! Hope you all had a wonderful break and celebrated the birth of our Savior. Detonate meetings for January will be:

- 1/9 6:30-8:00 (Breakaway with dinner served starting at 5:00)
- 1/16 6:30-8:00
- 1/23 6:30-8:00 (Breakaway with dinner served starting at 5:00)
- 1/30 6:30-8:00

We also have some fun activities in the works for the winter/spring session!

### SERVE:

Community Church will be hosting a SERVE team here this summer 6/22-6/29. There will be plenty of opportunities to help/participate in making this a great experience. Within the next couple of weeks, keep your eyes open for further announcements of opportunities to serve and be involved.

*Your SERVE team - Dawn, Pam, Randy & Matt*





## Joe's Journey

Greetings in Christ from India!

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I miss being home for the holidays. This is the first time I have been away from home for Christmas, but this month has been very good, full of celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We celebrated Christmas with the entire staff and DTS the first weekend in December by going to the river for a barbecue. The weather was beautiful, and we played in the water, ate lots of chicken, fish, and vegetables, and even sang and danced. I also got invited to participate in the Christmas celebration in the slum, put on by the mercy ministry. About 120 children came. My friend Shobit invited me to celebrate Christmas with his fellowship at the leper colony. There was more dancing, singing, and of course, some authentic Indian cuisine. Another time, Shobit and I went to his fellowship's annual Christmas pageant, which was very charming. Many children participated in skits and music. On Saturday the 22nd I visited my friends Dave and Daphne in Mussoorie, who I lived with last year for about five months. I went with my friend Pastor Amrit, and Shobit. I also visited with Chandra, his wife Tina, and their two children Rachel and Caleb. Chandra's family is moving to Nepal this week. I also went to the Christmas service of my friend Ashish's fellowship on the 23rd. There was choreographed dancing, a skit called The Sin Chair, and also children sang a song about the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is really about the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus. Pastor Amrit gave the message.

It is a privilege to celebrate Christmas with the local church. For several nights, we sang Christmas carols to the neighbors, which included more music, singing and dancing. We sang simple songs that presented the gospel. Lala explained this is O.K. because it is in the context of Christmas celebrations, but it would not be O.K. another time of the year. We sang for Muslims, Hindus, and believers. We drank chai and ate biscuits (cookies) at several places.

On Christmas Eve, I went to a candlelight service at my main fellowship, led by my Australian friend. This was very special, as we shared a short meditation, celebrated the Lord's Supper, and then the Indians there started singing a Christmas song. Dancing broke out there too! On Christmas Day, I met with Shobit in the morning, then I attended the Y Company Christmas program for the neighbors we invited while caroling. I participated with the group singing carols, and also a choreographed dance. There were several dances and skits, a short message, and even showing part of a film of the life of Jesus in Hindi, for the scene of the Nativity. On Christmas night, we ate another barbecue on the roof of the base.

Some houses are decorated with Christmas lights, and some restaurants have Christmas wreaths, Christmas trees, or decorations put up. Pacific Mall has a big reindeer, lampposts, and snowflakes for decoration. We made do at the base, decorating the classroom with lots of balloons and decorations, and even including a tree with lights and fake snow, complete with a snowman! We also put lights outside the base.

There is a lot on my mind now as we prepare for outreach. We learned more about the gospel of the kingdom of God, then missions and evangelism, and this week we are learning about faith and finance. God is teaching me so much, for example I am learning about repentance and redemption in the context of Jonah, we are focusing on Christmas passages such as Isaiah 9 and Luke 2, I have also been meditating on Revelation, especially Revelation 22 when Eden will be restored, and this morning we talked about Psalm 27. The Lord is the stronghold of my life. It is good to seek the Lord's face, to wait for the Lord, and to respond to His invitation to talk with Him. I also realized that if you take a compass and draw a circle from the border of India and Myanmar, through China, to the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan, through southern India, this circle would contain most of the unreached people groups, with Dehradun at the center. India has over 2000 unreached people groups! Pray more people will encounter the Savior and Lord who was born, who is Emmanuel, God with us. Please also continue to pray for preparations to go smoothly and that the Lord will send His angel ahead of us to prepare the way. We leave January 6. Photos on the next page!!

In Christ,  
Joe



These are pictures of us dancing at the river barbecue, the celebration at the slum with the children, myself next to the little Christmas tree we used there, the Christmas tree at my Australian friend's house fellowship, my friend Shobit's fellowship's pageant, and when we were in Mussoorie. In this picture, left to right: Daphne, Shobit, Pastor Amrit, Dave, Chandra, and myself.



Below I included two pictures from the leprosy colony Christmas celebration as well. I am also including two pictures of me with the neighbor's animals that my friend Ashish and I are taking care of while they are in Thailand, just because the dog and cats are so cute, Shobit and I eating waffles for breakfast on Christmas Morning, two pictures from the program Christmas Day with the neighbors, a picture of the rooftop barbecue Christmas Night and a picture of the decorated classroom.





## Schering Family News



Community Friends,

We thank you all for prayers for our safe travel without too many bumps: )

Please continue to hold us up for clear minds, focus on priorities, love for people and passion for Jesus.

We hope to spend two weeks in Pt Moresby the capital and are looking to the Lord to go before us as Eric pays visits to a couple government leaders re Christian Education in the public schools.

Thank you!!

Eric & Penny





## Czech-ing in with the Wunderinks

### Happy New Year!!

Calvin will be teaching the same classes in the coming semester as well as continuing to work with the 9th grade boys. He is also continuing to mentor the 11th grader. My film class ends this semester, so I will potentially be adding some work with students who have a learning disability. I am also continuing in my morning Czech classes. Sometimes I feel like they go really quickly through the material, but I am learning and definitely am more confident in my language abilities than when I started. We have also been asked again to be support coaches for new TeachBeyond members this coming year who are heading out into the mission field. We are excited to be a part of that again.



We would like to also invite you to come to our school's Connect Conference in April. You can get to know other people who work here at CISP, see what Prague is like, and experience the school that you all faithfully support and pray for. If you are interested, please let me know and I can answer any questions you have. There is also a photo at the bottom to give you more information.

### Praises and Prayer Requests

- Prayer for the staff and students here as cold and flu season is in full swing and a lot of people are getting sick.
- Prayer for some of our 1st and 2nd grade students. They are from Hindu families and are here learning about God. Prayer for their teachers as they answer questions in ways young children can understand. And for the students as they talk with their families about faith.

Our school's Connect Conference is in April. If you want to know more about Christian education and our school's mission or to just get a sense of CISP, we'd love to see you there. Please ask if you have questions!

### Calvin and Jessica

SAVE THE DATE  
Christian International School of Prague  
**CONNECT**  
CONFERENCE  
APRIL 24-26, 2019  
PRAGUE, CZECHIA

Sign up at  
[cispgrave.org/connect2019.cfm](http://cispgrave.org/connect2019.cfm)  
for conference updates  
and registration information



Join us in Prague to  
**PRAY  
SERVE  
WORSHIP  
LEARN**  
as you explore the  
mission and impact of  
Christian education  
locally and globally.



## Beckrich Family News

CAMPUS OUTREACH INDIANAPOLIS



Kyle & Jenn Beckrich | University of Southern Indiana  
Campus Director

Community Family,

God has been gracious to answer prayers this fall semester - 19 students have professed their faith in Christ! We are thankful for the 3 other couples on our staff team and their faithfulness on campus. We've enjoyed their friendship and the fresh perspective they bring to USI.

Also, we want to share very exciting news for our family. **Baby Beckrich #2 will be joining us in May 2019!** Please pray for a continued healthy pregnancy, increased energy for Jenn, and Cora's heart as she learns to be a big sister.

We are so thankful for you being part of our team!

*In Christ*  
**The Beckrich's**





## Mobility Ministries News

On September 6 we loaded 231 Carts in a Shipping Container for the journey to Malawi, in Eastern Africa. They crossed the Atlantic, traveled the length of the Mediterranean Sea, went south through the Suez Canal in Egypt, down the Red Sea, through the Arabian Sea, crossed the Indian Ocean, and on December 1 the Container was unloaded from the ship in Tanzania. A truck then took it to Malawi, and a crane unloaded it at the location picked by the Malawi Project where it would remain until all the Carts are distributed; the Container will then be moved to the new warehouse site for the Malawi Project to serve as a permanent storage unit. Arrangements had been made to purchase the Container so it could be kept by the Malawi Project.

These first 3 pictures were taken at our Shop on September 6:



This map shows the beginning point in Wheatfield, Indiana and the ending point in Lilongwi, Malawi---8,349 miles away!

These last 4 pictures were taken on Friday, December 28 in Malawi; the Container is now safely on the ground in its new home country.



**Thanks again to all of you** that made it possible to send 231 more Carts Malawi, at a cost of \$300 per Cart. We have all been blessed: the donors who provided the funds, the workers who manufactured the Carts, the shop workers who loaded the Container, Wilson Tembo and his helpers who will unload and distribute these *gifts of mobility* free of charge, and the recipients who will begin a very new part of their lives!

From all of us at the Mobility Shop---enjoy and share this blessed news at this most appropriate time--Christmas!

**We all serve, because He served!**  
Your Shop Workers!

**Mobility Ministries, Inc.**  
12352 North 550 West  
Wheatfield, IN 46392





## January Anniversaries

Cecil Jr and Melissa Meadows	January 1
Greg & Nichole Fieldhouse	January 5
Greg & Jolene Musch	January 5
John & Judy Earnshaw	January 7
Jordan & Holly Westerhoff	January 7
Terry & Amanda Sadowski	January 9
Dan & Tara Hilarides	January 10
Jon & Laura Hubers	January 11



## January Birthdays

Lila VanBaren	January 1
Pat Schimick	January 2
Phil Roodzant	January 3
Katie Betz	January 4
Jeannie Bultema	January 4
Jeff Bixenman	January 5
Cynthia DeYoung	January 5
Heather Huizenga	January 5
Linda Beugel	January 6
Devon Brinks	January 6
Kay Herr	January 6
Cindy Poortinga	January 6
Sophia VanKeppel	January 6
Toni Molden	January 8
Jim Bykerk	January 9
Ray Poortinga	January 11
Mike Miller	January 12
Ruth Porte	January 13
Mary Zeilenga	January 13
Bill Herr	January 15
Jill Wolber	January 15
Martin Szczepanski	January 16
Joey Allen	January 17
Tara Dawson	January 17
Jacob Kuiper	January 17
Brad DeBoer	January 18
Levi Garton	January 18

Randy Pierce	January 18
Gene Cullett	January 19
Donja Versteeg	January 19
Sharon Boonstra	January 20
Brantley Navarro	January 21
John O'Brien	January 21
Arlene Pfau	January 22
Ginny Schurman	January 23
Don Scholte	January 24
Thriesa Hubers	January 25
Dirk Eggleston	January 26
Terry McCallister	January 26
Audrey Roosma	January 26
Leah VanKeppel	January 26
Linda VanTholen	January 26
Rachel VanVlymen	January 26
Marjie denDulk	January 27
Cookie Maciejewski	January 28
Tammie Ruvalcaba	January 28
Andrew Cohen	January 29
Isaac Cohen	January 29
Joshua Cohen	January 29
Hannah Johnson	January 29
Rick Kusbel	January 29
John Wunderink	January 30
Randy Boonstra	January 31
Lauren Hubers	January 31



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### January Calendar

#### Sunday Mornings

Kids church for ages 3 years to 2nd grade during 9:30 service  
Sunday School Hour begins after worship from 10:45 - 11:30 for all ages

#### Women's Bible Studies

Mondays, Coffee Break Bible Study on Forgiveness - 9:15 AM

Tuesdays, Bloom Bible Study at Jo Vanderzee's - 7:00 PM

Wednesdays, Bloom (Bible Study) and Sprouts (PreK) - 8:45 AM

January 6th, Communion Sunday; Special Communion Table for those who made Profession of Faith in 2018

#### Breakaway Nights – January 9th and 23rd - Dinner 5:00 - 6:30

GEMS, Cadets, Detonate, 6:30 PM

Thrive (Seamless Bible Study) at 6:15 at the Generations Center

#### Detonate Meeting Nights - January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Friendship Club, January 11th and 25th, Noon - 2:00 PM

January 12th, Food Pantry - 9:00 AM - Noon

#### January 13th, Installation of new Council Members

January 20th, "Explore God" Small Groups begin

**Hunter Education Class, January 25th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM and January 26th, 8 AM - 4 PM**  
Sign up at the DNR website

#### January 26th - Wild Game Dinner

Doors open at 4:00, Dinner at 5:00, Silly Safari at 6:00 PM

Phil's Friends every Tuesday 10 to 4, begins the 8th

**Coming February 3rd—Welcome the Janowskis!**

