

Elder Corner

*Whatever happens,
conduct yourselves in
a manner worthy of
the gospel of Christ.
Then, whether I come
and see you or only
hear about you in my
absence, I will know
that you stand firm in
one spirit, contending
as one man for the
faith of the gospel.*

(Philippians 1:27)

Cole Center for Biblical Studies

Josh here, for the Cole Center for Biblical Studies (Study Center). The Elders are graciously giving me some space in their corner to let you know how the Study Center is coming along. Right now, I am putting together the Leadership Team that will help me to oversee the Study Center, teach classes, care for interns, and do some administration. I look forward to working with the Team and to getting evening classes and the internship program back up and running. I'll be sure to invade this Elder's Corner again to introduce you to the Leadership Team when it is fully in place, and then when we have decided what classes we want to do in the Fall. Keep an eye out for those updates because we would love to see you in a class or two when you get a chance, and we do plan to have some evening classes beginning in September. This ministry is for the benefit of Christ's Body here at Cole and beyond, so we hope that you will partner with us through prayer and by taking those classes that will equip you as you grow in your love for God and others. Many blessings from Josh and the Study Center.



TEAM HONDURAS ARRIVES SAFELY.....EVEN WITH ALL THEIR LUGGAGE.

We praise the Lord that the Honduras Team arrived safely. After many months of training and preparation they are ready to be used of the Lord to serve . The team will be building a church from the ground up, and will be doing VBS for the children in the community. Pray for God's unconditional love to pour out



upon the Honduran people that they come in contact with. Pray for continued Koinonia " deep love and fellowship because of Jesus living in us" for the team and for the fellow believers in Honduras. Pray for peace in the land as there has been struggle. We received word from the Murphy's that all is calm in their area.

A NEW TYPE OF MISSIONARY.....” MID-TERMERS”

Much of the elder’s focus these past few weeks has had to do with Missions. Brian Grant and the Missions Committee presented the elders with a new concept or category for missionaries who would love to serve the Lord in the field, but for a period of 1-4 years. They would be called “ Mid-Term Missionaries”. These missionaries would be sent out from the body of Cole, to support current ministries.

Currently we have two projects in which we will begin sending out the MT’s. Jerry and Tess Arledge have been invited by PMI to assist in their ministry in North Africa. This ministry will help coordinate over 30 workers who are involved in humanitarian projects, which give them legitimacy in the government, as well as open doors for sharing the Gospel in deed and word. Tess and Jerry plan to move there for a period of three years to get the administrative offices up and running. This will be an incredible support for PMI and the ministry in North Africa . Please pray with us for Jerry and Tess as they desire to use their lives serving out in the field.



THE ARMSTRONGS: 19 YEARS OF MINISTRY IN INDONESIA: WHAT NEXT?

The elders spent the week meeting with the Armstrong’s and the Mission’s Committee praising our Lord for their faithful ministry. Nick and Laura and the family have been serving in Indonesia for the past 19 years. Wow! Much of Nick’s work has been focused on serving in the middle of many great disasters that have taken place in the country. Tsunami and earthquakes have devastated the land, and Nick has been going in as the hands and feet of Christ to love these communities. There has been much fruit, and many amazing relationships built because of the love of Christ coming through Nick , Laura and the kids. They will continue to make disciples by training up local pastors to minister in their communities, sharing the good news of Jesus, and serving in a way that brings real peace to those they minister to in Indonesia. Please pray with us that the Lord will bless the Armstrongs as they continue to minister. Pray for God’s leading as they seek new ways to share Christ’s love. Pray for strength, and that they would not grow weary in doing good.



STUDY IN GENESIS

**Life of the Patriarchs**

The elders have been praying over our next study in the Word. We have decided to enter back into Genesis after we wrap up our Philippians study at the end of the summer. We will begin in Chapter 16. Start reading ahead as we dig deeper into this beautiful text.

Teaching Calendar**September 6, 2009**

Genesis 16

September 13, 2009

Genesis 17

September 20, 2009

Genesis 18:1-15

September 27, 2009Genesis 18: 16- 19:38
