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Life News

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*If the Son sets you free,
you shall be free indeed! John 8:32*

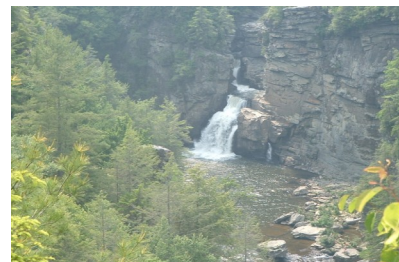
Happy 4th of July

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If God be for us , who can be against us, the enemy, [the British Army] has re-proached us for calling on His name and professing our trust in Him. They have made a mock of our solemn fasts and every appearance of serious Christianity in the land....May our land be purged from all its sins! Then the Lord will be our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble, and we will have no reason to be afraid, though thousands of enemies set themselves against us round about.

Reverend Samuel Lanagdon May 31, 1775.

(President of Harvard College, in an address to the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts,



Linville Falls, N.C. May 2006

America?
by Crystal Cullen



Is this what America's come to?

The silence, the fear, the shedding
of innocent tears.

Why wont we speak?

Why wont we say what America has
come to today?

Because we're afraid of what they
may say, And what they'll think
of us that day.

People are hurt everyday, Because
of the choices we have made.

America can blame the people in
charge today,

And say it was them who made
all the pain begin.

But I can look at you
and say it was me.

It was me who made Him die
on the tree,

And it was me who made Him suffer
and bleed, So man could be free.

I can look at you today America,
And say, it was us!

We gave up every thing!

We gave up our life!

We gave up our stand!

And America has even given up the
courage to say

GOD is here today!

Surrender – Believe – Go
“Let us go up at once...”
(Numbers 13:30)

As a family we have been praying about what God is leading us to do as Choose Life Ministries. We all feel He desires us to travel more and that now is the time to go, taking His Word to places across this nation far and wide. God has opened the door for us to go out West; We leave July 21st & will be traveling until Thanksgiving. In the course of this trip we will speak at churches in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, possibly Arkansas & Oklahoma, & finishing up in Western Kentucky. We feel it is in CLM's best interest to let our rental home go, & sell, store, & give away everything that will not fit into a motor-home. We still feel Eastern Kentucky & Mill Creek Baptist Church will be our home base for now. This is a hard thing to do, but God has been preparing us, and every decision to walk by faith has challenged us and helped us grow in trusting God more. (Coming to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, selling everything in Fla., & going into full time Christian ministry).

We desire your prayers, most of all, because without the leadership of God the Father & the prayers of His people we cannot do this. God continues to show us He is in this ministry. He has given us dates in ways that can only be of Him. He has provided us a place to store our things at no cost, & there are many more ways that He has shown us His will and providence. The most recent blessing is obtaining an official non-profit ministry status. The cost to get started is more than we have & the monthly cost to continue is more than we have coming in, but we know that the Lord is able to provide. Please lift us up in prayer, remember us financially, & drop us a note in the mail. P.O. Box 549 Four Mile, KY. 40939 or E-mail, choose_life@netzero.com. We would love to hear from you.

In Christ,
Doug CLM

Special Prayer Focus

Please pray for our Supreme Court Justices as they will soon be making a decision on the Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia, David Souter, John Paul Stevens, Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, & John Roberts.

Your Choice and God's Will

Written by Mario Rainge.

He rededicated his life to Christ app. 2 yrs. ago, and currently is serving in Baghdad in the Air Force.

I was fifteen years old and didn't think much about life. I just kind of seized the day, being lead by selfish desires. Danielle and I were next door neighbors who befriended each other. After a while she became my escape, the answer to all my problems and visa versa. Our friendship turned into a type of infatuation that is very dangerous for young people and always takes a turn for the worse. It wasn't long before she was pregnant.

When I heard the news, I felt like my world had ended. What was I going to do with a baby? My first suggestion was abortion. Abortion was the cure all, the easy way out to me. Danielle and her mother had other plans. They insisted on keeping the baby. Her family seemed very supportive of her decision. I continued to try and persuade her other wise but to no avail. At that point I just accepted the thought of being a dad.

A little more than half way through the pregnancy there came some disturbing news. We were informed the child was diagnosed with spina bifida, a disorder involving incomplete development of the brain or spinal cord. That was very heartbreaking to everyone. Many options were considered, even abortion. Finally adoption was chosen as the next course of action.

Danielle gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on May 19th 1997. The child underwent a series of surgeries in his first week on earth. By the grace of God he endured them all. Within months a family was sent by God to be Jovohn's adoptive family. (His name was later changed to Caleb).

Creation and Abortion (written by Cliff Cullen)

This summer, June 28th - July 2nd, my family and I will be attending Answer in Genesis' creation college. You may ask what does creation have to do with the sanctity of human life? And I would tell you, "if we can convince people that they are created in the image of a God who loves them, then we can convince them that it is wrong to kill others who are created in the image of that same God. A God who loves the ones that they are killing as much as He loves them."

A Special Thank You Philippians 1:3

Choose Life Ministries would like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to all who have prayed for the ministry, and to all who have given so that we could go. At times we get so discouraged and then God reminds us of His faithfulness, and He reminds us how you have stood with us. You spur us on to forge ahead. There are a few that we want to acknowledge personally, because each of you made it possible for Choose Life Ministries to begin and continue through their first year.

Mill Creek Baptist Church, Pastor Travis Wilder, Marcus and Kathleen Daly, Nick and Tonya Butler, Kathy Collins, Maury and Michelle McGlone, Bill and Missy Bailey, Jim and Chris Colley, Mrs. Pfoff, and

© Vanessa Pillion for helping us with all our accounting needs. (Pillion Accounting and Tax, Middlesboro, Kentucky).

(Blessings: Prayer support, financial support, trailer, power point projector, laptop, tax service, and our home we had this first year when we were not on the road).

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The experience happened so fast it seems. When I was going through it, I didn't see God working or His plan. Now I see His mercy and love. He took an innocent child birthed out of sin and disobedience, and made him a blessing to the world. By the direction of the Holy Spirit, Danielle didn't listen to me urging her to have an abortion. She followed her heart which was in the hand of God.

This experience has affected my life in so many ways. For one I have an extended family. When Caleb was adopted, we agreed to an open adoption. This means the birth parents can keep in contact and even visit their adopted child. Through various types of correspondence for the past nine years, I've been blessed to see Caleb growing up. Each time I see a new picture of him it dawns on me that I almost hindered God's will, which is life. I'm thankful for His love and forgiveness and for using this as one of the experiences which brought me closer in relationship with Him. You see you don't experience God by doing what's convenient for self, but rather stepping out on faith and trusting in His plan.

I tell this story in all hope of preventing an abortion and to inform people of an alternative which is adoption; in hope of preventing death and choosing life. I won't tell you that it will be easy, but I will tell you that the blessing will be beyond measure. The article on page 3 tells the story of this amazing adoptive family.



Ministry News (April, May and June)

These last three months we were able to minister right near our home here in Eastern, Kentucky. We did travel one weekend to Dayton, Ohio, and at the end of May, we traveled to North Carolina for 10 days.

In Dayton, we were privileged to return to Trotwood Baptist Church and share with the children and youth. Brandon, pictured below, really enjoyed the puppets, and Caitlyn was able to sign with him. She showed him her God ring and shared the message to "let go, and let God have control of your life".

Pennington Gap, Virginia is a little over an hour away, and we spent one Sunday there. Pastor Stan from Belcher Baptist church invited

several area churches, and they brought their children and youth. There were 27 children who heard the good news of the gospel, and heard how they are "fearfully and wonderfully made". We had an awesome time sharing with them through puppets, crafts, and sign language as Doug shared with the adults and youth.

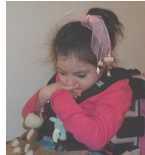
On our trip to North Carolina, we stopped and enjoyed a hike in God's beautiful country at Linville Falls. (pictured front). We ministered at 4 area churches, and while there, we were able to stay in a Chalet at Mountain Top Experience. MTE is a Christian camp being developed as a family retreat. (MtnTopXperience@aol.com) We met up

with some friends, and the youth group from Key Largo Baptist Church. We all helped do some work for the developers, our friends, the Haymonds. It was also a good time for rest and renewal, and God began preparing us for what lies ahead in the future of CLM.

We finished up this month (June) back here locally, and with an educational opportunity at Ken Ham's Creation College. (More on that in next quarter's Newsletter).

Each child pictured has faced many challenges, but they truly are "special blessings". Brandon, far left, lost his hearing at age 4, Abbey, far right was told she'd never walk.

2 weeks ago, she did!



"Special Blessings!"



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A Life Filled With the Blessings of God

I am not sure how well I can put it into words, for words are not enough, to let one know how many ways our life has been touched because of our children.

Sam and I have adopted 8 children. We have 7 children at home and one at home with the Lord. Courtney Joseph was 5 when he passed. He had down syndrome but developed leukemia at age 3 and passed at age 5. He would be 10 today. We miss him so. He had such a zest for life.

Our at home family of children are Stephanie age 20, Caleb 8, Kaycee 8, Josiah 5, Jordan 4, Abbey 4 and Hanna 21 months, and no they are not twins. I, Jill, also have grown children by birth Dustin and Autumn and 6 grands.

Although our adopted children have challenges they face each day due to their various "designer genes" they are just kids. Awesomely fun kids. Kids who have blessed our lives more than we will be ever able to bless theirs. First of all we have been blessed to know their first mothers and most of their first fathers. We are blessed to be able to thank them personally for the gift they gave to us and share with them the life of the child. We know that our children belong to God and that each one of us played a very important, and God chosen part in the child's life. We are thankful that their birth families **chose life** for our children, especially in today's "throw away" society, when things aren't as perfect as one wanted. Abortion was an option for each family when they heard the words that their baby's had "downs or spina bifida etc". Our children's families all felt strongly that their children were very special children. Due to whatever circumstance they faced in their lives, they wanted a forever family for them, that could not just love them (for they were doing that well), but be able to care for them on a daily basis, providing for their "extra" needs. This unselfish decision came with unconditional love. This love was passed to each child forever.

As mom and dad, we have been given the awesome privilege of watching God work daily in the lives of our children. We are often awestruck just watching them learn to hold their heads up, take their first steps, sign their first sign, say their first word or read their first words. We are blessed with children who are babies longer (Now how bad is that?) who give the best hugs, who cheer each other on and who love God. They especially enjoy Awana's and Sunday school.

God has given our children windows into their eyes. For when you peer into those beautiful, trusting and loving eyes.....you will know you have seen the face of God.

Our life as a family has not always been easy (sometimes far from it), but our life has always been filled with the blessings of God. We are thankful that He has allowed us to walk this unique path and when the path has stones that we trip on or twists unforeseen, that He gives us strength to carry on. He has shown us personally the gift of patience and courage. The Lord's gift of a child is a blessing, but as I was told recently by an older Amish woman, our children are "special blessings" and that they are.

Prayerfully sent,
Jill Howard

Praises & Prayer Requests

- * Praise for all the opportunities to share God's message.
- * Praise for our non-profit status.
- * Praise for getting to see my Grandma in Arizona on her 80th birthday.
- * Praise for opportunities coming up to share out West.
- * Praise for a chance to go to the Creation college.
- * Praise for safe travels.
- * Praise for God's providence and protection.
- Pray for Family Unity
- Pray for the motor home.
- Pray for us to be obedient and faithful.
- Pray for needed supplies. (2nd projector, screen, laptop.)
- Pray for our health
- Pray for God to supply the finances needed to travel full time.

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names

and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to

mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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