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**“But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”
Joshua 25:15**

James Taylor, eighteenth-century English villager, hated Wesley’s circuit riders, viewing them as nothing but targets for his rotten eggs. But one day as he readied his missiles one of the preachers quoted Joshua 24:15: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!” (KJV). James, about to be married, was smitten. On his wedding day he prayed so long that he arrived late at his wedding. He announced he had become a Christian. Burdened for his new wife, he picked her up, carried her to the bedroom, and forced her to her knees where she, too, became a Christian.

Their faith passed from generation to generation until it reached their great-grandson, James Hudson Taylor, who founded the China Inland Mission and opened the interior of China to the gospel.



His grandson, James Hudson Taylor II, continued the legacy by taking his family to China as missionaries during the days before World War II. The children’s boarding school was located in a Chinese city 1,000 miles from their parents, and they were there on **December 7, 1941** when Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor. When news reached Mrs. Taylor, she writhed in fear and fell on her knees, unable to pray. Worried, a paraphrase of Matthew 6:33 came to mind: “If you will take care of the things that are dear to God, God will take care of the things that are dear to you.”

Meanwhile, far away, the four Taylor children were herded into a concentration camp in Japanese-occupied territory while singing, “God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.” The children were detained for five years, until liberated by the Americans and allowed to rejoin their parents.

One of the boys, James Hudson Taylor III, grew up to become the general director of China Inland Mission (now Overseas Missionary Fellowship)—the great-grandson of the great-grandson of the man who resolved on his wedding day: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!”¹



What Christian heritage are we passing down to our children and grandchildren? Will they see us as “pretty good” for old folks or “religious” grannies? Or will our devotion to Christ be so powerfully undeniable that they can’t help but be affected.

May our lives challenge the next generation to a life dedicated to serving our Savior no matter where it may take them.

¹Morgan, R. J. 2000, c1997. *On this day : 265 amazing and inspiring stories about saints, martyrs & heroes* (electronic ed.). Thomas Nelson Publishers: Nashville

 **On The Move** 

Missionary Residents

Home	Name	Country	Mission	Phone #	From Date	To Date
103A	Mark & Becki Forman	India	Ramabai Mission	(856) 925-1075	April '12	June '12
106	Tim & Ruth Allen	USA	Pastoral Ministry	(856) 925-1077	Present	December '12
108	Bob & Wanda McRae	Guatemala	Assistant Director	(856) 925-1087	Staff	
112	Jim & Joanne Callahan		Director	(856) 925-1073	Staff	
112A	Scott Taylor	Africa	ABWE	(856) 679-0936	Present	December '12
116	Kim & Lori Fox	France	Calvary Baptist Church	(856) 925-1074	Present	June '12
118	Lauren Pupchik	Guatemala	Mission Impact	(856) 679-0935	Present	January '14
120	Michael & Vanessa Cox	Brazil	Word of Life	(856) 679-0934	Present	June '14
123	Dave & Ruth Ann Rogers	Chile	ABWE	(856) 679-0938	July '12	June '13
124	Fernando & Mariah Oliveria	Brazil	Word of Life	(856) 361-2005	Present	June '12
125	Gerald & Alice Harkins	Senegal	World Venture	(856) 361-2009	Present	March '12
126	Harold & Shawne Ebersole	Bangladesh	ABWE	(856) 361-2006	May '12	December '12
128	John & Margie Haines	France	Pioneers	(856) 679-0937	May '12	June '12
130	Joel & Margaret DeHart	Pakistan	Interserve	(856) 679-0939	May '12	August '12
132	Scott & Leslie Powell	Taiwan	SEND International	(856) 679-0940	April '12	December '12
133	Carlos & Neyzi Reyes	Guatemala	Maintenance	(856) 679-0933	Staff	

Financial Report

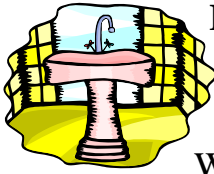
This year our income came in at \$160,855 and our expenses came to \$151,856. We praise the Lord for the \$9,000 extra that came in this year as it covered the unexpected expenses of an oil tank that needed to be replaced and our sewer pumps that broke down. It's a great example of how the Lord has taken care of the missionary homes over the years.



The first three months of doing auctions has brought in about \$900. That's not bad. If we keep that average up it will bring in about \$3,600 for the year.



Conference Bathroom Coming Soon!



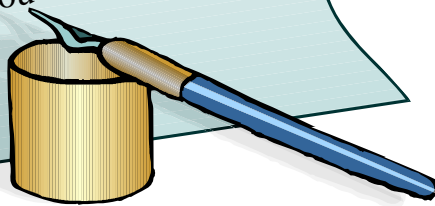
Praise the Lord for supplying all the funds needed for the new bathroom in the conference room. We hope to secure permits soon so we can start the plumbing.

We would like to use volunteer help to do the non-plumbing construction. Please be praying.



Bob Dawson's Book

Bob Dawson's book on the resurrection has made it through the final edit. We are now securing recommendations for the back cover and a foreword. We will let you know when it will be ready for sale and how you can get a copy.



Work Groups

Some of our work groups have been faithfully coming for a number of years and some groups are new. **Grace Bible Church** has been sending their youth group to help with our Spring or Fall cleanups. This year they came out for both. **Mike Zeliff** brought another family with him to repair our clothing and storage room roof. He'll be back again in 2012 with some friends. The **Whiting Bible Church senior's group** was back again to help set up our Spring yard sale. And even the **Baptist High School Honor Society** got in on a workday and did a great job. They did get the day off school to do it but I'm sure it was well deserved.

Would you like to come off the mailing list?

Or would you like to receive the newsletter via email?

Please fill out the form below and send it to the office or call us at 856-783-6525.

You can also email us at cedarlane@furloughhomes.org

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My Email address: _____

Used Book Sale and Craft Show April 27th & 28th 8AM-2PM

We have thousands of books that are donated each year. This year we will continue to sell them not with yard sale items but with craft items. With only a little setup of our own to do we don't have to worry as much about rain.



*If you would like to reserve a table at the Craft Show, please contact the office 856-783-6525.

Fuel For Prayer

-**Pray** for Beth Smith (our former secretary) as she fights cancer that has metastasized.

-Continue to **pray** for the Fox family, home from France and candidating for a church in PA.

-**Praise** the Lord for the incredibly wonderful staff and volunteers He has raised up to serve Him here.

-**Pray** for the final touches to Bob Dawson's book in preparation for its publishing.

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