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“Zicomo” [spit]

I couldn't understand Austin's last name. He had walked 18 kilometers from his village of Thambani to the town of Mwanza to meet us and ask if we would come to his village to encourage the church there. It took about two and a half hours to drive to the village of Thambani – or at least as far as we could drive. About two miles shy of reaching the village the road played out into a path in between a couple of boulders and we hiked the rest of the way. All of the pain of the hike and the frustration at the difficulty of the trip quickly vanished as the church members met us and ushered us into the church building where we had a church service (instead of eating lunch as we anticipated).

An hour and a half later we left the church service and went to Austin's house. He welcomed us into his home and had us sit at his table while the meal was served. As we visited, Austin picked up one tangerine after another and ate it. It is the custom in Malawi to say “zicomo” or “thank you” frequently during the course of a conversation... especially if you are entertaining guests or showing respect. And so our brother conversed and said “zicomo” and spit his tangerine seeds on the floor. At the end of each sentence he would say, “zicomo” and spit.

Throughout the entire meal, he made it a point to thank us repeatedly and after each “thank you” was a habitual spitting of the tangerine seed onto the dining room floor.

My dear brother left a lasting impression on me. Yes, I have often laughed at the tangerine seed spitting, but beyond that, he desperately wanted us to know how much he appreciated the fact that we had come to his house. He wanted to impress upon us how important we were to him. He wanted us to feel welcome and comfortable in his home.

If I had a tangerine seed for every time someone from Garland St. has done something for us since we first learned that we were going to be moving here, I would be able to plant a large tangerine orchard. So without spitting, let me warmly say, “zicomo” with all the heartfelt sincerity that Austin extended to us. Thank you for welcoming us so enthusiastically into the Garland St. family. We are excited about being here and look forward to creating many great memories as we work with you here.

Until next time: The Lord bless you and keep you... (Numbers 6:24...)

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The **difference...**
Is **CHRIST** in me!
Colossians 1:27

We are looking for others
who will...
Become Part of the Family

COMING UP

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| July 7 | Church in the Park |
| July 11-14 | Vacation Bible School |
| July 11 | JW Hamby's Life Group
Larry Hamby's Small Group |
| July 17 | Zepeda & Valdez Wedding
Valentine & Cruz Wedding |
| July 18 | Fourth Sunday Meal and
1:00 Service |
| July 24 | Miller-Stewart Wedding |
| August 1 | Benevolence Pick Up |
| August 8 | J W Hamby's Life Group
Care and Share |

July 7 we will have "Church in the Park". We will be at the 16th Street Park, and start at 7:00 pm. There we will pass out tickets for "Free Hot Dogs". We will sing, have a devotional and invite all who are at the park to come the next week for VBS. We do need lots of help for this activity. **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!**

We will have a traditional VBS this year, lasting for 4 days. The dates for this will be July 11th (Sunday) until 14th (Wednesday). The congregation from Pagosa Springs, Colorado will present lessons on the Tabernacle. We will have an actual tabernacle set up on the north lawn. This will start at 7:00 pm and run until 8:30 pm each evening. Sunday night services will start at 7:00 not our Normal time of six. At the end of each evening we will serve refreshments.

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010**

Song Leader:	Travis Hill
Announcements:	Brent Wells
First Prayer:	Kim Hays
Closing Prayer:	Kenneth Hooper
Communion Scripture Reading:	Dee Blevins
Lord's Table	Weldon Melton
	Jason Miller
	Alan Monroe
	Tanner Monroe
	Clint Patterson
	Leo Phillips
	Bob Pitts
	Rex Redies
Evening Opening Prayer:	Glen McDonald
Evening Closing Prayer:	Mike McDonough
Westridge:	Mike McDonough
Prairie House:	Sub
Communion To Shut-Ins	Jim Gambrell
Jail: 07/13	J.W. Hamby
Sound Board:	Steven Leyendecker
NLB Teachers: Fri. 7/9-	Jim Gambrell & Lonnie Jones
Wed. 07/14-	John McGavock & Mark True

July-2010

Nursery Workers: Tara Walker and Lana Branam
Kitchen: Judy Melton and Lillie Barrett
Daily Bread: Jill Freeman and Madonna Schacht

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	06/27/10
Bible Study	128
Sunday Morning	218
Sunday Evening	97
Wednesday Evening	NC
Contribution	\$7,125.82

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-JULY

Men- - - - - Old Mexico
Ladies - - - - - IHOP

 * The semi truck from Medina Children's Home was pick- *
 * ing up goods for the home use or for sale in their used *
 * goods store as I approached with a couple of pair of *
 * pretty good shoes last week. The 3 containers are in the *
 * NE corner of our east church parking lot. The driver *
 * mentioned to me how little he collects from our contain- *
 * ers as compared to others. My first thought was "out-of- *
 * sight/out-of-mind" so I'm urging Garland Street members *
 * to put re-usable stuff out there for the kids at Medina *
 * Children's Home. *
 * A Christian brother *
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 * Footnote: We used to fill them and had to have the carry *
 * over in the Adult 3 classroom until the truck came. *
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Mission Statement

We the family of Garland Street Church of Christ,
 with the Bible as our guide and Jesus as our savior will look:
 Upward to glorify, praise and honor God;
 Outward to seek, convert and reach the lost;
 Inward to serve, equip and love one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FINAL ORDER OF T-SHIRTS ARE IN CHECK WITH THE OFFICE IF YOU PLACED AN ORDER.

"Church in the Park" If you signed up to help with cookies. Please bring them with you.

HELP NEEDED FOR VBS WORK DAYS!

We will have two work days for VBS. FRIDAY, JULY 9 at 1:00 p.m., SATURDAY, JULY 10 at 9:00 a.m. We will need men on Saturday morning to help with setting up the Tabernacle outside. (Lunch will be provided).

Travis Hill and his family will be here July 7 for "Church in the Park". He is being interviewed for the associate minister's job. He will be her July 11 and teach the high school class.

Sunday, July 11 all adults will meet in the auditorium for Bible Class. Dorman Diller from Pagosa Springs will teach bible class and bring the morning sermon. Remember our evening service on July 11 will begin at 7:00 instead of 6:00.

Sunday, July 11: Larry Hamby's Small Group will meet following the morning service in the fellowship hall for a pot luck meal.

CARE AND SHARE WILL NOT MEET THIS MONTH.

Sunday, July 18 we will have a Fourth Sunday meal and 1:00 service.

The Annual Youth Trip to the Hamby Cabin will be July 15-17. This trip is for Jr. High, High School including the Senior Class of 2010. Parents are welcome. Contact Clint or Laura Patterson for more information.

Welcome Visitors



Brian McCann & Family, Hale Center,
Lance & Keeley Obenhaus, Plv.
Billy Dulakis,
Danny & Dahlia Ortiz, Abernathy, TX

IN OUR PRAYERS

Louise McDaniel, Lorane Meriwether, Joy Fuller, Paul and Mary Frisbie, Mack Ledbetter, Lonnie Jones, The Monroe Family, Cindy Valentine, Linda Wilson, Raymon Hackett, Mike Deso, Mary McCarty, Vicky Rodriguez, Sherry Adams, Martha Pitts, Sharon Jones, Addison Kelsey, Charlie Cook, Joann Underwood, Loreta McBee, Mattie Lou Ellis, Barbara Wheeler, Ernest Bell, Eva Dunnam, Ben & Betty Foster, Dorothy Bradley, Margarita Castaneda, Lytton Stark, Paul Camacho, Doris Hearn, Dr. Randy Lee, Roberta Turner, Bobby Griffin, Harlan Dizmang, Dorothy Mitchell, Tommy Sherman, Pam Hull, Janie Lopez, Ann Lyles, Bob Barnett, Estelle South, Judy Chambliss, Dub Mercer, Tweet Moore, Cleo Crutchfield, Jim Adams, Larry White, Wesley Everidge, Billie Goree, and Our Soldiers.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Louise McDaniel had a MRI last week. She has a slipped disc and is waiting for an appointment with the neurologists and cardiologist this week. She may have back surgery in a couple of weeks.

Lana Branam's mother, **Joy Fuller** will have hip replacement surgery Thursday.

Waylon Johnson's sister, **Betty** passed away. Her memorial service will be Saturday in Paducah.

Dorothy Bradley had her right knee replaced. She is at Trustpoint for rehabilitation in room 119D.

Mid McKnight passed away Wednesday night. His services were Monday in Abilene and graveside services were in Hale Center that afternoon.

Betty Foster's new address: 830 East Princeton Drive, Room # 108 Princeton, Texas 75407. Phone 972-736-3377.

MEALS FOR VBS WORKERS FROM PAGOSA SPRINGS

Due to a change in the people coming to help with VBS we will not be doing meals for them as originally thought. If you haven't been contacted to help with the new meal plan we will not need your help. Thank you for your willingness to help.

ELDERS: Mike Allison Neal Becker Neil Billingsley
Rob Lindsey Weldon Melton Steve Stokes

DEACONS: Jimmy Barnes Bobby Byrd Scott Clevenger
Scott Harmon Brandon Joy Gary Miller
John McGavock Clint Patterson Mark True
Brent Wells

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and Worship 10:30 a. m. and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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ELDER OF THE MONTH: Steve Stokes

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