

# The Herbert Herald- Tristen Herbert

## Time is flying by...

We're ending the month of February... this month has flown by so fast. At the beginning of the month, we had challenge week, 2 weeks of study, and started up community service here in Lubbock. People have been asking how I'm feeling about everything and how I'm doing, and I share that I'm doing good, and everything is flying by. I'm preparing for my field, which includes visas, looking up flights, and talking with AIM Alumni. People have been supportive and encouraging about everything. Much of it all is playing the waiting game, attending classes, continuing area church, and preparing a lesson for chapel. I feel a little awkward because nothing major has happened to report. Before I know it I'll visit my family and then head out to Ireland.

The only thing to bring up is the new Support Letter I have for Ireland. I already sent it to two of the congregations that support me, but if you'd like to receive it, or know of another congregation that would be willing, please let me know.



#### Challenge Week

Challenge week is a time of evaluation. We spend a week away from the staff, working with a congregation that has ties with AIM. We follow their schedule and help out in any way we can. Our Destination was **McPherson**, **KS**. They were extremely loving and told us many times that they always "send the best to McPherson." we got to know the members over meals and on our work days we drove to a nearby town. Our coordinator and his wife their (Michael Bruns) just had their first child, so we split our time with **Hutchinson**, **KS**.

On our work days we cleaned the food banks pantry and reorganized the shelves. We had Bible studies at assisted living homes, the ladies their seemed encouraged and were engaged in the study. We helped someone to move out of their home. We did visitations for some of the shut ins, they all smiled and loved to share a good joke. One of the gentlemen we visited was an amputee and was very lighthearted and humorous. He made the news a few years ago for, "being the guy who brings a smile and a wave" he sits on the corner just waving at people as they pass by. He started to keep track of the replies and he's in the hundreds of thousands. People will honk back or rev their engines in response, a few even dropping off a gift or two. We also did maintenance at the church building and built some bleachers for the teens. We had a few nights with the youth group to just chill and get to know them. I even met a family who knew one of my old Pastors back in Washington. Small world!

All around we had a good week and were blessed by the congregation. Thankful for our time there.

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### Some of the New Work

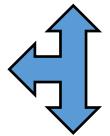
## Community service/Evangelism

As part of our curriculum, Monday and Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to some sort of outreach. Each Wednesday is set for our team, we go to a retirement home and visit members of the church there. With how the schedule played out, we've only gone a hand few of times. But each time we've been met with kind hearts. Some of the people were too sick to visit with so we prayed with them and moved on. One of the couples we met with had been involved with SIBI for awhile and shared their experiences with us. There daughter was doing something similar to AIM in Peru, working with some Missionaries there.

On Mondays we have a more flexible time. While the retirement home is structured for us, Mondays are for us to take the initiative and find somewhere to fulfill our time. So far we've only done a handful of things, including moving an entertainment center for sale, and breaking up some desks for the dumpsters. We've called a few organizations and set up some times to come and donate our time and services.



This was on the day we helped the Food pantry. The majority of the work was lifting crates of cans and moving them from one place to another. We swept underneath the pallets to keep out the mice that would want in. some of the people in the picture are from the Phoenix team. We worked with them on the work days.



Never seen assigned seating for a youth group, always just sat wherever.

This was on the day that we did maintenance on the church in Hutchinson. We vacuumed and spot cleaned the carpets, preparing the fellowship hall for a ladies retreat. We also vacuumed the auditorium and a few took a nap (lol). They had recently done some renovations in their children's wing, and some paint had gotten on the baseboard and floor. So we scrubbed it all off with some Acetone and got it looking neat for them. That afternoon we were treated by the minister there when he took us out to an Amish/Mennonite community and bought us some of the best cinnamon rolls I've ever had.



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