

HERBERT NEWS

Northwest Mission in West Seattle

Prayer List:

- Praise for safe arrivals
- Thompsons as they settle in
- New people that we are meeting
- For opportunities to engage seekers
- For full funding for the team

The teams all here!

We have been blessed to have the Thompson family arrive safely. They made their way to Seattle and were blessed by God's people as they traveled up. The hospitality of individuals and congregations made their trip possible and encouraged. They have found a place to live and will move in on November 15th. They jumped right in once they arrived and brought a new energy to the team.

Getting Started

We have been blessed and encouraged as we reach out to the community around us. As we engage with the community, we are collecting information. We ask questions like;

Q: If Jesus were to start a church here, what are some of the needs of the community?

A: For many, the homeless population is high on their list. There are many homeless camps around us. Often, they live in RV's or vans on the side of the roads. Although, a large number stay in tents in the wooded areas or under overpasses. This is a ministry opportunity that we are exploring. We have already met a man from Columbia that lives in his van by our house. Many will not share water with him because he lives in his van. We offered to share our water with him and he was thankful for the kindness.

Q: What is your favorite book of the bible?

A: This will take some by surprise. It will give you a chance to quickly see where they stand on God.

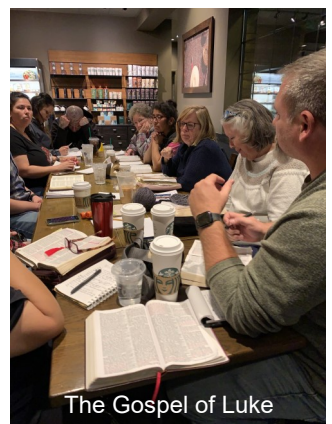
God's word at work, Isaiah 55:11

We have started a weekly bible study and it is bearing fruit. We have had new people come each week. Some have also asked for personal study time. God is working and we are making ourselves available to His leading. We have started volunteering at community events to make contact with people and to help the community know who we are (we seek to serve).

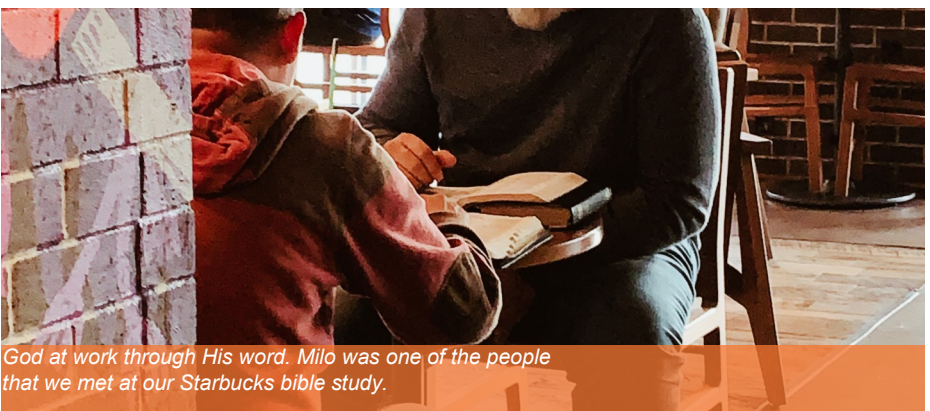
"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in me through their word"

-John 17:20

Jesus is praying for us in the later part of chapter 17. The ones that believe because of the apostle's word or eye witness



The Gospel of Luke



God at work through His word. Milo was one of the people that we met at our Starbucks bible study.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Digging deeper



We were blessed to go to the World Mission Conference in Austin, TX this month. While we were there we got

to see our son Tristen who in the AIM program. He has been working hard in AIM traveling around the country working at camps and with congregations to spread the gospel. We spent some quality time and shared a meal with Tristan as he filled us in on the work he has been doing. The conference was a blessing and a good challenge to us. We are working in a very unchurched area. In fact it has been listed as 9th in the post Christian cities survey. Though it is a dark place, God has been working to till the

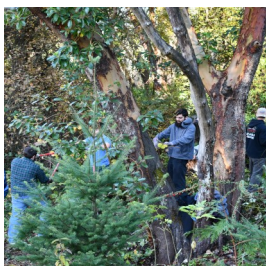


soil. We are finding people willing to come to a bible study and have been blessed to meet some that are seeking a better life.

We are at the birth place of Seattle. The

Denny party landed where we live and Seattle was born. There is a lot of great history in our area. Down the street from us there use to be a boardwalk on 13 acers built over the water. It was called Luna Park and had a hand carved carousel and a large swimming pool. Sadly, it burnt down just a few years after it opened. West Seattle once had trolley cars, this is how the Junction got its name. We live across an inlet and over a river from downtown. There is a water taxi and a bridge. The Junction has a weekly farmers market and it is a community affair.

This month we started to volunteer weekly. For two weeks in a row we helped with a restoration project at a local park. A volunteer is following



the bible study. The first week we pulled out blackberry bushes and spread mulch over freshly cleared land. The following weekend was Green Seattle Day, at least a

hundred people came. We planted new native plants and cleared more blackberry bushes. This project gave us the opportunity to get to know people in the community and to start to build relationships with some of them.



We volunteered to help with a feeding program sponsored by the Holgate Church of Christ. We were able to see how they carry out their work and we learned valuable lessons. We were also asked to give input on how they may better connect with the homeless that came in. Michelle was able to see the fruit of that work. She met a woman at Sunday services that came from the feeding program.

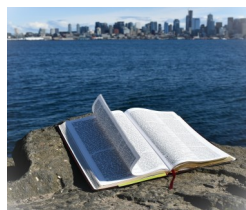


Michelle and I are working on a marriage and family ministry that will meet at the library in the evenings. We will draw on our Prepare and Enrich training as well as many years experience working with marriage groups and kids. The family is the core of our communities and if we get the family wrong then our communities will suffer. We pray that God will use us to minister to the people of West Seattle.



The early church spent a lot of time sharing meals together. It is around the table that relationships are strengthened. We are aware of this need and we are working on a weekly men's and women's meal. Where we can invite people from our bible study to grow deeper in relationships.

Michelle started taking pictures of her bible in different places around West Seattle and posting them to social media. It is an avenue of prayer. We are praying God's word over this part of the city. Prayer is the greatest way that you can help our work. Yes, we need monetary support to live, through faith and prayer, we can move mountains. Pray with us, that the people of Seattle will have their eyes opened to receive the Gospel.



I was blessed to preach at the Olympia Church of Christ in Olympia. I have been making connections with local congregations and bringing awareness of the work in West Seattle. It has been encouraging to see many brothers and sisters get excited about a new church and how they can be involved.

