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Return to Benin

With deep gratitude I accept this opportunity to represent Waterford on this trip to Benin. It will be great to see what has changed since I was part of the group who went in 2000 along with Russ Hochstetler, Larry and Janet Newswanger and a number of others to help in the construction of the second floor of BBI.

Visiting the farm for agriculture training will be a delight since the land was not yet purchased when I visited in 2000; it was a dream in the process of being realized. It will be good to record the continued growth of the farm for others from Waterford who have been involved in its progress since its purchase.

My apprehensions are about the expectations of me as far as speaking at BBI and in the churches we will visit since my French language is a bit rusty. I would appreciate your prayers for good recall of French in order to offer blessings to those we meet.

Learning what African initiated church leaders have experienced from the training they received and relationships they built at BBI, I want to hear their stories of how God has blessed them, tested them and how God's love, mercy and grace has been shown to them.

I am eager to participate in the joyous times of worship and celebration with Christians in Benin. I look forward to praying with them, to offering our blessing particularly to the BBI leadership.

I invite your prayers for good health for us during this visit.

—Eldon Stoltzfus

From The Window

Hunger is a need that often goes unrecognized. It can affect any of us at any time of the year, but rarely is it felt more intensely than during the holiday season. Here at The Window, we see that the struggle to put food on the table is very real. Last month our pantry served 386 families (1,585 individuals) and our kitchen served 2430 hot meals. That number does not include our breakfast service or the carry out meals served in the afternoon!

Hunger never takes a break and we need your help to fight this crisis within the Goshen community. September is National Hunger Month. Would you consider helping us in our fight against hunger? We have set a goal of \$10,000 for this September effort and we are counting on our community supporters to help us reach that goal.

—Dawn Yoder, for *The Window*

If you would like to make a monetary contribution, you may use the flyer with the footprint on the table under the mailboxes.

Join the MCC Relief Sale Choir

Kudos to the person who put together the Buzz article (8/25/19) for the MCC Sale. Kudos to the ones who tirelessly volunteer to make those events happen "In the Name of Christ."

I would like to offer another option for service for the sale. Borrowing from KMMC (Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus), their motto is "We sing that others might live..." They sing on or near the KS MCC sale and many people join the chorus and many people attend. In Goshen, there is a similar opportunity by joining the MCC Sale Choir. We practice on Sundays and it is not too late to join this year. If you are unable to be in the choir, please join us for the concert on Sunday September 29 in Sauder Hall. Bring your friends and family! Thank you for considering your way to serve, "In the Name of Christ."

—Nancy Graber

Waterford Mennonite Church Library

The following books were placed in the church library during the months of July and August, 2019. The first two titles listed here were used as resources for the sermon series on birds.

Blue, Debbie, *Consider the Birds: A Provocative Guide to Birds of the Bible*

Roth, Sally, *An Eye on the Sparrow: The Bird Lover's Bible*

Powell, Kara, *Every Parent's Guide to Navigating our Digital World*. Equips your family to approach this new connected world like a team. It helps you develop relationships, not rules; supervision, not surveillance.

Powell, Kara, *Growing With: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family and Future*. For any parent who longs for their kids to keep their roots even as they spread their wings, this book offers practical help and hope for the days—and years—ahead.

Harding, Margie, *The Christmas Countdown: Creating 25 Days of New Advent Traditions for Families*. Prepare your heart and home for a meaningful Christmas. This guide provides easy-to-use devotionals with Scripture, music, food and fun family activities to prepare your heart and home—and reach out to others—in celebration of Christ's coming.



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Koinonia Class Retreat

The Koinonia Sunday School class enjoyed a Saturday near Millersburg relaxing and playing in sand and water.

