



THE FORCEY FOCUS

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THE VALLEY OF VISION

From The Valley of Vision – A collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions, by Arthur Bennett

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,
Thou hast brought me to the valley of
vision,
where I live in the depths but see thee in
the heights;
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold
thy glory.

Let me learn by paradox
that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing
spirit,
that the repenting soul is the

victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the
crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.
Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen
from deepest wells,
and the deeper the wells the brighter thy
stars shine;
Let me find thy light in my darkness,
thy life in my death,
thy joy in my sorrow,
thy grace in my sin,
thy riches in my poverty,
thy glory in my valley.

BUILDING LOAN - MAKING STRIDES TOWARD OUR GOAL!

GOD IS ANSWERING PRAYER

For ten years, we've been praying that God will enable us to pay off our building loan ahead of schedule, so we can be rid of the debt and reduce the amount of interest we pay in the process. We now have a great opportunity to take a huge chunk out of the loan.



We hope you have heard the news of the matching gift that has been offered toward our loan repayment. A Forcey family has promised to match all gifts made toward paying down loan capital, up to \$250,000!



For a gift to qualify toward the match, we need to receive it by June 11, and it must be designated for loan capital.



Thus far, many have stepped up generously to take advantage of this opportunity. Since the announcement of the match, we have received \$85,871 for loan capital. Thank you very much!

If you have not yet been part of this effort, please think and pray about what God would have you do. This is a unique opportunity to help get this debt behind us.

We seek to honor God and serve people in all we do at Forcey, and management of our finances is a part of that. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at Forcey.

~ Forcey Bible Church Trustees

FORCEY ON THE MOVE - KENYA TEAM UPDATE



As most of you know, Forcey is sending a team to the Pokot Region of Kenya this summer (July 15–30) to partner with Pokot Outreach Ministries and Julius Murgor (our Harvester's Missionary in the region). Please read below for the latest updates.

KENYA TEAM HAS DOWNSIZED

Unfortunately, Abraham and Catherine Ajenifuja had to withdraw from the team due to some complications with Abraham's work and his visa which cannot be resolved in time for the trip. However, they both continue to stand with the team in our effort to raise funds and prayer support.

On another note, we are extremely thankful that God has made a way for Jane Warnick to join our team. Jane was one of our initial applicants who desperately wanted to be a part of this team, but was not able to. It was a blessing to see how God removed obstacles and cleared a way for her to join us. She will be a valuable asset to our team and we trust that God will use her greatly as a blessing to the rest of the team and to the people we will be serving.

THE FUNDRAISING EFFORT!

We'd like to say thank you to all who contributed to our Yard Sale on May 20th. We raised about \$1000!

Currently we are about \$10,000 away from reaching our fundraising goal. However, the effort is going extremely well, and with the remaining fundraisers we have planned, and a few other commitments that we expect to come in, we are confident that God will provide everything we need to finance this work that He is sending us to do.

MORE FUNDRAISING ON NEXT PAGE!

FORCEY ON THE MOVE - KENYA TEAM FUNDRAISERS

The two major fundraisers that are underway are the Shoe Fundraiser, and the Swahili Village Fundraiser.

THE SHOE FUNDRAISER

We are grateful for all the families who have been bringing in new, used, and gently worn shoes. So far we have collected about 20 bags of shoes (25 pair per bag). We are looking for each Forcey family to commit to reaching out to their neighbors, friends, and family members in order to fill one bag (25 pair) of shoes. If you are willing and able to help with this effort, contact Sharon Lamy (301-549-3152,

or by email at lamy.sharon751@gmail.com).



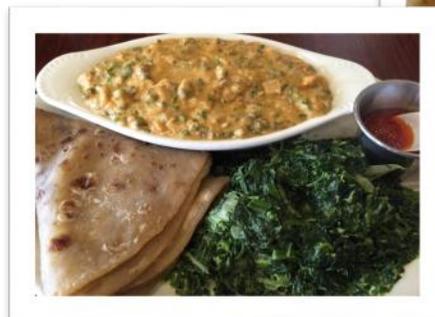
THE SWAHILI VILLAGE FUNDRAISER

(May 26- June 26) - 15% of the cost of each meal eaten at Swahili Village will be donated to the team when the server is presented with the [Forcey](#)

[Fundraiser Coupon](#). The Swahili Village serves authentic Kenyan Food, and the lunch prices begin at about \$10. They encourage people to come during the weekdays for lunch or dinner (the weekends are extremely busy and crowded, and they want to provide us with the best experience possible).

SWAHILI

VILLAGE
A True Taste of Kenya



WHAT WILL THE TEAM BE DOING?

- Holding Bible Clubs at several orphanages established by Julius and his team
- One-on-one evangelism & discipleship ministry
- Open Air Preaching & general outreach in Chepturu (Many are still unreached & the church there will appreciate our encouragement and assistance in the effort)

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE KENYA TEAM

Pray for God to give our team the time and space that we need to prepare spiritually:

- discernment about how to minister effectively in each situation that we anticipate
- what aspects of our testimonies we should share
- what should we prepare to preach and teach



Pray for protection from the evil one:

- that we will be aware of his schemes and tricks
- that his desire to sow discord and bring harm to us will be thwarted
- that his efforts to keep people in confusion and darkness would be frustrated

Pray that God will use us and the believers there to show those who doubt that he is the one true all-powerful God:

- that we will do a good job of representing the God who brings real solutions to their felt needs (esp. during the current food crisis)
- that God's presence among us will be obvious to us and to all those we minister to.
- that we will go not simply as "teachers" and "talkers" but as "learners" and "listeners."

“And the keeper of the prison...fell down before Paul and Silas...and said ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’” (Acts 16:27–30). Sometimes a traumatic event, like the earthquake in Philippi, can be used by God to awaken a person concerning their need of salvation. The Philippian jailor’s cry is still echoed today in the hearts of people in distress.

During a recent hospital visit, a Forcey member entered the room of a patient/prisoner named Thomas. After securing permission from the guards in the room to talk with the prisoner, Thomas blurted out upfront that he wanted “to know how to turn his life around.” The Forcey member responded that he needed Christ in order to change his life. He then began to explain to Thomas the message of the gospel. Thomas listened attentively about Christ’s

sacrifice on the cross to pay man’s sin debt. When told that the resurrected Savior stood ready to receive him if he would turn to him in faith, Thomas bowed his head and called upon the Lord Jesus to save his soul.

Soul Winning

The Forcey member then spent some time with Thomas grounding him in the faith and leaving him some follow-up materials to take back with him to the jail. As he left Thomas’ room, the Forcey member rejoiced that God had used both illness and the misery of long-term incarceration to open this middle-aged man’s heart to the truth of the gospel. Like the Philippian jailor of old, he believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and was saved (Acts 16:31).

~ *Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team*

LISTEN TO SERMONS
ONLINE

www.forcey.org/sermons



MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

The Forcey Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) still has openings for the 2017–2018 year! MOPS, for mothers of children up to the age of five, is a community of women who meet to laugh, cry, and embrace the journey of motherhood together. Our mission is "to encourage and equip moms of young children to realize their potential as moms, women, and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church."

Our meetings are *2nd and 4th Tuesdays from September to May at 9:30–11:30 a.m.* MOPS Kids childcare program is available for children from 4 months to 5 years old. Registration fee is \$100 without childcare, or \$225 including childcare. Scholarships and payment plans are available upon request. Share this with your family and friends! Register at www.forcey.org/mops. Contact forceymops@gmail.com with questions.



MOPS.ORG



SISTERS IN SYMPHONY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

June 12 - July 5

DONATIONS PREFERRED, SUPPLIES ACCEPTED



Once again, SIS will lead Forcey to provide school backpacks to kids —backpacks filled with the basic school supplies needed for a great start to the new school year. We will send those backpacks with prayers and a booklet to share the gospel. We would prefer monetary donations and will accept any amount. As a help, every \$35 will provide a backpack filled with supplies for a student in need.

Backpacks will be distributed to kids in need via:

- Langley Park After School Club kids (OAC/Forcey ministry)
- Anacostia Gospel Chapel (Mathieus' ministry)

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED OR HELP:

- **Donate money for SIS to purchase backpacks and/or school supplies.** (We would prefer monetary donations as it allows us to buy in bulk at lower prices and provide better uniformity between backpacks. We will still use all supplies donated with great appreciation if you would prefer that way to donate.) Donations may be made online at www.forcey.org or at the SIS table in the lobby on Sunday mornings.
- **Donate school supplies to bin in foyer.**

Questions? Contact Diane Wesche on kd.wesche@verizon.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Ladies: Mark your calendars for a fun, yummy and blessed time! Attend the backpack assemble, dinner & prayer session on July 28 at 7pm at Forcey.