



The Lighthouse

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Happy Father's Day, Fathers
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Father's Day began in America in 1910 as a day to honor our fathers. After all, did not our Lord even say in His fifth commandment, Exodus 20:12, "Honor your father that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you?" In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a Presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. In 1972, President Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June each year as a day to honor our fathers. Rev. Billy Graham once said, "a good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." And how true. Sigmund Freud once wrote, "I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection." To be sure, our Heavenly Father provides us such protection when in Psalm 46:1, we read, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble." In 1 John 3:1, we read, "How great is the love of God our Father that He should lavish on us that we should be called children of God." And so this Father's Day, we say, "Happy Father's Day, God our Father, for adopting us into Your family. Happy Father's Day, God our Father, for the great promise of Hebrews 13:5 that never will You leave us, never will You forsake us. We love You! Happy Father's Day!"

Someone has wisely stated that a child is not likely to find a father

in God unless he or she finds something of God in his or her father. One of my favorite poems this time of the year is a poem entitled, "In Daddy's Steps," a poem which reminds us that one of our most important responsibilities as fathers and role models is to point our children toward God our Father, whether a child is age six or sixty six. May this poem inspire you to Christ-like living in your thoughts, words, and actions always.

"In Daddy's Steps"

I watched him playing around my door,
My neighbor's little boy of four.
I wondered why a child would choose
To wear his dad's old worn-out shoes.

I saw him try with all his might
To make the laces snug and tight.
I smiled to see him walk, and then,
He'd only step right out again.

I hear him say, his voice so glad,
"I want to be just like my dad."
I hope his dad his steps would choose,
Safe for his son to wear his shoes.

And then a shout and cry of joy,
A "Hello, Dad!" and a "Hi-ya, boy!"
They walked along in measured stride,
Each face aglow with love and pride.

"What have you done today, my lad?"
"I tried to wear your old shoes, Dad.
They're big, but when I am a man,
I'll wear your shoes, I know I can."

They stopped and stood there hand in hand.
He saw his son's tracks in the sand.
His words—a prayer—came back to me,
"Lord, let my steps lead him to Thee.
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On behalf of Pastor Horn and myself, we wish all our fathers a most blessed Father's Day this month. And whether you are a father or not, may this poem encourage you to shine the light of Jesus always by pointing others toward God our Father Who loves us with an everlasting love.

Here's an update from our missionary Jody Collinge with

Stories from *Africa*

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Many thanks!
¡Muchas gracias!

Stories from Africa

Today I would like to share with you some stories of what the Lord is doing through my friends in Africa. I hope you will pray for them and, if the Lord leads you, support their ministries. First, let me tell you about some of the needs and challenges.

Kenya

Jo Kijabe writes, "This is how our young girls and women are in the Maasai village, without Christ and with no one to tell them. They are singing praising a traditional god. They marry off even a girl as young as 10 years to an old man."



So what can be done? Jo and Ben Kijabe write, "As a family, we are serving God in a Local Church and at the same time reaching out in several unreached villages including Muslim communities within our nation Kenya and outside our borders with the Gospel of Jesus.

"We do this using Community Health Education (CHE) strategy which integrate spiritual and physical aspects of life that leads to wholistic transformation. We walk alongside communities, missionaries and churches by equipping them through TOTs. We have seen kingdom multiplication happening.

We also do Kingdom income generating projects as a family both to give us income and for the project to act as a model in our village so people can learn that it is possible to live abundantly in Christ."

One way they do this is by raising cows. Their cows produce abundant milk, and the skinny bulls are fed well and sold at a profit. Then they can feed their family, share milk with their neighbors, provide for ministry costs, and model new life in Christ with their neighbors. As Jo says, "This project is helping village girls escape female genital mutilation and early marriages. They can now go to school, love Jesus and bring transformation to the whole community."



Jo and Ben Kijabe
with 4-month-old Hadassah

Jo and Ben work in Kenya villages and also travel to other countries such as Ethiopia and DRC to give CHE training in new areas. But this is not easy. "Most of the villages I work in are poor and unreached and that's why I struggle with travel costs sometimes. They normally share with us food, and a mat to sleep on and we are okay with that because that's what they have."

In Malawi, Greyson Dymon reports, "We are reaching out to children in communities, schools and on the streets. We also train Sunday School teachers, parents and community leaders on how to promote their children's journey with the Lord. We disciple, feed, educate the children and train parents and leaders."

Malawi



Uganda



Simon Talire adds, "We are training children ministry workers using CHE lessons. This empowers communities through a wholistic development approach with sustainable agriculture. And we are using CHE TOTs to reach the unreached with the good news. We currently are also doing human trafficking prevention trainings."

Sammy Mwendwa says, "Here is a picture of me at house we were staying at refugee camp in Bidi Bidi during the kids' CHE training. We are equipping children's workers with necessary ministry skills to make church a great place kids look forward to. We have experienced great hunger for the word of God recently especially with special people group, the refugees. Thank God for opening new doors and hearts among this new group."



Thank God for all He is doing!

Please be praying for Jo and Ben Kijabe, Greyson Dymon, Sammy Mwendwa, and Simon Talire. And if the Lord leads you to give towards their ministries, that is great! If you give toward the cow project, there are matching donations. Find out more or give online at <https://palmministries.com/> or write to:

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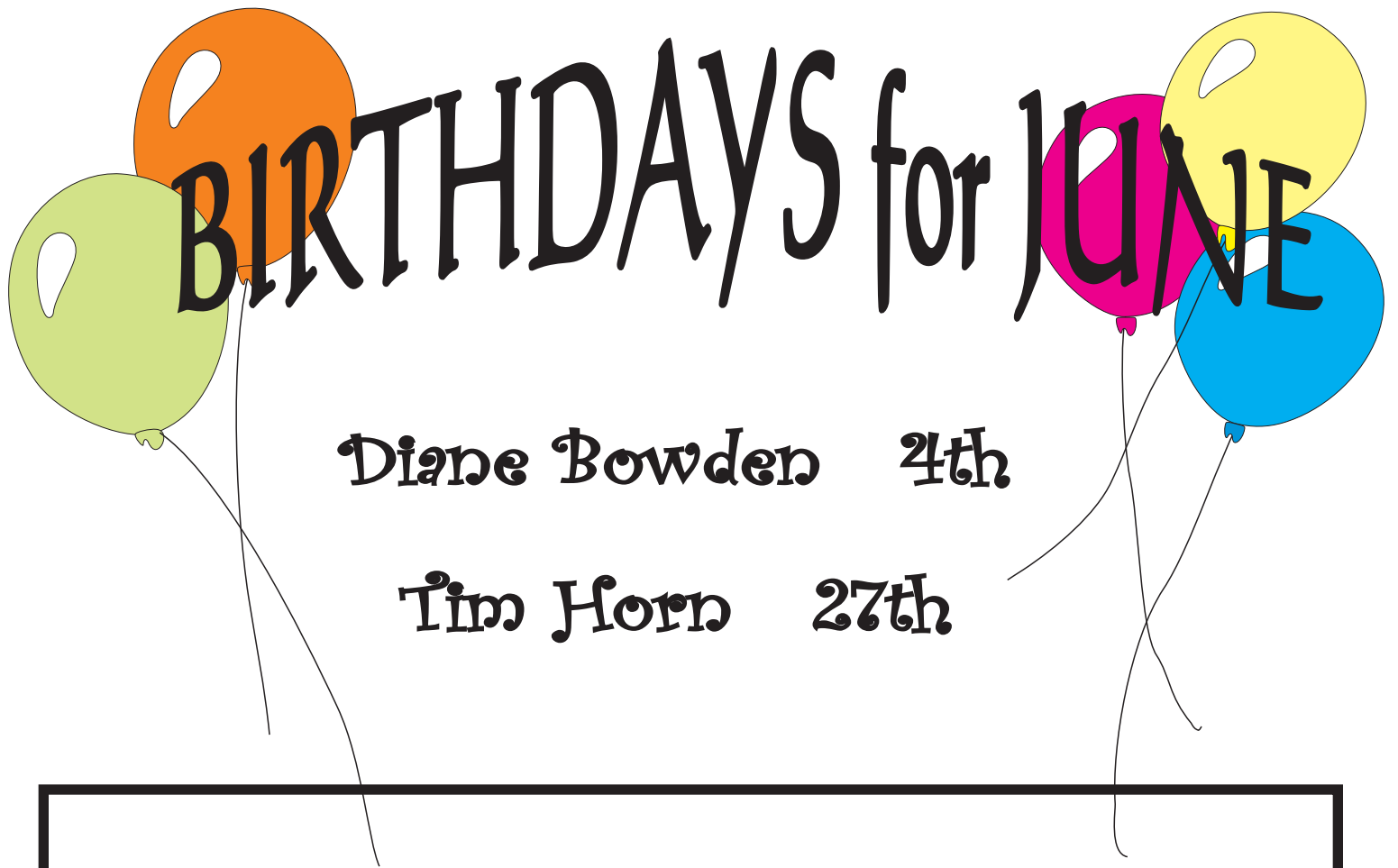
Thanks for your prayers!



- Thanks also for your prayers for our Zihuatanejo ministries.
- Thank God that Debbie Jacobs will be editing our CHE materials, and Karla Martinez is working with the Spanish speaking ministries.
- Keep on praying for our CHE ministries around the world.

iMuchas gracias!
Much love to you,
Jody





Diane Bowden 4th

Tim Horn 27th

Dates to Remember for June

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| June 4 | Men's Breakfast at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall |
| June 5 | Communion at morning service |
| June 12 | Monthly Luncheon after the morning worship service, please bring a dish to share |
| June 19 | Evening Communion Service |
| June 19 | Father's Day |
| June 20-24 | General Assembly in Birmingham, AL. Please be in prayer for this week. |