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## Celebrate Jesus!

Easter in Kenya is celebrated quite differently than it is here in the United States. Here people spend a lot of time and money to dress up in the nicest clothes they can afford before they attend church on Easter morning, sing a few songs, and then go out to lunch with the family.

In Kenya, churches designate a cave in the countryside, or perhaps a church, as the “tomb.” Early on Easter morning, worshipers wake up, throw on clothes and rush out, in an attempt to reach the destination first. Upon arrival, they peek inside and exclaim, “He’s not here!” As several gather, they sing praise songs and then run back to their homes, telling those they pass, “He’s not there! He’s not there!” Of course, others must see for themselves, so they continue to the tomb, only to find their predecessor correct. They exclaim, “Truly, he’s not here!” They dance and sing praise songs before rushing home, telling those who arise later the news. All finally gather for the morning service and greet each other with the joyous news they have seen for themselves: “Christ has truly risen!”

What difference might it make in our city if each Christian celebrated this Easter more like the Christians in Kenya? This Easter try greeting everyone with:

### A Holiday for Atheists

Financially, the country’s sound,  
Affairs are better all around,  
Our taxes are decreasing fast,  
A buck is worth a buck at last,  
Subsiding prices are the rule,  
And living’s cheaper – April Fool!

An atheist complained to a friend because Christians had their special holidays such as Christmas and Easter; and Jews celebrated their national holidays such as Passover and Yom Kippur. “But we atheists,” he said, “have no recognized national holidays. It’s unfair discrimination.”

His friend replied, “Why don’t you celebrate April 1<sup>st</sup>?”

The fool says in his heart,  
‘There is no God.’

Psalm 14:1

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# Who Will Take The Son?

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands.

He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I'm the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day. He was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art." The young man held out this package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time

visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?"

There was silence.

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one."



But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?"

Another voice angrily said, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs and the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!"

But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who will take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the

longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10, who will bid \$20?"

"Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters."

"\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son.

They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over."

"What about the paintings?"

"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave his son to die for us 2,000 years ago. Much like the auctioneer, his message today is: "The Son, the Son, who will take the Son?" You see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) That's love!

— Anonymous

# The Essential 100

If you read the first 10 essential passages during the month of February, you met the author of the book as he described the excellent world he created. Then he told about creating man as his highest creation by giving him not only a mind, will and emotions (soul) and a physical body like the animals but also a spiritual body like the angels and thus man is three in one like God is three in one.

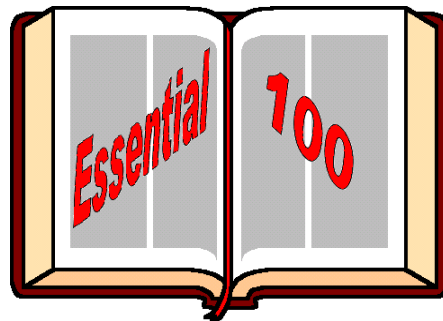
Then we read that Satan (a fallen angel) declared war on man by tempting him to disobey God like he, himself and a third of the angels had done. When man fell for Satan's tempting lies, he effectively worshiped Satan rather than God so he immediately died spiritually and eventually would die physically. But God showed his love by providing the skins of animals to cover man's nakedness and he promised to send one who would crush Satan and restore man to the perfect relationship he had before the disobedience.

God showed his love again 1,656 years later when he sent a flood to wipe out all the creatures that walked on or flew about the ground except for Noah, his family, and representatives of all the animals. After the flood, God promised Noah that he would never again wipe out all living creatures with a flood.

Then we read how God

dispersed men and confused their language at the Tower of Babel to keep them from a great disobedience. God later called Abram to leave that land where the tower was built and go to a land that he would give him.

When Abram reached that land, God promised his heirs would be great in number and that they would inherit the land. God changed Abram's name to Abraham and promised he would father a son even though he was over 90 years old. When Abraham was 100 years old, Isaac was born as the son of promise. But when he was a teenager, God commanded Abraham to offer Isaac as a



burnt offering on the mountaintop where eventually God's temple would be built.

Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau, who competed for their father's blessing and inheritance. Jacob bought the inheritance for a meal of beans, deceived Isaac to receive the blessing and then fled to live with relatives. While there, he worked for seven years to be married to one girl but was deceived by the father into marrying her sister. So he worked for another seven years

so he could marry the first girl as well. After Jacob had eleven sons, he decided to return to the land promised to Abraham. On his way he met and was reconciled with his brother, Esau, so that they would not be at war with one another.

We are discovering that this is an amazing love story where God shows his great love for mankind. Here are the next ten passages for you to read during the month of March. As you read, look for ways that God shows his love.

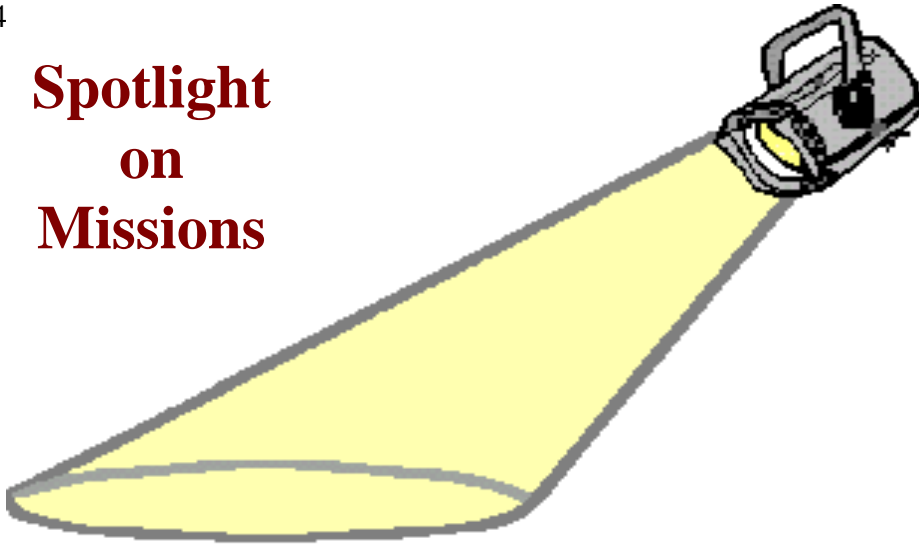
## Section 3: The Story of Joseph

1. Sold into Slavery,  
Gen 37:1 - 36
2. Prison and a Promotion,  
Genesis 39:1 - 41:57
3. Ten Brothers go to Egypt,  
Genesis 42:1 - 38
4. The Brothers Return,  
Genesis 43:1 - 44:34
5. Joseph Reveals his Identity,  
Genesis 45:1 - 46:7

## Section 4: Moses and the Exodus

1. Birth of Moses,  
Exodus 1:1 - 2:25
2. The Burning Bush,  
Exodus 3:1 - 4:17
3. The Ten Plagues,  
Exodus 6:28 - 11:10
4. Passover and Exodus,  
Exodus 12:1 - 42
5. Crossing the Red Sea,  
Exodus 13:17 - 14:3

## Spotlight on Missions



It's March. Here we sit, not at all comfortable, searching for answers, reluctant to wait, for what comes next. All too trite are the words "God is in control." We agree. Then questions begin. How? When? And why? There is no answer yet. We want to rush on with our ministry. Let us grow! God is silent --- so we wait.

It is good to do the next thing. We have filled three hospice buckets and sent them off with prayers. We continue to minister to Summit Care Center. And we pray for guidance.

This month we participate in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. That money goes to Home Mission efforts. We cannot go but we can support those who can.

Spring comes exhibiting new life. Let us praise the Lord who gives us daily so many blessings. Remember Isaiah 43:19 "Behold I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth, shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Stand still and watch God work!

In his love,  
*Alice Claire Butler*

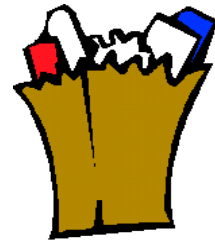
### Pantry "Pleas"

And

### Thank You

Thank you for your response to our pleas for February. We hope you will help us with some of the following items for March.

1. Bottles of Fruit Juice
2. Boxed Potatoes
3. Peanut Butter & Jelly
4. Dish Soap



**JOIN US**

Meeting: Mar 20<sup>th</sup>

Lunch: Noon

Mission Study: 1 p.m.

# Library News



Spring Cupcakes

## March Birthdays

Mar 9      Cassie Drummond  
Mar 12     Alan Cobb



Cassie and Alan

**Daylight  
Savings  
Time**



**Begins at 2  
am  
Mar 13**



Some of the “Ice Flows” on our bulletin board have a lot of “icicles” falling from them (one for each book read). They should continue to have falling icicles through the end of our reading club on March 27<sup>th</sup> even though the weather has been so warm.

## Annie Walker Armstrong

A passionate advocate for missionaries and their work, Annie is one of Southern Baptists’ heroes. She championed missions involvement and she gave personally and sacrificially of her time and talents to see the gospel go forward throughout the world. As founder of the Woman’s Missionary Union, Annie knew that “Here I am. Send me.” (this year’s theme for North American Missions) meant unhindered commitment, and her legacy is easily recognized in modern-day mission champions who pray fervently, give generously, and go where God sends them to share the good news that Jesus’ death will give those who believe and accept it a new, eternal relationship with God.

Here are some books with an Easter theme that you might like to read for the Winter Reading Club:

**Jesus: When God Became a Man  
and Jesus, Our Lord**  
By Charles Swindoll

**The Case for Easter**  
By Lee Strobel

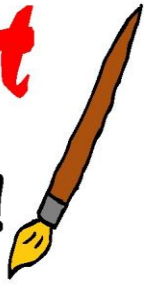
**What Jesus Says about Earth’s Final Days**  
By Mark Hitchcock

**Dinner With A Perfect Stranger**  
By David Gregory

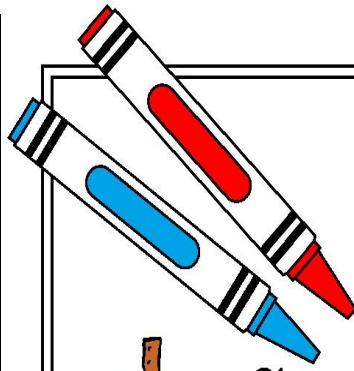
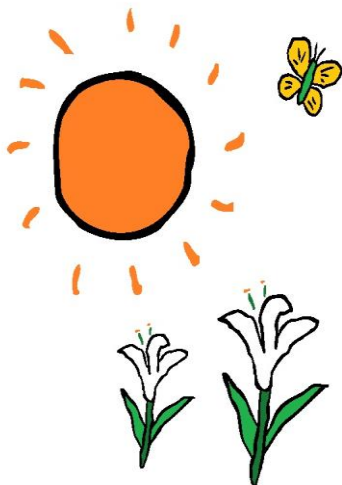
**Jesus Did It Anyway**  
By Kent Keith

*Alan Cobb*

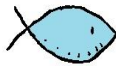
# Paint Some Stones!



- ✿ Gather some smooth gray stones.
- ✿ Use tempera paints to paint Easter symbols on the stones.
- ✿ Some Easter symbols are:  
 cross  
 lily  
 butterfly  
 sun
- ✿ After the paint is dry, brush on clear varnish.
- ✿ Let dry overnight.
- ✿ Use large stones for paper weights. Small stones can be carried in your pocket as a "Resurrection Reminder!"



# Just for KIDS

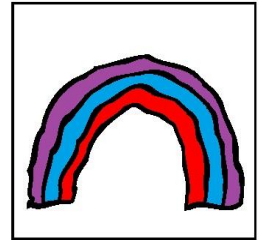


## Special Signs

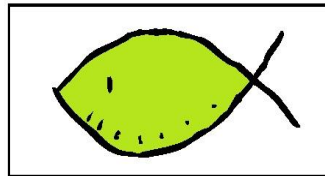
There are signs along the road to point us on our way. If you saw the signs below, would you know what they mean?

Use the code to find the answers.

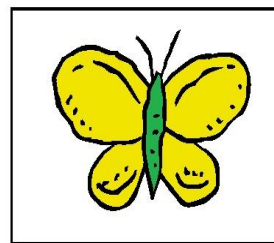
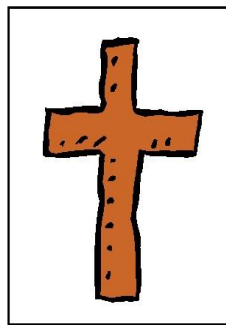
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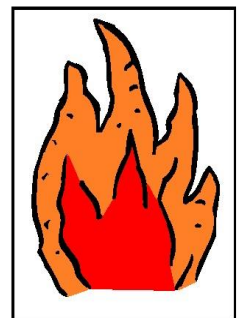


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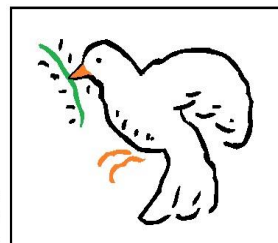


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## Pray For Our Missionaries

Please join us in praying for these individuals who have accepted Jesus' Lordship and are serving him in mission work.

### March 1 – 7

Ben Pendleton\*  
 Birthday: Mar 5

As a web developer and graphic designer for IMB's communications team for East Asia, Ben advocates for the spiritually lost and mobilizes church by showing the "face" of Est Asian Peoples to IMB supporters in the United States via web and electronic media. He has experienced back and leg pain since childhood which increased until he was forced to take his family on medical leave two years ago. He especially appreciates IMB supporters who fulfill their part in the body of Christ and impact the lives of millions of East Asians.

Pray for Ben's complete healing and for two young men with whom he has shared Christ but who don't understand why he serves a God who doesn't heal him.

\* Name changed for security

### March 8 – 14

Kyle Hughes  
 Birthday: Mar 12

Kyle is an associate pastor at Voyager Church where he leads worship alongside his wife, Tiffany. They serve in Cincinnati, a city broken by substance abuse and spiritual darkness. "We believe the strongholds that hinder the people

here are many: alcohol, drugs, sexual perversion, lying, the longing for love and acceptance, etc." Kyle says. "We have seen how Satan uses these very things to keep them away from hearing from God."

Pray for God to grow Voyager Church's core group so they can best minister through gatherings.

### March 15 - 21

Dr. Keith Morgan  
 Birthday: Mar 19

Dr. Morgan sensed a clear call to missions during his university training. Later when he and his wife, Cindy, heard that Macao had acute medical and spiritual needs, they immediately signed on to serve there. Located near Hong Kong, Macao then was a Portuguese territory, which today is controlled by China. Working almost three decades in the same mission hasn't been without challenges for the Morgans. Ten years into their service, Keith was discouraged by IMB organizational changes that seemed to question the sustainability of their ministry.

But during a return stateside and discussions with some Women's Missionary Union ladies who had raised him in the faith and prayed for him on the field, his attitude changed. Through their sustaining prayers, he and his family returned to Macao to be part of God-orchestrated partnerships in medical evangelism and church planting.

Dr. Morgan asks prayer for wisdom as the clinic transitions to national management and for opportunities to reproduce Hope Clinic's ministries in new locations.

### March 22 – 29

Jody Adams  
 Birthday: Mar 26

Jody, and his wife Sandra, lead Calhan Country Church, east of Colorado Springs, CO. They are revitalizing an old church building that has set vacant for three years and suffered water damage to make it a new church plant. "God has brought us carpenters, electricians, landscapers, professional kitchen chefs, and roofers, both locally and from loving missions teams from Oklahoma" says Jody. "Now that the building work is completed, we have other caring people who are willing to step forward and answer the call from Christ to serve God by serving others." "The service we do through food, fellowship, music, and Scripture studies are done for the glory of God."

Jody asks for prayer for Sandra as she works full time that God will sustain her energy.



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**Celebrate Jesus' resurrection  
with us on March 27 at 10 a.m.**