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MISSIONS UPDATE

CARENET PREGNANCY CENTER A Message from CareNet



Dear friends of CareNet,

We are partway through February, and we had hoped to be moved into our new building this month, but a series of delays and unforeseen obstacles have slowed the process. While it's certainly been frustrating at times, none of the challenges have been catastrophic or insurmountable. We are currently awaiting final approval of our plans from the city. Once that is secured, we will move into the next phase: an appraisal required for the renovation loan.

We have been deeply encouraged by the incredible outpouring of support for our "Buy a Square" campaign. The generosity shown - and the meaningful stories shared behind so many of the squares - has truly been a blessing. Not only has it been uplifting, but it has also made a significant impact financially, covering a substantial portion of the project's costs. The remaining balance will be funded through a loan from Community Bank of Santa Maria. We choose to remain steadfast in all that He has promised and continue this mission of bringing help, hope, and healing. The Lord has faithfully sustained this ministry for 35 years, and we trust Him to carry it forward for many more. We appreciate your prayers!

Ways to get involved:

- Be a table host at the Fundraising banquet highlighting "Transformation"- April 17
- Be a volunteer or advocate-Volunteer training coming this March/April

Prayer appreciated for:

- Clients
- Overall help of staff and advocates
- Building process

Needs:

- Amazon NIV Bibles, Value, Leathersoft, teal and brown
- Diapers size 5 & 6
- Wipes
- There are still squares available - sponsor part of the new building - \$200 per square foot

DID YOU KNOW?

Element has donated the equivalent of 50 squares (\$10k) towards Carenet's Building campaign.



As of February of this year there have been 279 sessions with 35 clients (2/3 of clients are from outside Element)

Amazing things happening

- greater holistic health (spiritual/emotional/physical)
- repaired relationships
- healing from trauma/shame
- greater connection to community
- healthier attachment to God and others (some have even gotten connected at Element!)

Please pray for

- continued strength/endurance against compassion fatigue
- wisdom in tough clinical scenarios
- opportunities to share about the Gospel...
- a cultural shift within our church community that facilitates being known/loved at greater depths
- discernment about how/when to expand with another therapist, and for God to bring the right fit

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UCSB

An update from Kristal Melton



Praise God that our students had a good winter break overall! We are especially celebrating the decision of one of our students to commit to following Jesus and desiring to be baptized soon! Thank you, Father, for using us and bringing this son into your kingdom. Please pray for Nathan as he has transferred to another school, but has gotten connected to a church and has brought his parents to church as well! We also covet your prayers for the start of our Bible study and for more students to join and hear the good news of Jesus' atonement, that they might trust in Him as well. We also praise God for several of our students securing jobs and housing!

We have had other great activities, including a prayer walk on campus, ice-skating night, monthly dinners, and housing/caring for a Tanzanian family who just moved to SB. Praise God for the way he pursues us in relationship

and uses us to be His hands and feet to those around us! May He continue to fill you and use you to be salt and light to those around you as well :)

In Him, Kristal, Andrew, and Hannah Melton. **For more information about ISI, how to get involved, and how to partner financially, check out www.isi-santabarbara.org and www.internationalstudents.org.**

FROM THE FIELD: Lots of things happening with Brian & Bailey's ministry!

- The harvest is plentiful! People all over the world are ready and asking for missionaries to come to them to teach them God's Word!

- Maycie (their daughter) has been accepted into Moody Aviation in Spokane, WA! She plans to attend this Fall after completing her missions internship in Papua New Guinea in June and July. Pray that God would use it to give her more wisdom and clarity for her future and that it would serve to prepare her well for what's ahead.

- Brazil has a new pilot! Kyle Couillard just finished his checkout with Brian in Brazil and can now take some of the enormous load off of Bruno, who's been the sole pilot/mechanic for the past two years. We are also going to build a new hangar there. We have been sharing a space with the Police, which has been an odd arrangement, and it is coming to an end. Brian has been helping with the design of the building and layout of the land.

- Brian goes to Papua New Guinea in April. He will conduct check-flights for our chief pilot and check two of the newest pilots- Steffan and John. The hope is that these two new pilots will be cleared to fly on their own in the next couple of months.

- Bailey has begun classes with our trainee wives, discipling them, teaching them, and preparing them for the road ahead. This mostly entails drawing from God's word and what He has to say about parenting, marriage, relationships...They spend time praying for each other, sharing stories, and lifting each other up so that these women feel energized, encouraged, excited, and ready for their ministries overseas.

- 6 new aviators were just accepted for training with us! They will attend our missionary training in Missouri before eventually coming here to Arizona.

- 2 families have finished their missionary training and will be arriving here this fall for flight training!

- We've seen a big increase in support over the last few months. We're now just \$580 short of our monthly needs.

- But the workers are few. People are ready to hear, but if there is no one to go and tell them, they will die without ever knowing their Savior. While you are thanking God for all these new laborers, will you also ask Him for more?



FROM THE FIELD: An update from Randy & Edie

Randy and Edie are back in Thailand right now, catching up with their team in Pattaya, and with the Bangkok church ministry! Randy appreciates his opportunity to be part of the coordinating team for the current nationwide evangelism initiative in 24 cities, with multiple churches collaborating together. There have now been 8 city events, and the rest will finally be completed by the end of April. Continue to pray for their ministries in Kenya and Thailand!

(Pictured) This was the launch event in October at a Bangkok mall—dozens of Thai TV stations and other media outlets came to cover the event, as it's the first of its kind in Thailand!



THAILAND UPDATE FROM Our Ministry Partners Tom & Jing

Tom and Jing continue to see God moving in amazing ways in the village area of Bueng Kan as they reach out to children, teens, and older village people. Drug use among the youth is way down! The scholarship program has been a success! Please consider sponsoring a student this upcoming school year (\$700 for July–April). You can pay monthly or a lump sum, we even have some community groups that pool together.

We sponsored 30 students this past year and are looking to sponsor 40 this year! Their son, Nemo, and his friend, Owen, will graduate high school soon and attend a Bible College for a year. We are paying for their tuition! Their son Joshua is still young but is already a helper in the children's center. This year they look forward to starting the actual building of a new youth church center building to serve the teenagers! We have also donated \$10,000 for their new building. We are continually amazed at how God is using them so mightily in their area, and we are blessed and privileged to continue supporting them financially. Our Thailand missions trip team had such an amazing time in November, and we are hoping to do a reverse missions trip next time, where we can bring Tom and Jing and their family out here to visit us!



ACROSS THE STREET: Delta High School

Thank you to those of you who helped us assemble a personalized handmade card and treats for every student for Valentine's Day! Our next opportunity to serve the school is for Easter. Please join us Monday March 23 at 5:30pm in the Barn to help stuff 2,000 eggs with candy for the Delta Egg Hunt (as well as another 2,000 for a local Special Needs Egg hunt)! You can also donate \$15 gift cards to be awarded to the finders of the "Golden Eggs" during the hunt! Thank you for your continued support and being a part of these meaningful efforts.



A letter from CAPTIVE HEARTS



Good morning, Element Family!

I am happy to report that Captive Hearts Ministries is doing very well! We have had many success stories over the last year, and many graduates are returning to help cover the home as volunteer staff on nights and weekends.

As a church, you are one of our biggest supporters, but also many of you individually give so faithfully each month. Pastor Aaron graciously spoke at our fundraiser last November – of course everyone loved him! Donald Weiting created a video for the event with testimonies. I am happy to tell you that this was the most successful fundraiser we have ever had!

We have 2 upcoming events this May: A Pickle Ball Tournament and something new we are trying; a Kentucky Derby Tea. You can check out our website soon for more details to come! We hope to raise enough money to repair or replace the roof on our restorative home. We are also looking for volunteers for our mentoring program.

Thank you all for supporting Captive Hearts. We truly could not do this hard work without you. Please keep us in your prayers so God can continue to expand His Kingdom. When you help one woman, it trickles down into the lives of her children and families. Heaven gets bigger. God bless all of you, in Jesus' name.

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FROM OUR PRESCHOOL: Little Roots Learning Center

A Place to Grow in Faith, Love, and Learning

Our Mission: To nurture young hearts and minds through joyful, play-based learning, rooted in faith, creativity, and care – helping every child build strong foundations for life.

We had hoped to open our doors in January, but we are currently waiting for county approval. While this delay hasn't been ideal, it has given us extra time to organize and prepare for a strong and successful opening.

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of the congregation at Element, who have blessed the school with so many wonderful gifts and given of their time and talents to create our indoor and outdoor spaces!

In the near future, we will be sharing another Amazon wish list for those who would like to donate to smaller classroom items.

Please keep the Little Roots Learning Center in your prayers as we look forward to opening our doors and serving our community in the coming months.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Element sets aside 10% of all donations received in a fund for Church Planting/World Relief. It is through this account that we give to all of these amazing organizations and ministries. Thank you for your generosity that makes this a reality.