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## ALONG THE WAY . . .

Nothing is stagnant in our universe. Everything is always changing. (Except Yahweh, of course.) Changes can be as imperceptible as the decreasing power of the Sun or as radical as death. Some changes are celebrated with a date, while most are just part of our daily routine.

At this time of year, there is a change in America that takes place, which, apart from the residents of a few states, affects all of us: the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST). The change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time is actually rather enjoyable as we get an "extra" hour of sleep on the first Sunday morning of November, while the reversion to DST on the second Sunday of March is beyond unpleasant. DST was first suggested by Benjamin Franklin as a way to save candle light. Interestingly, major studies of the energy savings of DST show no significant reduction of energy consumption.

A chart on the website, "timeanddate.com," lists the USA as the second longest user of DST in the world at 100 years. Only Canada at 105 years for DST is longer. An article in Wikipedia states that although dating the beginning of America's use of DST as March 19, 1918, there were several years between the World Wars when the system was not national, though States could continue the practice. On February 9, 1942, President FDR instituted a year-round DST called "War Time." But it was not until 1966 that DST became a more national standard, though still not the same as our

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## A WORKING VACATION

by Tom & Connie Chapman, church planters in Antofagasta, Chile

The idea had been in my heart for a long time - at least since the Lord graciously gave us a beautiful new car four years ago. Now that we have a comfortable vehicle, with air conditioning that actually works, and we don't have to check the oil level every time we stop for gas, why not head to southern Chile, "the Switzerland of South America." Northern Chile is a huge desert, but southern Chile gets rain. But this would not be a one-day trip. It's some 850 miles from Antofagasta to Santiago, and then another 640 to Puerto Montt, our target city.

The trip, though very tiring for a couple of oldies, was a great blessing. The first night going south, and the last night on the return trip, we stayed with the unsaved mother of a lady in our church. She kindly offered for us to stay in her home, and we were able to talk to her some about spiritual things. We stayed with other friends - brothers and sisters in the Lord - both going and coming. David and Kristin and the boys flew to Puerto Montt and joined us there. (*The David Chapmans needed to renew their visas by leaving Chile and then reentering the country. They chose to do so by visiting Bariloche, Argentina, from Puerto Montt, Chile.*) On Sunday we ministered both in word and music in two different churches where families who used to be part of our church in Antofagasta now attend.

The previous day, Saturday, was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our friends German and Hilda, so we treated them to a meal in a nice restaurant and enjoyed some sweet fellowship together. Our friendship began when German and I traveled all over southern Chile in 1965 ministering in various churches as we went. We thank the Lord that He allowed us to see them again.

Then on Monday we began an unforgettable once-in-a-lifetime adventure - a three-boat, four-bus journey over the Andes mountains to Bariloche, Argentina. As hard as it might labor, my pen is not sufficiently able to describe in words the serene beauty of those placid lakes nestled amongst snow-capped mountains, with cascade after cascade emerging from holes in the mountain sides

and crashing down the cliffs to the waters below. For most of the trip on the Chilean side, the majestic, beautifully formed Osorno volcano was visible. But not just visible - it seemed to be - well, right there! Our thoughts were often drawn to the marvelous artistry of our Creator God. If there are places like this of such exquisite beauty on a planet that suffers God's curse because of man's sin, what will the new earth be like? And the Lord was so kind to give us such good weather. It rains in that area more often than it doesn't, but the day we went, though cloudy, was very nice, and the return, two days later, was perfect - hardly a cloud in the sky. I overheard both a guide and a worker say something like, "This is incredible; it almost always rains here!"

Finally, after leaving Puerto Montt, we drove all day to Chillán, the city where years ago during the summers we took our young people several times for training that helped prepare them for teaching ministries in the church. While there I delivered a message on Friday on the necessity of unity in the church. This was requested because of some factions that had emerged recently. Then on Sunday morning I spoke to the

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Connie, Kristin, David, Lucas, & Tom Chapman on the Chile/Argentina border

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current standards, which began in 2007. With our present dates of beginning and ending DST, DST takes up about 65% of the year.

Unknown to me, during the past 41 years that I have been visiting Uruguay with EMU, Uruguay has participated in DST more than half of those years. Until today, I thought they practiced it every year! This explains why I was often at a loss as to the time difference between Uruguay and Greenville, SC. And, I just learned that the Uruguayan government has followed a growing number of countries by deciding not to use DST – for the last two years!

There are minor and major changes, scheduled and unscheduled changes, expected and unexpected changes, and almost any combination of those three pairs.

A major, unscheduled, unexpected change struck our immediate family at the beginning of September. Knowing that many of you are already privy to this news, I thought it best to inform those who have not heard, but would want to know. Our oldest daughter, **Caroline Floyd**, was diagnosed with cancer on September 7. She is past her operation and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Although there are many folks in Florence, SC, helping Caroline and **David** with the two children, **Bella** and **Carson**, and with appointments, **Joan** has also been able to help by caring for the kids a few times over the past two months, both by having them stay with us at our house and by traveling to Florence. In spite of this change for the Floyd family, Caroline is continuing to homeschool their children and lead as normal a life as possible. Caroline wrote a blog post about her experience thus far and posted it on their family blog, [Floydfam.Wordpress.com](http://Floydfam.Wordpress.com). Whether or not you know Caroline personally, I highly recommend “*An Unexpected Journey*.” The contents should be encouraging to anyone who is going through, has gone through, or will go through a life-reflecting event. For Caroline’s sake, we ask that you not send her literature or testimonials on cures for cancer. David, her husband, is a nurse anesthetist, and their family is surrounded by medical experts who know and love them. But Caroline’s family – including Joan and I – do appreciate your prayers.

Another major, unscheduled, unexpected change took place in Hyderabad, India, in the **Judsons’** ministry. The major, scheduled, expected **360 National Men’s Conference** had to be cancelled. It was supposed to be held November 7-10 at a new Christian conference center in Hyderabad. However, not only was the campus not ready, it wasn’t even close! The several hundred people who signed up to attend the conference and paid their fee, received refunds. Another “glitch” was that the sum needed to underwrite the balance of the conference was not fully raised. So, things have worked out for the best. Five of the guest speakers for the conference,

who already had their plane tickets, decided to visit India anyway to teach in several different venues that Billy Judson oversees. EMU missionary, **Ted Allston**, flew out of the States on Monday, November 6, to be with Billy for two weeks. Ted was supposed to leave on Sunday afternoon, but after several airline delays, his flight was eventually cancelled and rescheduled for Monday. This is Ted’s 7<sup>th</sup> trip to India.

**The Coles’** house-hunting in Bordeaux, France, has been a study in the uncertainties of foreigners renting a house in France. There were quite a few “approvals” that had to be acquired before the bottom-line was signed. Michael and Liz would get partway to the bottom-line, then someone would throw up a stop sign that put an end to renting the desired house. However, they have finally found a house that is agreeable to all participants. The house is 11-minutes from the Baptist Church of Pessac and enough bedrooms for the Cole family and company – hopefully, Joan and me! The Coles plan to move on November 20. And pray especially for the Coles’ children as they are leaving their church friends and school classmates. Also, **the Bixbys** are losing the close companionship of their longtime friends – the Coles.

**The Crowley family** is in for a major, scheduled, expected change on November 22. **Jenna**, the youngest Crowley daughter, will be married to **Zachary “Zack” Richards**. This new couple will live in the Greenville, SC, area, where both of them currently work. And, hopefully, they will continue to attend Hampton Park Baptist Church where two other Crowley siblings attend along with their families. JD, Kim, and Nate fly into Atlanta on November 12 and leave from the same airport on the 28th.

October 8-14, **JD** was in **Burma** where he taught Church Planting from the Book of Acts in a Bible college. **Rick Bartosik**, a good friend of JD from Hawaii, also taught.



*Bible College in Burma  
JD Crowley on back row*

Then, November 5-9 was the **Pastors’ School in Ban Lung, Cambodia**. The following is an excerpt of an email from JD that tells just a bit about the school:

*“Three years ago, the idea of teaching Systematic Theology to the tribal and Khmer leaders was only a dream. Now it is history. In God’s kindness, the 3-year project to translate/adapt Bruce Ware’s simple Systematic Theology, and then create a new, college-level training program, and then actually implement it, has been a success. The students sensed*



*2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the Pastors’ School  
the greater seriousness and urgency of this new program and have risen to the occasion with greater commitment and enthusiasm than ever before.*

*“EMU missionaries (**JD Crowley, Brian Kane, Jeremy Farmer, Josh Jensen, and Matt Hancock**) taught a total of 18 of the 30 lessons. This was Matt Hancock’s first time to teach in the Bible school, and he gave the students a clear and Spirit-empowered presentation on doctrine.*

*“Along with theology I taught a daily mini-lesson on church history and the Reformation. I’ve never seen the men up here as animated and excited about any subject, mostly because it was their first time to understand this history and these issues. Every day we sang *A Mighty Fortress in Khmer*. The voices were strong and resonant.*

*“The next session of the Pastors School in May will cover Jeremy Farmer’s own Biblical Theology text that we are now working on.”*

One last blurb from a missionary in Cambodia is by **Amy Jensen**, who lives with her husband and four children in Oyadao, a Khmer town near many Jarai villages.



*Amy (left) with Jarai Sunday school teachers*

*“Every other Friday afternoon I get together with the ladies who teach the ladies’ Bible class at our [Jarai] church. Right now we’re going through the book of John. Each week, I go over two lessons with the ladies, and then they teach the lessons the following Sundays. We communicate in Khmer, but the ladies teach the class in Jarai.”*

**Josh Jensen** continues to do preliminary work on the Jarai language in preparation for translating the Bible into a Cambodian style script. The Jensen family continues to pray about the possibility of moving into a Jarai village to better immerse themselves in

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*The congregation of the Jarai church in the village of Saom Kaning where the Jensens attend church*

that tribal language. As with the Coles, there are a lot of permissions to obtain before they can move. (Cambodia was a French colony!)

At the beginning of November, **Gwendolyn Nuñez**, wife of **Marco** in Cancún, Mexico, started an English class. She is calling it "**After Babel (A Bible Based English Class)**." It is being held at the church, but



*The "After Babel" English class*



*Marco & Gwendolyn with Carmen*

Gwendolyn is also broadcasting the class live on the internet. Besides the 10 who showed up for the class in person, there were 41 online viewers! Also, on the first Sunday of November, a lady named Carmen was baptized.

At the annual anniversary service of Calvary Temple of Montevideo, there was a tribute given for one of the church members:

**Marianne Rauter**. Marianne arrived in Uruguay in October 1948 with 700 other Germans who emigrated to Uruguay. These Germans had lost their homes to USSR occupation. As farmers, they were a good fit for Uruguay's pastoral environs. **Ursula Thiessen**



*Marianne Rauter*

was on the same transport ship. Both ladies were in the first graduating class of the Bible Institute, and both became missionaries

with EMU upon graduation. Marianne is tri-lingual and translates the Spanish letters we receive from our Uruguayans, as well as the letters we write to our missionaries. Her ministries in the hospital and retirement homes are a blessing to many suffering, lonely souls, and many have come to Christ through her testimony. Personally, she has been a dear and

faithful friend for over 40 years.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of **FEBU** comes to a close at the end of November. There are 5 young people who will be graduating from FEBU on December 2. These are the



*(l-r) Deborah Steel, Maxi Acevedo, & Gustavo de Oliveira at CCE book premier*

first graduates of the Bible college! Please pray that the Lord will use these graduates for His glory. One of the grads is **Venessa Reyes**, who is the part-time secretary for **Pedro Donzé**, our office administrator and camp director in Uruguay. Another, **Maxi Acevedo** (nephew of our Pastor Ovidio Acevedo), just published a book entitled **Desde Simón a Pedro (From Simon to Peter)**. We are so proud of this young man, who is a wonderful servant for the Lord in Calvary Temple of Montevideo, pastored by **Gustavo de Oliveira**.

There were many major and minor, scheduled, expected changes at **Camp Emmanuel** during the "**Rick's Work Team**," October 22-31. If you have been keeping up with Jeff Davis's Facebook posts, then you have seen the huge amount of work that was accomplished at our main Uruguay camp in Guazuvirá. Next month there will be an article and several photos of the various projects, and the men and women who helped.

On Sunday, October 21, **Bethel Church** in Pando, Uruguay, had both a baptismal service and a wedding. The two young people have been attending the church. (One came from the church that **John Mark Steel** pastors in Pando.) When they began attending, Mariana Russo & Maximiliano

Ferreira were living together. Through sound Bible teaching, they realized their sin and repented. They desired to get baptized and married, and because of scheduling, the events happened on the same day! Bethel Church also celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the end of October, and it was the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when **Carlos and Mabel Olivera** began ministering at the church.

On Sunday morning, October 29, **Joan and**



*Carlos & Mabel with Mariana & Maxi*

I drove to East Flat Rock, NC, to attend the morning worship service at **Grace Baptist Church**. **Pastor Jeff Hawkey** had invited us to this special service. **Mel and Jan Wingrove** are members of this church, and the congregation was giving them a surprise retirement "party." The church was having their missionary conference, and Mel was scheduled to preach, so he and Jan were none-the-wiser of what was to come. The church presented them with a generous retirement check and a beautiful retirement cake at the dinner-on-the-grounds after the morning service. Joan and I had never been to this church before, and it was a blessing to get to know the pastor and his wife, Teri, and a host of other folks. The church has a good mix of all ages, and they are a mission-minded congregation. And Mel preached an excellent message! The Wingroves will be retiring from EMU International at the end of 2017. I'll have more to say about that in the December EMU Newsletter.

Although Thanksgiving Day is a major holiday, scheduled and expected, I'm always surprised by its date. I only know that it falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November. (Our 1<sup>st</sup> granddaughter, Becca, was born on Thanksgiving Day 8 years ago, but I still cannot remember the date!) Have you ever tried to seriously count your many blessings on that day? I have, but I could never get to the end of the items! When all you have ever had, have, or will have is from our loving Father, how is it possible to name all the blessings? You are one "group" of our blessings at EMU International, and we thank you for your interest in and love for our missionaries. And as you pray for us, please remember to ask God's blessing on the preparations for the Christmas programs that are already being planned and practiced for December. †



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## Thanksgiving Giving

by Ken Jensen



Two of our most celebrated holidays are Thanksgiving and Christmas. With Thanksgiving as the beginning fête day, it seems like the merrymaking with family, friends, and church groups, and decorating, shopping, and baking continues right through to the end of the year. My yearly ballooning girth is testament to this cycle! (Sadly, the balloon no longer deflates during the interim!) It is most common to view Thanksgiving as a time of giving thanks to God for His bountiful blessing to us and to consider Christmas as a time of giving in memory of God's gift of His Son. (I do realize that there is much more history to the custom of gift giving than just Jesus' incarnation.)

In announcing the annual **Christmas Fund Offering**, my first thoughts were towards the context of Christmas giving. But when musing on Thanksgiving, it dawned on me that Thanksgiving is actually a perfect example of giving to one another, as well as giving thanks.

It is generally accepted that the first Thanksgiving took place in the fall of 1621 at Plymouth Plantation with the Pilgrims. In the diary of William Bradford, the governor at that time, the events of that day are recorded. The Pilgrims were indeed giving thanks to God for their provision of food. But the celebration included more. Ninety members of the Wampanoag tribe joined the 53 surviving members of the Mayflower for a 3-day feast. (Only 4 women from the Mayflower voyage survived the first winter, so these ladies were the cooks for 143 mouths!) The Indians contributed five deer to the menu, and several of the Pilgrims shot an abundance of birds, including water fowls and turkeys. During the spring and summer months, Squanto, an English-speaking Indian, taught the Pilgrims how to fish for cod and eels, and to grow Indian corn. (Corn seeds from Central America,

which the Pilgrims possessed, were unsuitable for the New England climate.) The Wampanoag had also given the Mayflower community some food during that first deadly, brutal winter.

This first Thanksgiving was a thank-you to God and to the Indians. And the thank-you to the Wampanoag came in the form of gifts of food from the Pilgrims' harvested stores. But the Pilgrims had another more significant gift to give the Indians: the Gospel. Though few historians and teachers broach this subject, the Pilgrims and the Christians who followed them, eventually evangelized the various tribes of Indians in New England. In the time of peace between the white-men and Indians, ending in 1675 at the beginning of King Philip's War (Philip was the English name of the Wampanoag chief at that time), so many Indians had become Christians that by 1675, 20% of New England Indians lived in "Praying towns" (Native-American, Christian villages).

Okay, enough history! The point is that Thanksgiving was a time of celebrating God's gifts and man's gifts to other men of a different culture and nation. The **Christmas Fund** raises money for a gift to the EMU national missionaries in Uruguay. However, this is also a good place to encourage you to give a special Christmas offering to any missionary with EMU, regardless of the country. All Christmas Fund gifts will go to the Uruguay national missionaries *unless* the gift is **designated** to another EMU missionary. These gifts are a tremendous encouragement to our mission family, and I thank you in advance for your generosity. The **red-inked** enclosed envelope – if you are receiving a paper copy of the EMU Newsletter – is provided for your convenience. If you are receiving the EMU Newsletter via Mail Chimp, you can conveniently give via the "Donate" button below. Thank you! †

## A Working Vacation

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(front/center) Tom & Connie Chapman at the couples retreat

adults and young people of God's design for the family – that the man, as the head, should maintain responsible leadership both in the marriage and the upbringing of the children. I emphasized from Deuteronomy, Proverbs, and Ephesians that God gave the parents, not the church nor the schools, the principle responsibility to teach and train their children. On Saturday Connie and I ministered to married couples at a retreat center. I spoke on what the Bible says about marriage. Then Connie had a chance to counsel the ladies and I the men in separate groups. Some of the couples were struggling in their marriages, so we trust that they, as well as the others, were helped in some way by our ministry to them.

We are very thankful that the Lord allowed us to make this trip. It was filled with fellowship as we renewed and deepened friendships. To God be the glory, Who blesses us in such a multitude of different ways, "Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." (1 Tim. 6:17b) †

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