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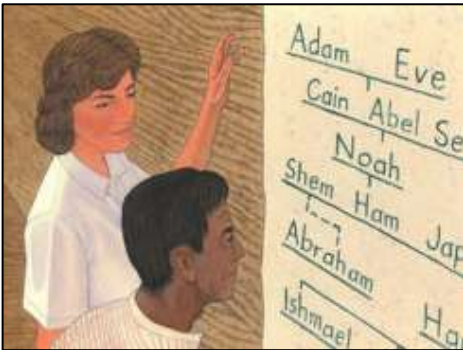
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Dear Friend,

“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12).

“You ... you mean this Book has a list of ancestors? The actual names of the world’s first people?”



‘Yes, you’re looking at the genealogy of Jesus Christ,’ Jo said to Ama. ‘It goes back to the early people on earth. But those are just names.’

‘You mean this Book is true? These are the actual names of the people?’

For the Balangao people, having the actual names of the people was proof that the Bible was really a true story, a record, and not just make-believe” (“Forever **Changed by the Book**,” page 10, copyright by Bible Visuals International).

It was by reading Matthew’s genealogy, which most of us just skip over or skim, Canao aka Ama realized the stories Jo Shelter was telling the Balangao people in the Philippines were true. This opened the door for Jo to share the Gospel and led to a whole people group being **changed by the Book**. During the Summer of 2021 we had the privilege of sharing this story with children challenging them to think about whether they have been **changed by the Book**.

Sad to say according to Statista in May of 2021, 29% of Americans 18 years and older have never read the Book and another 29% have only read it a few times a year. Only 11% read it daily with another 14% who read it several times a week. Those who read it once a week (9%) do not differ much from those who read it once a month (8%). Although the Bible is easily accessible, Americans are not reading it and, therefore, are not **changed by the Book**.

Are you concerned for the state of our country? We are, which is why we are committed to sharing the Gospel with the children and training others how to do the same. Our desire is for this next generation to be forever **changed by the Book** like the Balangao people for only the Bible has the power to change hearts and lives. *“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12).* Each of us has been **changed by the Book** and desire for the next generation to be changed as well. Will you help us?

Your Laborers for the Children,
Sara, Helene, Mary, and Matt



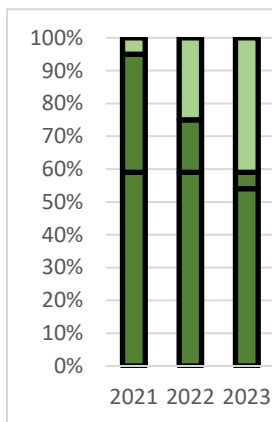
Our Director



Bedtime in early June



Newborn Rachel



Sara was forever **changed by the Book** at the age of 13 through the testimony of Rachel Joy Scott. Her prayer is that one day her children will also be **changed by the Book**. Paul will be 3 in September and can tell you that Jesus died on the cross because sin hurts. Rachel Joy was born on December 27, 2022 via C-section at 9:12pm weighing 7lbs 3oz. She is now almost 16lbs and loves to play with her stuffed animals. The siblings love talking to each other and playing.

Sara is indebted to those who have financially supported her these past 14 years. As of the end of June, she is 59% supported with 54% from people who designated their gift to “Sara’s Support” and 5% from people who designated their gift to go to “Where Needed Most!” The 41% deficit will come from our “General Fund” if the amount is not raised by year’s end. Will you pray for people to join Sara’s financial support team?

Ministry Finances

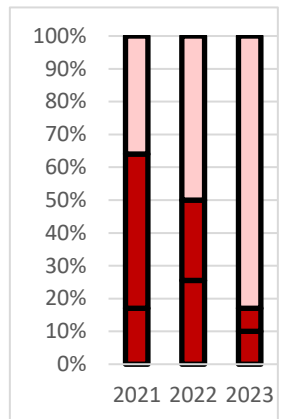
Those who financially give towards our ministry are helping us give the opportunity for children to be forever **changed by the Book!** Thank you immensely!

However, each month we find that we are about \$6,000 short to meet our expenses. We are thankful God foresaw our need and supplied a bequest in 2019 which has helped us with the deficit. Nevertheless, our reserves are slowly depleting. Will you join the 6 for 6 Campaign, giving \$6 each month for the next 6 months? We have 1,028 people on our mailing list, so if each one would give \$6 we would meet our monthly needs. If you give already, will you prayerfully consider increasing your support by \$6? Or would you be willing to give a one-time gift of \$36? If you are unable to give, will you pray for God to provide our finances so children can continue to have the opportunity to be forever **changed by the Book**. Please use the enclosed response sheet to designate your gift. If the need you request has already been met, we will put it towards General Fund unless otherwise indicated. All gifts are tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to

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Our Assistant Director

Matt was forever **changed by the Book** at the age of 24 and is passionate about sharing the Book with others. He and his wife desire that their son, Ezekiel, who will be 1 in August, will one day be **changed by the Book** which is why they have family worship each evening. Ezekiel is a happy, content boy who loves to play ball.



Matt has been with us almost 4 years. He is still building his support. As of the end of June, he is at 17% of his support with 10% from people who designated their gift to “Matthew’s Support” and 7% from those who designated their gift to go to “Where Needed Most.” The 83% deficit will come from our “General Fund” if the amount is not raised by year’s end. Please continue to pray for more people to join Matt’s financial support team.

Wear Family Outing in June



IRS Tax Exemption Note

We had been under our State Headquarters' federal tax exemption. However, there will no longer be group exemptions. Therefore, we had to file our own paperwork which our CPA completed mid-June. The cost? \$1,600. Would you consider giving towards this need? Thanks for your continued support so children can be **changed by the Book!**



You can give online or use the QR Code.

Good News Club

Praise Jesus we finished our 27th year of being in Elementary Schools! It was our first full year of Club since the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you for praying for 10 additional volunteers! God provided 16! We are grateful for our 29 Good News Club staff who, because they were **changed by the Book**, helped share that Book with the children.

This past year we had 11 Good News Clubs. One was a Preschool Club which met in a church. One was a School Club which met at a church and the rest met at Elementary Schools in Reading and Muhlenberg. Sara also helped Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church with their monthly Bible Club in the Brandywine Heights School District.

Please keep praying for more volunteers because there are more children in more Districts who need to hear the Truth so they too can be **changed by the Book**. We have parents interested in beginning a Club in the Daniel Boone and Exeter School Districts and a church interested in beginning a Club in Kutztown.

Have you been **changed by the Book**? Do you want to see the Alpha Generation (born 2010-2024) **changed by the Book**? Then would you be interested in helping or know someone who may? We are in need of Bible Teachers, Missionary Story Tellers, Counselors, and extra volunteers to love on the children. We provide all the material and free monthly training. See our flier for training information. Would you be willing to advertise at your church to get the word out to more individuals who have been **changed by the Book**?



Mrs. Cindy Walters at 13th and Union Elementary



Mr. Alan Marsdale at 10th and Green Elementary



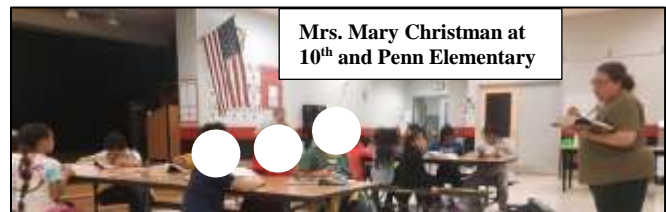
Mrs. Arlene Pettersson



Millmont Elementary Clubbers would take notes during Mr. Matt Wear's Bible Lessons.



Mrs. Kim Tuke at 12th and Marion Elementary

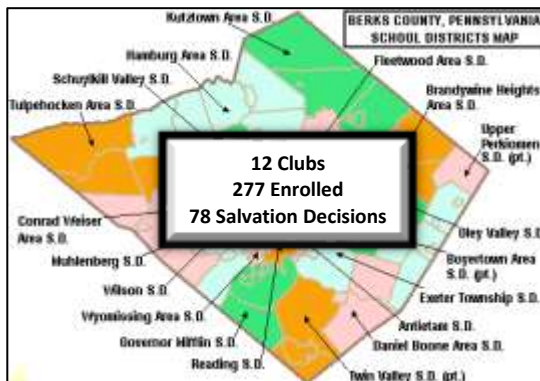


Mrs. Mary Christman at 10th and Penn Elementary

During a lockdown, two police officers came to the classroom they were in asking, "Is everyone alright?" Mary responded, "Yes, we are having Good News Club and just finished the Bible Lesson." One officer remarked, "I went to Good News Club." Then they continued to clear the School. Praise God everything was fine!



Mrs. Sara Bowers at 13th and Green Elementary



Autistic Sofia learned all 4 of her Memory Verses! Her Mom wrote, "I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done to help Sofia."



Mrs. Sara Bowers, Brandywine Heights School District

Summer Missionary Training School



We were blessed with 16 students who were **changed by the Book** and passionate about reaching the Alpha Generation. Of the students two were staff members taking the training and two were returning adults who took off work for the training. During our Open Air time in Shamokin, PA 70 people, mostly children, heard the Gospel through the Wordless Book and 10 trusted in Jesus as their Saviour.

Sara served as Dean of Women, Friday's Bible Lesson and Memory Verse Demonstrator, Wordless Book Child Demonstrator, and Bus Captain for Open Air as well as taught "What is CEF?" and "5-Day Club Preparation."

Matt served as Assistant Dean of Men, Water Cooler Watchman (refilling the water cooler in the classroom), Coffee Carrier (for early morning Staff Meetings), Chapel Song Leader, and Friday's Puppet and Missionary Story Demonstrator. Plus, he also spoke at an impromptu baptism for Miss Sofia Calidonio, new worker at our State Headquarters.



Mary served as Assistant Dean of Women and Stop Sign Holder (basically she made sure we were on time or caught up time if we were not).

It cost \$590 for each of our staff members to help with this vital training (\$1,770 in total). Would you prayerfully consider giving to help with this cost? You will be helping future generations to be forever **changed by the Book.**

5-Day Clubs and Good News Mini Camp

We have a full schedule this summer and we are excited to see what God will do! Sara will be teaching the "Jesus, My Saviour and Friend" Bible Lesson Series while Matt will be teaching the Hudson Taylor Missionary Story in 16 5-Day Clubs this summer. Matt will be teaching Esther at our 4 Good News Mini Camps while Sara teaches the Memory Verses and Mary tells the story of David Brainerd, missionary to the Native Americans in PA. Praise God we do not have any summer ministry needs except for staff wages! Will you pray many will be **changed by the Book** this summer?



We had the privilege of training Anna Greiner, Summer Missionary from Lebanon County, during the second week of Training School.



Even Rachel came to Club. Chopsticks introduces our Bible Story Papers. We currently have 67 students. It's a great way to follow up with Clubbers and Campers.



This girl and her sister were baptized the day before Club began.



Kissinger's Church – This family is hungry to learn more.



Harry and Lydia Hoffman celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary with us.



Mini Camp Week 1: 11 Campers – 4 visiting from Texas