

The Christian life is a journey.

*TrailNotes* speaks to forward movement, paying attention to the "landscape" we are passing through in this trail-laced wooded hillside and valley, not to mention the world beyond. *TrailNotes* is an unfolding, ongoing journal of the people who share the trail with us and the things we're learning and doing.

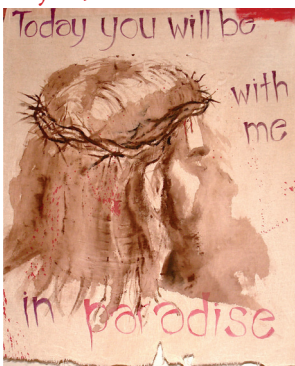
## Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

*(Ed. note: As a follow-up to Easter and in order to give our Elder team a well deserved rest we have decided to reproduce the following pastiche of Jerry King's artwork and the Bliss hymn as it appeared in the April 2016 issue of TrailNotes for us all to reflect upon once more. The usual ElderTalk article will return next month.)*

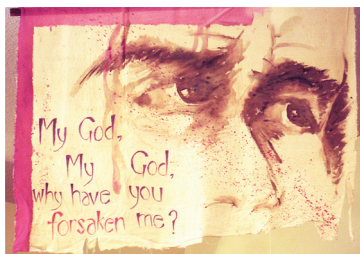
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"Man of Sorrows!" what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!



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Lifted up was He to die,  
"It is finished," was His cry.  
Now in heav'n exalted high:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!



2

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood.  
Sealed my pardon with His blood:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!



5

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring.  
Then anew this song we'll sing:

Hallelujah, what a Savior!



4

Guilty, vile and helpless we,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He.  
Full atonement, can it be?  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!



# Being His hands and feet at *La Mision Para Niños*

STEVE and DEB McKEE

*“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27*

La Mision Para Niños is a mission in Mexico for 15 orphans with severe disabilities; 8 of the residents are total care and non-verbal. This place is their home. It is the only Christ-centered family they have ever known. The above Scripture is their vision, mission, and action plan!

We recently had the privilege of serving in this mision for one week. The Mision and these orphans “won our hearts!” After arriving, it was obvious that this was the anointed time we were to be there...they were short handed and needed our “extra hands” to help care for the orphans and to give the staff a break.



Here is a typical day at *La Mision*:

- 7:00 am-Staff breakfast
- 7:30 am-Rise and shine, showers, dress orphans for breakfast

- 8:30 am-Breakfast
- 9:30 am-Diaper change for orphans who were total care
- 10:00 am-Water break. It was very hot so it was important to keep the orphans hydrated.
- 10:00 to 12 noon: Morning Activity coloring, reading the Bible or other books to them, playing cards, listening to music, crafts, exercising (for those that were wheelchair bound), getting them out of their chairs and working/stretching their muscles). Diaper change during this time.



- 12 noon-Staff Lunch
- 12:30 pm-Lunch
- 1:30 pm-Diaper change
- 2:00 pm-Water break
- 2:00-4:00 pm-Similar to the Morning Activity period.
- 4:30 pm-Dinner
- 5:00 pm-Staff Dinner
- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm-Get orphans ready for bed.
- 6:30 pm-8:00 pm-There were 5 orphans that were ambulatory and were higher functioning.





They could care for their own personal needs and get themselves ready for bed. They were allowed to stay up later (8 pm) and watch Disney movies or “*Little House on the Prairie*.” These women were also in charge of hanging up their own laundry, taking it down after it was dry, and putting their own laundry away.

The staff is made up of young men and women over age 18. (You may remember that this is the same orphanage where Grace Feia served for several months over a year ago.) These staff members provide excellent care of these orphans (ranging from 17 to 47) and of their living quarters. The staff also takes turns cooking and cleaning. The daily routine is very structured, but it is laced with Christ’s love and the love of these staff members in service to our Lord. They have been “called” to be His hands and feet at *La Mision*.





## MAY 2019

- 2** National Day of Prayer: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the gazebo in downtown Mansfield
- 4** Men's Prayer Breakfast at McDonald's on Hanley Rd. 9:00 am
- 5** Pastor Eric Byrom preaching on Phil. 4:1-9
- 11** Women of Grace mother-daughter potluck brunch in the Youth Building. 10:30 am
- 12** Eric Byrom preaching on Phil. 4:10-23. Mother's Day 
- 19** Chris Connolly presentation on Philippians, (reciting and drama)
- 26** Elder Jadae Fox preaching on Jude: "Slavery to Christ." Memorial Day weekend 

Date for the **50th Anniversary** of Grace Fellowship Church: Campout Weekend **August 2-4**. The **Community Celebration** will be **September 7**.

## Deschners send Easter Greetings

*"I took this photo on Monday at Cedar Springs Christian Retreat Center and thought it was awesome the way the sun was streaming through the trees; then the deer walked out of the forest to make it magical. Thought maybe the church folks would like to see it." -Gary*



## Mitch and Janine Schwartz lead Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday

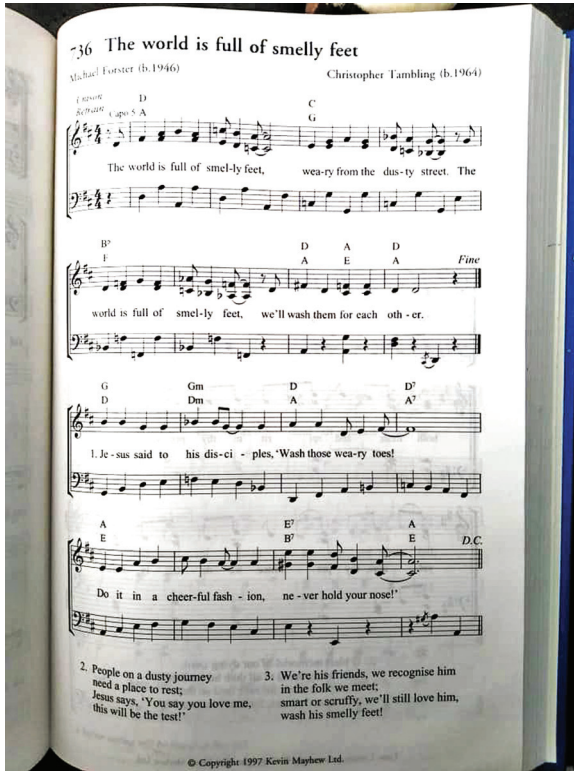


The Seder meal is a traditional Jewish feast that marks the beginning of Passover. The story is told of how God delivered the Israelites from slavery. Mitch and Janine Schwartz adapted the Old Testament ceremony and "finished" the story of salvation through Christ!

The traditional steps of the Seder are 1) The search for leaven, 2) lighting of the Passover candles, 3) sanctifying blessing and first cup of wine, 4) first hand washing, 5) green vegetable dipped in salt water and blessing, breaking the middle matzah and hiding the Afikomen, 6) telling the story of Passover and the second cup of wine, 7) Second hand washing and blessing, 8) Blessing for the bread and eating of matzah, 9) Eating of the bitter herbs, 10) Eating of sandwich of maror and matzah, 11) The festival meal, 12) Eating the Afikomen, 13) Blessing the third cup, welcoming Elijah, 14) Songs of praise, 15) Fourth cup and completion of the Seder.



Have you ever heard of this hymn? — unique, eh, what!



**The world is full of smelly feet,  
weary from the dusty street.  
The world is full of smelly feet,  
We'll wash them for each other.**

- 1. Jesus said to His disciples,  
“Wash those weary toes.  
Do it in a cheerful fashion,  
Never hold your nose!”**
- 2. People on a dusty journey,  
Need a place to rest.  
Jesus says, “You say you love Me,  
This will be the test!”**
- 3. We’re His friends, we recognize Him  
In the folk we meet,  
Smart or scuffy, we’ll still love him  
Wash his smelly feet.**

From: *Anglican Hymns Old & New* (Rev. and Enl.)  
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Sue Judd celebrates her 60th birthday!

After six months in the hospital, Sue Judd is home... and was with us in church on Easter morning! Her children were able to be with her for the weekend and they and Brian celebrated her birthday together. **Way to go, Sue!**



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