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COMPASS VISION

Compass is a quarterly publication with the mission of sharing and revealing God's presence and work in His people's lives through story, so that we are encouraged to grow in faith and connect in community. The stories in the publication reflect Discovery's six core values.

DISCOVERY VALUES

WORSHIP by noticing and responding to God's every day presence

EMBRACING TRUTH as the pathway to freedom

GROWING by stepping out of our comfort zone

CONNECTING with each other because together is better

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Everyone has a story

and your story matters because it's part of a greater story—God's story. The Bible is God's story, and Jesus is the master storyteller.

Jesus told stories that allowed people to imagine and see themselves in them. It is our privilege to notice his Hand at work, and then share these stories with others.

In the following pages are personal stories of how God is present and working in people's lives. God is alive and powerful in our lives every day.

Hearing another person's story can help you find the words for yours. We hope you will be transformed, comforted, challenged, encouraged, and inspired in your faith.



embracing truth



"I feel so blessed to have found my way to Him."



Linda was baptized at Discovery by Nancy Movick, Compassion Ministries Director

LINDA'S STORY

by Linda Laws

My journey to finding God has been a long and winding road that began when I was a child. I attended church mostly with my grandparents until I was about 4 years old when my grandmother passed away. After that, my learning about God stopped and I really didn't think or know much about Him until just recently.

I am 43 years old and I have an amazing husband named Matt, two beautiful children—my daughter Kennedy is 9, and my son Max is 7. I am also surrounded by many loving friends and family, many of whom were at my baptism to support me.

We've been through hard times as any other family has, and we have always gotten through with one another's love and support. However, in 2016 our lives were changed forever and we were faced with the biggest, hardest test that we have encountered thus far.

On May 27th, 2016, I suffered a minor stroke. Thankfully, so minor that it didn't leave me with any permanent disabilities. Over the last couple years I have had several tests and surgeries to restore blood flow to my brain. Recently I have finally been diagnosed with a rare brain disease called Moya Moya that causes the arteries of the brain to eventually close. In September 2018, I will be traveling to California to have brain surgery to treat the disease.

The good news is, I am feeling good, and I finally have a diagnosis and can be treated, and the best thing of all is that I found God! When all this started 2 years ago, it of course changed me and my life forever. It had been 38 years since my last visit to a church, but I was ready to learn

more about God, and this is where my relationship with Him began again.

In the beginning, I felt very guilty that I was only now reaching out to God in my time of need, only to realize He has been with me this entire time and has patiently been waiting for me to return to Him. My neighbor and friend, Laura Moseley provided me with some resources and information that could help me get started on my journey to get to know God. She also invited me to visit Discovery to see if it was a good fit for me and my family. It was, and we have been part of Discovery for almost 2 years now. In that short amount of time, I have met so many wonderful people here that have been such a great support to me, like my friend Nancy Movick, who baptized me.

Although I feel like I still have so much to learn and understand, one thing I am certain of is that Jesus is the son of God and He gave His life for all of us, and I feel so blessed to have found my way to Him.

For me, I am certain that it is God, along with family and friends, that got me through all this. I could have easily turned and gone the other way into darkness, but I am so glad this journey has led me to Him and His love. Knowing that He is here with me and holding my hand as I go through my life, gives me hope and provides me peace.

I don't know what God's plan is for me, but I know it is good, and I will forever follow and trust in Him. It might seem crazy to many people that I see everything that has happened to me as a blessing, but I truly do, because it has led me to God, which is the greatest blessing of all.

BAPTISM INFO

Would you like to learn more about baptism? Discovery offers a baptism information class every fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm in the balcony. For more information, email Dan Pence at dan@dc2.me



PAINT

Verse 1

Paint me a picture of your love
with all of the colors only you speak of
Make me sit still and see your art
your portrait's much better cause it's from
your heart

Chorus

I am gray black and some white
I betray most of your light
I pretend to control how it ends
only that's yours to choose and to know
Here's my brush love and some pain
I trust you to paint

Verse 2

Mold me like only you can see
my mirror shows sin but you can set me
free
Help me see murals yet to come
your blueprint's superior to all I've done

Chorus

Bridge

You first painted Eden
then we fled for trees when
The apple was too much to bear
Then boat flood and rainbow
helped show us our stain goes
White when your shades repair

Chorus

Paint, a song written by Discovery Worship



WORSHIP ARTS Q & A

with Adam Brinckerhoff

WORSHIP ARTS

Would you like to learn more about Worship Arts? Or more specifically, about the songwriting process? For more information, email Jimmy Carnes at jimmy@dc2.me

Q. What was the inspiration for the song?

I think God is the ultimate Creator, but he also made us to create as well. For the sake of the painting analogy, he uses all of the colors in the rainbow, but our limitations only allow us access to gray, black, and white. Our pride convinces us that we can still paint a better picture than God despite our minimal color options, and the song is a meditation on that false assumption.

Q. How did you feel and hear God in the writing?

When writing the song, God opened my eyes to the wonder of his creation from a different perspective. I'm an engineer by trade, so the scientific majesty of the universe has always appealed to me, but this song reminded me that God is also the ultimate artist in our lives. He knows best and as soon as we recognize that and give him control, we allow him to make much more beauty in our lives than would ever be possible on our own.

Q. What else is special to you about *Paint*?

The song is part of an experiment that we're conducting (very unscientifically) at Discovery to see how praise and worship songs based on a range of emotions resonate with our community.

The Psalms (most of which are songs themselves) range from overwhelming joy to deep sorrow, but it seems like the vast majority of contemporary Christian praise music represents the 5-10% most optimistic part of that Biblical spectrum. We're attempting to write songs inspired by the rest of that range, and *Paint* is part of that.

While it's still a love song to God, it's a sorrowful one because it confesses the limitations of our pride and our inability to let go of control sometimes. We'd love feedback from readers on how well we accomplished this tone in *Paint* and ideas for other themes to incorporate into future songs.

4 *Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my savior.*
Habakkuk 3:17-18

VERA'S STORY

I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Vera Kirkconnell grew up in a challenging home. An alcoholic and abusive father prompted her to seek God in the hard times. Often, she felt she needed to protect her siblings and defend her mother.

In Honduras, as child growing up, her view of Catholicism at 9 years old was that God the Father was far away and she needed to do things to be able to speak to Him and ask for things. She always looked to Him like he was really up in heaven and she was just a girl.

She explained, "We usually needed to talk with a priest and then say a lot of prayers asking for forgiveness, so sometimes it was just automatic; so because I was a sinner, well at least in my mind, I thought the problems in my house were my fault or a punishment." She attended a Catholic school, yet had a teacher that was a Christian. This teacher became an angel to Vera and helped her through problems she faced at home. *(An image came to her, during a Discovery Sunday service at prayer time, recalling her of this teacher, and reminding her that God does answer prayer.)*

Vera remembers the first time she heard the voice of God. She attended a summer camp by herself, whereas other campers had their families with them. As a leader instructed campers to pray with their families, she was upset her family was not there. As she cried, God gave her the verse Habakkuk 3:17-18, which says he is always with her. A group then came to pray over her.

In Honduras, Vera worked with a ministry that helped drug addicted boys on the streets. She believed this ministry was God's will for her. During her ministry, her husband Carlos received a job opportunity in the U.S. She was faced with having to make some tough decisions. What would happen to her ministry in Honduras if she left? What about leaving her family? She prayed and sought counsel with her pastor to seek God's direction. The pastor encouraged her not to worry—a replacement would be found and the ministry would go on. She prayed for a replacement and eventually another member of her ministry team became the director for the ministry of boys on the streets. She believed he would be the perfect replacement because of his own struggle with drug addiction and being a male, could better relate to the boys. This confirmation from God helped her feel better about making the move to the U.S.

Vera has relied a lot on prayer. In prayer she had thought of a dollar amount that would help make the move decision easier, only to discover her husband come out of a meeting with that exact number in hand! An amazing confirmation from God! She has seen a lot prayers answered.

Vera has great memories of Honduras, since that is where she met her husband, Carlos. She has found a lot of happiness and peace in the 7 years they have been married. More prayers were needed in the past year, when her daughter underwent a medical test, and Vera prayed for a miracle. God answered that request with normal test results. Vera is always amazed at how God responds.

Since living in the U.S., Vera has been searching to find her calling. She wondered how she could be of use in this country—since there are no boys on the streets like in Honduras—and where she would fit. She then realized that God is needed everywhere in different capacities.

Vera is involved in the Spanish Ministry at Discovery, helping Ana



Vera Kirkconnell, with her husband Carlos, and daughters.

Proaño—Hispanic Ministry leader—to reach other Spanish speaking families needing community in their language. Along with Carlos, she is also working with the Benevolence Ministry and the First Impressions Team. She is open to any ministry God may lead her to help at Discovery.

Vera loves running, and as a stay at home mother, and finds it's the time she takes out for herself. In fact, she just completed her first marathon. She has plans to attend school to get a Psychology degree, focusing on mental health and counseling.

In Honduras she misses family, food, the beach, and her church, but loves hiking and being outdoors in Colorado.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Discovery offers a Hispanic Service for the Spanish speaking community, every 2nd and 4th Sunday each month from 1 to 3pm. For more information, email Ana Proaño at ana@dc2.me



Left to right: Monica Herrera, Ron Brunkhardt, Ange Brunkhardt, Gary Rogers, Barb Rogers, Laura Moseley, Roger Tarras, and Steve Moseley.
(Not pictured: Troy Herrera and Lynn Tarras)

LIFE GROUP Q & A

with by Barb Rogers

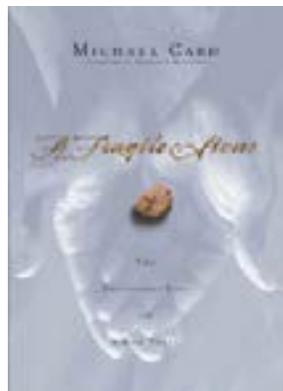
A Life Group at Discovery is a group of people growing in Christ through fellowship, discussions, and living life together.

Q. Describe your group.

We started meeting about two years ago when the church was studying the *Believe* series. It was going to be a short term group, but we connected with each other and decided to keep meeting. We have four different couples that meet regularly. We have some who are empty nesters and some that still have kids at home. The different stages in life bring a blessing of perspective to our group. All have a love for the Lord!

Q. When do you meet and how do you find connection in your group?

We meet every Wednesday at Roger and Lynn Tarras's home. We sometimes rotate homes to give the Tarras's a break. Everyone volunteers to lead our study, which gives us all a chance to participate. I find that meeting weekly keeps me focused on Jesus in my life, holds me accountable, and keeps me studying the Word. We are able to be open and honest about tough places in our lives. Our fellowship before each study helps us stay connected. We support each other through discussion and prayer.



The Fragile Stone
by Michael Card

Q. What are you studying?

Besides the *Believe* series, we have done multiple studies. The life of Peter in *The Fragile Stone*, Ephesians, Chronicles, and most recently, we studied the books of the Minor Prophet in depth. Such amazing insight to glean and apply to our current culture.

Q. What are you learning?

The apostle Peter grew to know that because Jesus calls us to great things, *we* are able to do great things. He said, Jesus, "tell me to walk to water." It is only after Jesus calls him to "come" that he is able to come. Peter couldn't have done it on his own. Peter is still teaching us today how to live by faith and trust in Jesus. Our other studies have given us tangible ways to try to live our lives with Christ as our focal point.

Q. How are you growing?

Anytime I spend studying the Bible and God's character, it is beneficial to my soul. Trying to grasp His will and sovereignty for me is mind blowing. It keeps me energized and wanting more of Jesus.

Q. What's special or unique about your group?

I feel a genuine love and concern for each person. It's amazing hearing the heart of other believers. We have done service projects together both in and outside of the church. The support and prayer for each other is strengthening. I feel blessed to be a part of the group and look forward to seeing them on Sunday and Wednesday. Lord, thank you for your provisions!

LIFE GROUP INFO

Does joining a Life Group interest you? We offer First Steps, a series of experiences, to help you find your place in our community. For more info, email Emilie Knauss at emilie@dc2.me

moving toward



Feed my lambs. Take care of my sheep. John 21: v. 15-16

FISH FOOD PANTRY STORY

FISH Food Pantry in Broomfield began over 50 years ago through a collaboration between six Broomfield churches. In 2002, FISH expanded services to include not only a thriving food pantry, but also transportation assistance, rent and utility assistance and other services. They provided 629,389 pounds of food to more than 4,200 Broomfield residents in 2016 so they would not go hungry. A majority were children and senior citizens.

In summer 2015, FISH, along with partner Community Food Share, began operating a mobile food pantry at Centennial Elementary School in Broomfield. School kids were provided breakfast and lunch during the school year by state funded programs. But food was not provided for kids during holiday and summer breaks. Discovery attendee and FISH volunteer, Boni Callaway, was told by a teacher that the kids' anxieties grew knowing they would have to skip meals at these in-between times. This prompted the idea in her to create a food bags program.

With help from Discovery, attendees provided more than 300 food bags to families before spring break. Then FISH joined in, and with volunteers, were able to deliver another 350 bags before summer break. In March 2017, the mobile food pantry truck evolved to replace the food bags, and helps reach families twice a month at Centennial Elementary School.

In years past, FISH was located in basements of two separate buildings. June 1st, 2017, FISH relocated to a new building at 6 Garden Center in Broomfield. The new space is

worlds apart from the old space. Previously, recipients would receive a bag of pre-selected foods. Now, with increased shelf and shopping space, recipients are able to take a shopping cart and go down the aisles choosing what they want from the shelves, as you would in a regular grocery store. With the better shopping space, recipients are allowed to come now two times a month. The beauty of increased space allows for the opportunity to meet more needs, with second floor office space for agents to help people with other assistance and services.

FISH encourages groups and individuals to Adopt a Shelf. This program allows groups or an individual to keep care of a shelf —making sure the shelf is fully stocked and replenished. It is a way to slowly segue into learning how FISH operates and possibly becoming a volunteer.

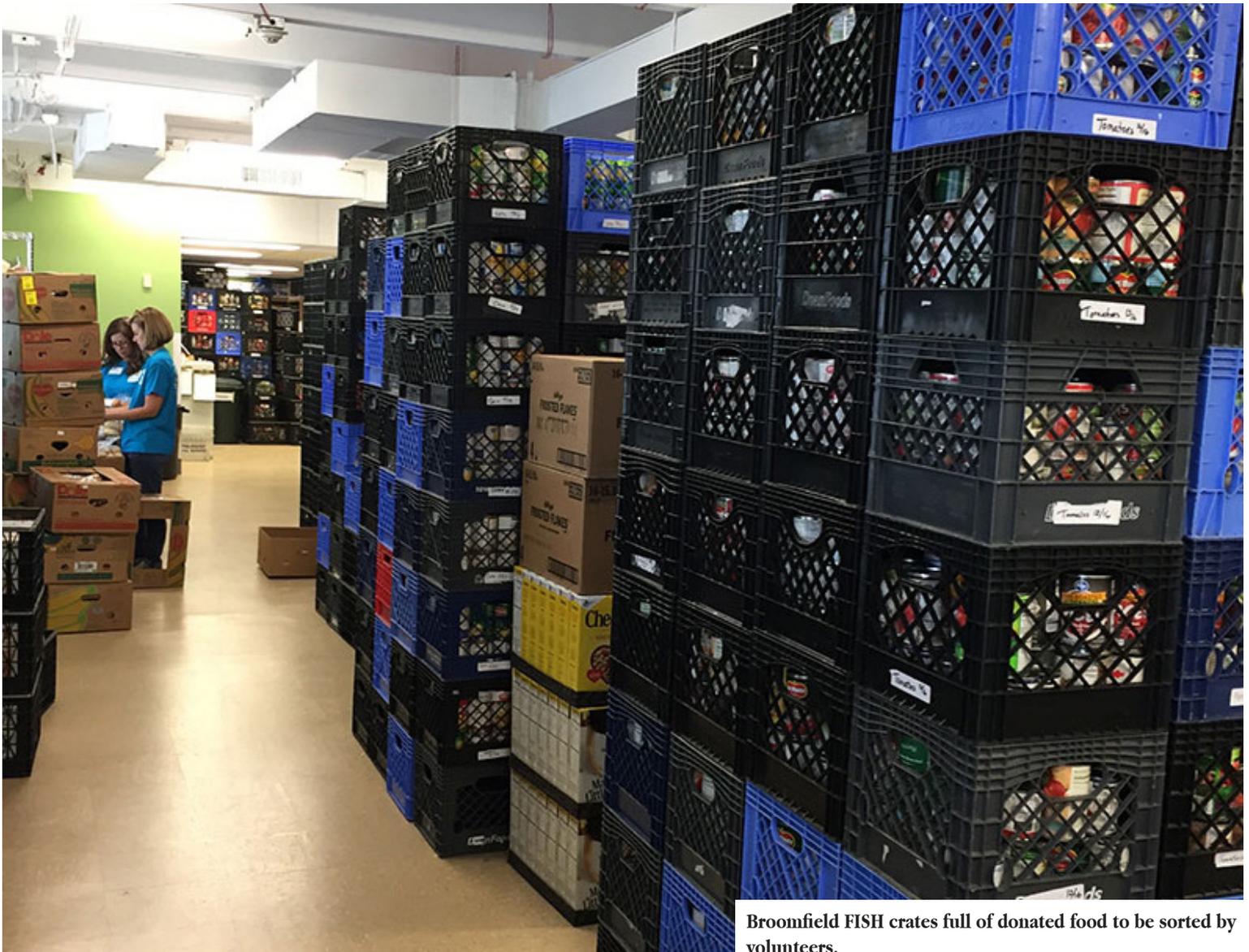
FISH is an amazing way to serve right here in Broomfield. Boni, along with other Discovery volunteers, works with an amazing team. Boni has seen many blessings and prayers answered with the new space and the people God has brought to FISH. She believes even a little bit helps and makes a difference. Her relationship with Christ has truly grown volunteering with FISH and learning to trust in Him.

To learn more about FISH, visit broomfieldfish.org. If you are interested in the Adopt a Shelf program, email Jan at Jan.k@broomfieldfish.org. To learn more about FISH from a Discovery volunteer perspective, contact Boni Callaway at bonicallaway@hotmail.com





Broomfield FISH food shelves— part of the space in the Garden Center building— where people shop.



Broomfield FISH crates full of donated food to be sorted by volunteers.

8 PARAGUAY STORY



Discovery Paraguay team: Alex Knauss, Dan Reich, Brendan Reed, Angelica Cerda, Emilie Knauss, Tom Morris, Drew Rawlings (Photo from Emilie Knauss)

The Intern team from Discovery traveled to Paraguay March 12th, 2018. Below are two of the stories posted on Discovery's Mission blog about their experiences from this trip.

GO, DIEGO, GO

Posted on 03/17/2018



Drew Rawlings
Youth Ministries Resident

When I was told I would have the opportunity to teach English to students in Paraguay I was very unsure of what that was going to look like; in fact it made me very nervous. I didn't know any of their language before meeting with a teacher named Andy, and after that I could still only say, "Hi, how are you?", which isn't quite enough to teach anyone anything. But as God often does, He had different plans. He had plans to not just teach the Paraguayans English but to get to know them on a relational level.

It was about 2:45pm last Wednesday in a town called Villarica when our team gathered at the house we were staying at and took a little walk to the school just across the street. This is where we held our first English lesson. As we entered the fenced in property students were running around everywhere. They were wearing laughter and smiles proudly, which was very disarming. It was at this time that I noticed a younger Paraguayan man entertaining a circle of students. My first thought was he must be a teacher, so I mustered up the courage and approached this man. I went out on a limb and introduced my self in Guarani. Surprisingly enough he responded in near perfect English. He said, "Hi, my name is Diego." I'm sure he noticed my jaw dropping as I responded, "Diego, your English is amazing!" He laughed gently and continued to tell me that he was one of the English teachers at the school, which made perfect sense.

Fortunately for me, when the time came to split the 65 students into smaller groups for teaching, Diego joined my group and was going to help me translate. The age group that was assigned to me just so happened to be

Diego's class from last year so the students were at ease as well. As I mentioned earlier, I was very unsure how the teaching was going to go but with Diego on my team, it was really quite a breeze.

I say all of this not to tell you about Diego's ability to connect with students, though it was very impressive, but to share with you that even in foreign situations God still has a plan. That evening Diego was able to miss his college courses and come with our team to a local cafe. There, Diego shared with a couple of us the last 200 years of Paraguay's history, filled with both sorrow and riches. On our walk home he shared with me his passion for ministry and his hope in what God has planned for him, and told me a bit more about the culture.

You see I came to Paraguay with a hard heart. I was upset that I was unable to prepare well, and afraid that I wouldn't be able to connect with many people because of my lack of knowledge when it comes to their language, as I desired. However, when I connected with Diego I was not left wanting. Rather, God had provided a way to fulfill the desires he had placed on my heart, and that's something I want to learn to trust from the beginning. The desires God places on our hearts often are not void, and rarely come without a plan to fulfill these desires. And though it doesn't typically happen in the way we expect we can always trust that our loving God knows what He is doing, and when our desires come from Him they are fulfilled by Him.

Psalm 37:4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.



ROHAYHU, PARAGUAY

Posted on 04/17/2018



Emilie Knauss
Worship Arts Associate
and Life Groups
Coordinator

MISSION BLOG

To read more stories and perspectives of the Discovery Paraguay Team, please visit the Paraguay blog at: <https://discoverymissions.wordpress.com/>

My mind has been spinning since our team arrived back home in the States. I have been on several mission trips in years past, and each place I've visited has impacted me in a different way. For some reason Paraguay hit me on a completely different level and I'm not sure how to describe the impact I experienced, but I can share what I learned.

The people of Paraguay are genuinely kind and they value relationships. For example, three or four times a day (or more) we stopped everything we were doing, sat in a circle, and drank tereré together. The amazing thing about tereré time was that we all drank out of the same straw, no matter if we knew each other or not! When we had tereré for the first time before we left I was pretty nervous about using someone else's straw, but by the end of the trip I couldn't get enough of it. There is something beautiful about sharing with others, because whether the sharing happens through the medium of a straw, a meal, or a conversation, a friendship is built. We were in these tereré circles for a few hours a day, and I loved every minute of it. It was a time for us just to be present, to rest, to enjoy the day, and the people God provided for us. It's no secret that many Americans feel chaos and stress in response to the way we overwork ourselves, putting our value more in what we accomplish instead of who we are.

The people of Paraguay helped me understand the importance of rest and being in the company of others without an agenda – that it's not a waste of time, but a vital part of emotional and spiritual health. Because of this, and my probably unhealthy obsession with tereré, I brought back a yearlong supply of yerba and will happily

be setting up many tereré circles if you'd like to join in and find rest in the chaos with me.

Something else I was enthralled by in Paraguay was language. Spanish and Guaraní are the official languages of the country. Paraguay has a rich history, and both languages are a part of it. There are several layers, however, behind the assumptions of these languages, and you can catch a glimpse of that here in this article. Much of our time was spent with people who spoke Guaraní. While we taught English for a few days, we were able to learn some Guaraní in return. At the church in Yuty, we listened to people worship God in both Spanish and Guaraní, while worshipping along in English. I wish I could have captured that moment, because it was almost like we got to taste and see what heaven will be like. In a time where many people are used to their tribe, and where America is more segregated than we'd like to believe, we were able to reach across language and cultural barriers to worship the same personal, loving God as friends. It was a reminder that this is possible in Broomfield, Colorado, as well. What an experience.

Paraguay has taught me so many more things, and I would love to share more about our trip. I am still processing our trip and I would love to go back. Thank you to all of the missionaries who took time to share your journey with us. Thank you to all who invited us into your homes. Thank you to the church in Yuty who treated us like family. Thank you to all of the people who provided us with delicious tereré. Thank you to Dan and Tom, who led us with grace and genuine care. Thank you to our Discovery family, who prayed for us.



Back: Aaron Donohoe, Mike Donohoe, Jeff Stanley, Jimmy Carnes, Tyler Larsen, Tina Larsen
Front: Emily Donohoe, Sue Donohoe, Jenn Stanley, Joe Larsen, Aubrey Larsen, Ryan Larsen

ALBANIA PRAYERS

Our team has been busy fundraising and preparing for our trip to Albania in July. Over the next few months, can you please pray for members of our team in the following ways?

Larsen Family

Tyler: Safe travels, open hearts, open minds and a connection with God and the students we are teaching. Also, please pray for our supporters and those not able to be with us.

Tina: For the spiritual wisdom and loving service of the mission team.

Ryan: Safe travels from start to finish.

Joe: That the students in Albania are open to learning what we teach, especially English, so they have more opportunities.

Stanley Family

Jeff: Good pain management on the flight, and being completely present throughout the mission experience without worrying about things back at home and at my job.

Jenn: For the college students to have open hearts to hearing the gospel and that relationships would be developed between our team and the students.

Donohoe Family

Mike: Freedom from anxiety regarding travel and all the details.

Sue: Safety while traveling and in-country, that we would be an encouragement to the Cru staff and have meaningful conversations with students.

Emily: That we will be able to make lasting relationships with the students and Cru staff.

Aaron: Good judgement and meaningful conversations.

Carnes Family

Jimmy: To be able to communicate the gospel effectively through language and cultural barriers.

Thanks for all of your continued support!



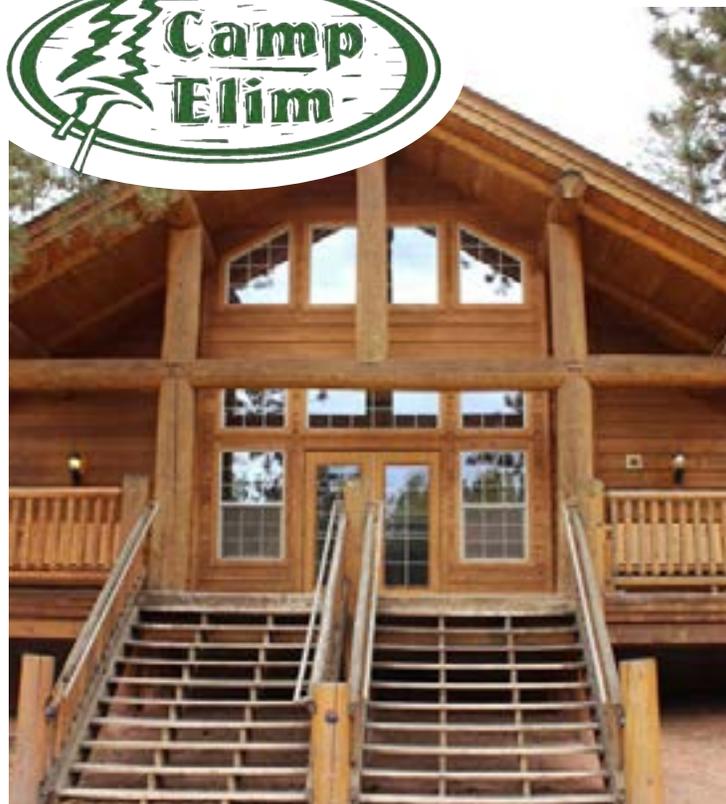


June 23rd-30th, a team of Discovery Youth and Adults will be serving in Costa Rica.

The team is asking for your prayers in the following ways:

- Pray for team unity and safety in travel
- Pray for God to prepare hearts of our students and the people we will be with
- Pray for Pastor Jesus and his church as we will be partnering with him to reach out to his surrounding community.

Follow their experiences on our blog: <https://discoverymissions.wordpress.com/>



upcoming events

WOMEN'S RETREAT

**The Set Apart Woman:
The Beauty of An Anointed Life**
September 21-23, 2018
Speaker: Dale Wilsher

Come join us as Dale shows us that we have been Set Apart from all that is common. While we may feel set aside, we are indeed Set Apart. Dale will describe 3 elements of a Set Apart life and how to keep from profaning what is Holy. Registration opens August 5th at dc2.me/womens-retreat

MEN'S RETREAT

Going the Distance
October 12-14, 2018
Speaker: Rob Stout with Sherpa Partners

Jesus calls us to an adventure with Him by discovering a friendship with Him, growing to be more like Him, serving loving the people that He loves and following Him- Forever! Come join us for the 2018 Discovery Men's Retreat where we will look at "Going the Distance" with Jesus. Registration opens at a later date.

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THE AVENUE STORY

by Kaity Moller

The Avenue is a multi-faceted special needs ministry of Discovery. Avenue is passionate about providing an inclusive environment to make disciples within the disabled community by coming alongside children, adults and families of those with special needs. The ministry provides avenues where kids with special needs can worship, grow, connect, share and move towards loving God and serving others at a pace that is right for them.



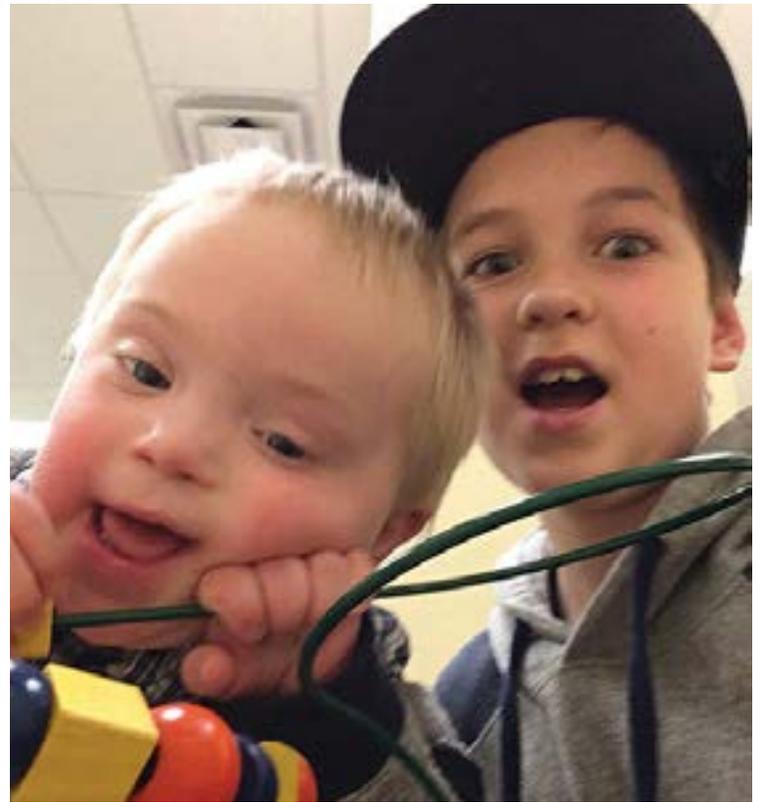
(Above and below) 2nd Annual Special Needs Community Egg Hunt this year.

At a recent event for the volunteers in *The Avenue*, our special needs ministry, I asked the volunteers why they picked this ministry to volunteer. My favorite response came from 12 year-old Eli, who said “because I get to hang out with Jacob,” who is his 4-year old buddy. Simple as that.

But if you met Jacob, you would totally understand. Jacob is full of life, smiles, and energy. The hug he gives Eli when he sees him on Sunday mornings is priceless. Getting to pour into this little guy’s life is not just checking a box of volunteering for Eli, it is life-giving.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul talks about the body of Christ comparing it to a physical body. Verse 18 says that God has “placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be.” At Discovery, we are passionate about creating an inclusive environment where individuals, regardless of ability, can learn and grow as part of the body of Christ. *The Avenue* was created for this reason.

Our goal is to both learn from and adapt the environment for families with special needs in order to join together and live out the Core Values of Discovery as one body. In our Children’s Ministry,



Jacob with his buddy Eli.

children with special needs can be paired with an adult or youth buddy who accompany them to class to help them understand the lesson, participate with their peers, and do the activities. We also have a monthly support group for caregivers of children with special needs. We hosted a Christmas karaoke party for adults with cognitive or developmental disabilities last winter and are excited to host, alongside Crossroads Church, an end of summer karaoke luau as well! The goal of these events is

simply to reach out in love and build relationships with those in our community with disabilities. Adults with disabilities are welcome at Discovery, not only to participate, but to serve using their unique gifts! Several adults with disabilities served at our 2nd Annual Special Needs Community Egg Hunt this year and we had a blast!

If you are interested in learning more or serving in some way, please contact Kaity Moller, Special Needs Coordinator, at kaity@dc2.me



Christmas karaoke party for adults with cognitive or developmental disabilities last winter.

TIM'S STORY

I am a fine-art scenic photographer. My best memories and times in life have always been outdoors in God's creation. It's not just the beauty and the ability to worship him, it's the ability to slow down and hear His voice and focus on very simplistic things that are most important in life. It's the silence sometimes in a very loud world when clarity appears. David often left to the wilderness or desert in order for God to more clearly reveal Himself. Even Christ went to a solitary place and prayed.

I hope to soon begin an outdoor ministry for men called Outside In. It is not a fast-paced adventure ministry, rather, a ministry to slow things down for men. I will be taking small groups of men (from the same church) to either remote camping or backpacking. They will be tackling the longest journey—the journey inside.

Outside In Ministries believes that too many Christian men are moving too fast - not taking time to listen to God, not feeling connected to our Creator. Men will spend time outdoors allowing God to reveal himself through his creation, self-reflection, and scripture. They will individually evaluate their lives as we are heading in a



Tim Zandee's day at the office.

detrimental pace through life.

Relationships between men at their local church will develop as they examine priorities, identities, and what we consider barriers to pursuing our loving Creator. We will work on not compartmentalizing God into a piece of our pie. This will help us to include Him in all areas of our life growing in our relationship with the Father.

Every time I am in the outdoors something

happens. I become smaller and God becomes larger in my life. When I am back at home and in the work-world I am too large and God feels small. Outside In Ministry hopes to tackle these tendencies and draw men from local churches closer to their Father, and closer to each other.

To see Tim's work, visit www.tzimages.com or to speak to him about the Outside In Ministry, email tzmtman@yahoo.com

LABYRINTH PRAYER WALK



A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point. It is not a maze; you cannot get lost. There are no dead ends. The point is not disorientation, but orientation. Labyrinths have been used for centuries to facilitate prayer and meditation. Our Christian life can be described as a journey with God, bringing us ever closer in our relationship with God and with others. A prayer walk labyrinth provides a metaphor model of our Christian life journey as we face many turns we did not expect in our search for a quiet center.

Visit our labyrinth at the far Northwest corner of our property. You can use some of the prayer ideas at the right as you walk.

What a Prayer Walk may mean to you

- **Listening for God's voice or message to you.** Quiet your mind, focusing on God and the walk. Finish your walk with prayer.
- **Releasing Worries and Cares.** As you journey in, lay down a worry or care with each step, remembering that Christ said, "Come to me all who are heavy-laden and I will give you rest." At the center, thank God for the peace resulting from the walk in and pray for continued peace as you journey out.
- **Confession, Repentance and Forgiveness.** Ask God to be with you, journey in with reflection and confession. At the center, ask God for guidance and direction for the future. Journey out listening for God's voice and giving thanks for his presence.
- **Discovering Your Vocation or Calling.** As you journey in, listen for God's message to you, asking for his support. At the center, concentrate on the gifts and talents he has given you. As you journey out, pray for guidance and strength to equip and sustain you in His service.
- **A Walk of Thanksgiving and Gratitude.** As you journey in, with each step think of something for which you are thankful. In the center, stop and thank God for the people and blessings you remember. On the journey out, experience the joy of those remembered blessings and the people of God who have been part of each blessing.
- **A Walk of Remembrance.** As you journey in, remember the person or event you are focusing on; the joys and special times you shared. If it's an event, feel the joy of experiencing that special time and the people who helped make it such a blessing. In the center, thank God for this person or event that has made your life special. On the journey out, open your mind and heart to people and/or events that currently add meaning to your life.

**God is
creative and
made us in
his image.**

Genesis 1:26

connecting

JEANNIE'S STORY

Excerpt from Jeannie's website comfortcabin.org

Years ago I started dreaming of having a space for creativity. "Create" is one of my favorite words and is the first verb in the Bible. God is Creator and made us in His image (Gen 1:26). Therefore we are creative, but some people have had their creativity suppressed, or it is dormant. We can bring hope, restoration and life with creativity. All of us have a unique aspect of God's creative nature that can only be released by the One who carries it.

Back in 2010, I heard of a *Healing through Creativity* conference, and the name really resonated with me. So my dream started to grow into more than a space for creativity, but also a place of healing, spiritual growth, fellowship, and community.

Then the dream grew some more with providing nutritional classes to help us take care of the bodies that God gave us. I visualize a place that is comfortable, cozy and inviting. For me that means a cabin due to fond childhood memories. Therefore, this vision involves building a cabin that is a multi-functional gathering and meeting place by the name of Comfort Cabin.

I have acquired the nonprofit status and have started having classes in my home. So far we have had classes in essential oils 101, traditional cooking, mosaics, art, writing, Christmas crafts and cooking, destiny dreaming, and Authority of the Believer.

Recently I was telling a friend about how the last creative class was relaxing and therapeutic. She said "Oh I crave that." I spontaneously said, "I crave providing that." It really became apparent to me then that this is my passion!

*by Jeannie Amman
Discovery attendee and founder of Comfort Cabin*

To see upcoming classes, click on the events tab at comfortcabin.org



LOVE HEALS

PRAYER HEALS

CREATIVITY HEALS

LEARNING HEALS

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 1 8:30, 10, 11:30am	2	NO 3 Middle School Youth Group	NO 4 High School Youth Group	Worship 5 6:15pm	6	7
Worship 8 8:30, 10, 11:30am Hispanic Service 1-3pm	Mental Health 9 Support Group, contact shirellwhitecounseling@gmail.com	Middle School 10 Youth Group 6:30-8pm Juvenile Justice 1:1 Mentoring Meeting 6:30-9pm	High School 11 Youth Group 6:30-8pm	Worship 12 6:15pm	Quest 45 13 Water Game Night 6-8pm	Barn Raising 14 9:00am
Worship 15 8:30, 10, 11:30am	16	Middle School 17 Youth Group 6:30-8pm Cancer Support Group, contact jennstanley@mac.com	High School 18 Youth Group 6:30-8pm Dining Out for Global at the Rusty Bucket 10am-10pm	Worship 19 6:15pm	20	21
Worship 22 8:30, 10, 11:30am Hispanic Service 1-3pm Baptism Info Class 4pm	23	Middle School 24 Youth Group 6:30-8pm	High School 25 Youth Group 6:30-8pm	Worship 26 6:15pm	27	28
Worship 29 8:30, 10, 11:30am Foster/Adopt ahlsavage@yahoo.com	30	Middle School 31 Youth Group 6:30-8pm				



Skillet Chicken in Creamy Sun-Dried Tomato Sauce

Cook: 25 mn Makes: 4 servings

Ingredients

4-6 chicken thighs (boneless/skinless), OR
 4 chicken breasts pounded to even thickness
 2 tablespoons butter
 3 teaspoons minced garlic
 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning OR ½ teaspoon each dried basil, dried oregano, dried thyme
 ½ cup julienned sun dried tomatoes, (they come in a jar packed with oil, be sure to drain excess oil)
 1 cup chicken broth
 ½ cup half and half, or heavy cream
 2/3 cup shaved or shredded Parmesan cheese (or more to taste) + ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese for topping
 fresh basil or thyme, for topping
 salt and pepper, to taste (use about 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper)

Directions

In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add chicken and cook for 5-7 minutes on each side until browned and cooked through. Transfer to a platter and cover to keep warm while you make the sauce. Add garlic, Italian seasoning, sun dried tomatoes, chicken broth, half and half or heavy cream, and 2/3 cup Parmesan cheese to pan and stir to combine. Bring to a boil, and continue to stir periodically until thickened and creamy (5-7 minutes). Return chicken to pan and spoon the sauce over the chicken. Top with cracked black pepper, grated Parmesan cheese, fresh thyme or basil, and serve.



Bacon Cheeseburger Pasta Skillet

Cook: 20 mn Makes: 6 servings

Ingredients

8 oz elbow macaroni pasta
 1 lb lean ground beef
 6 bacon strips, cooked and cut into pieces
 1.5 cup beef broth
 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
 3 tablespoons ketchup
 1-2 tablespoons cornstarch
 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
 1/2 cup (2 oz) shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions

Cook the bacon first. Drain it on paper towels and cut it or break it into small pieces and set aside. Cook your macaroni according to directions on the pack, then drain. While the macaroni is cooking brown the beef in a large skillet until fully cooked. If after cooking the beef has a lot of fat/liquid/juice left you can pour some of that off. Measure the beef broth, Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, and cornstarch into a small bowl or measuring cup and mix well to combine the cornstarch. Add cooked pasta to the skillet along with the beef broth mixture, stir well to combine beef, pasta, bacon, and sauce. Cook on a medium heat until the sauce bubbles and thickens. If it's too thick for you, thin it out with a little more beef broth. Sprinkle shredded cheeses over the top of the skillet cheeseburger mixture. Cover and cook on very low heat until cheese has melted, about 2-3 minutes.

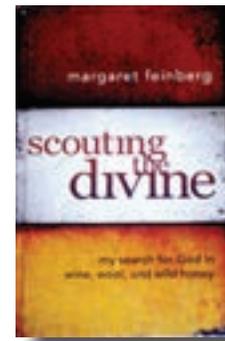
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MEALS MINISTRY

Good food is great for sharing!
 Friend, family, life group, neighbor,
 or someone in need. To make a meal
 for someone, fill out the form at
dc2.me/meals-ministry Questions?
 email Sarah Kappan at [ssstkappan@
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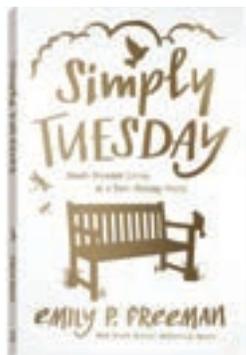
Scouting the Divine, is about Feinberg’s search for God in wine, wool, and wild honey. It is about her living out what she was reading in scripture, in order to better understand God and his kingdom.

By spending time with a shepherdess, farmer, vintner, and beekeeper, the scriptures were opened to her in new and wonderful ways.

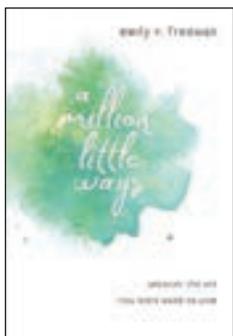
Feinberg learns what it means to know Jesus as the Good Shepherd by spending time with a shepherdess and her sheep. She comes to understand the promise of a land overflowing with honey spending time with a beekeeper and farmer. Feinberg discovers how she can relate better to Jesus’ invitation to abide in the vine, after spending time with a vintner and his vineyard.

Through these experiences, she was able to recognize something new about God and his kingdom. She found her hope and faith strengthened. This book will make you feel a renewed hunger to know God and his Word. It will make the Bible come alive in a fresh and innovative way.

EMILY P. FREEMAN

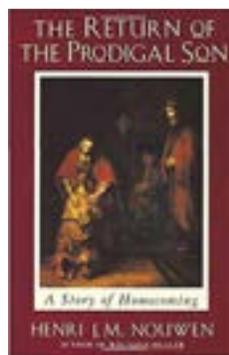


Simply Tuesday, reminds us that God exists right here in real life—in the small, plain, regular moments we find on the most ordinary days of the week—like Tuesday. Freeman talks about paying attention to all the small ways Jesus shows up in the daily, regular tasks of an ordinary day, learning to savor and celebrate smallness.



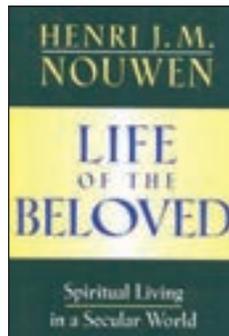
A Million Little Ways, speaks about uncovering who you deeply are. It teaches us to look at the million little ways that God comes out of you, and how he uses your personality, passions, strengths, and weaknesses to work in and through you. Our lives are not dependent upon what we make of it, but of what he is making of us.

HENRI NOUWEN



Return of the Prodigal, For all who ask, “Where has my struggle led me?” or for those “on the road” who have had the courage to embark on the journey but seek the illumination, this work will inspire. A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt’s *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on a long spiritual adventure. Here he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell.

-description from Amazon



Life of the Beloved, Initially written for a Jewish friend, *Life of the Beloved* has become Henri Nouwen’s greatest legacy to Christians around the world. This sincere testimony of the power and invitation of Christ is indeed a great guide to a truly uplifting spiritual life in today’s world.

-description from Good Reads

STOP. LISTEN. NOTICE.
EXPERIENCE GOD



Generation

after

generation

stands in awe

of your work;

each one

tells stories

of your

mighty acts.

Psalm 145: 4

Thank you to all who shared their story in this issue. Your story matters, and we are grateful. Glory be to God!