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Jojo's Sanctuary

Heather Askew, the co-founder of Jojo's Sanctuary, will be here with us this Sunday, May 8. She will be giving an update about the work they are doing with vulnerable children and families in Thailand as well as an update on Isaac's case.

Heather is originally from Prosser and has been doing anti-trafficking work in Thailand since 2011, first as a program coordinator for Taw Saeng, an after school program, and then as a case manager for child victims of abuse and trafficking with HUG Project. Heather is passionate about fighting injustice in whatever form it may take.

The idea for Jojo's Sanctuary was first planted in 2013, when our team (Butsaba, Heather and Orawan) worked together at Taw Saeng, an after school program for at risk youth in the red light district of Chiang Mai. We had multiple children come to us in crisis after their parents were incarcerated for a short time due to minor offenses and the children had nowhere to go. We discovered that short-term foster placement options for children didn't exist in our area. While we all had a heart to help children in this situation, at the time, we were not in a position to do anything to address this problem. The three of us moved on to different jobs, but the idea remained.

Then, in April of 2016, an eight-year-old boy named Jojo died as a result of injuries inflicted by his caregiver, a female relative who was not his mother. Heather had known Jojo for several years and was devastated by his loss. Jojo had been living in an isolated rural area, with relatives who had little experience raising a child and had no support system to help when things got to be too much.

Less than a month later, Orawan approached Heather with the idea to create a program for families living in the suburbs of Chiang Mai. This program would provide support and education to children and parents in suburban areas at risk of having higher rates of abuse or school dropouts. We felt that by providing support to families like this, it could help prevent a tragedy like what happened to Jojo from occurring again.

Butsaba and her husband Jay joined the team in May 2016 and Jojo's Sanctuary was born. With the addition of this couple, who felt called to be foster parents, we were finally able to meet the need we had seen so long ago and offer short-term foster placement. We also offer anti-trafficking training for children and family strengthening workshops for low-income families. Today, Orawan is an advisor, while Heather, Butsaba and Jay run the day to day programming.

Our church has had the pleasure of coming along side Heather. We continue to pray for Heather and her team and how God is working through them to touch many lives. If you happen to miss her visit here at church, the service will be posted on our website.



We have coffee hour openings so please sign up on Sunday or call Bonnie if you are interested.



May 8- Fellowship team
May 15- Girl Scout Troop
May 22- The Don Family
May 29- OPEN

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Pastor Paul Fredericks

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**This Bible based, 13 week ministry will meet
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30p March 15-June 7**

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Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org

Home-bound Communion

The first Sunday of every month is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through partaking in the Lord's Supper. We want everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ to have the opportunity to participate, but we are aware that some in our family are not able to get out due to bad weather or physical problems. However, our Deacons will be available to bring Communion to those who want to receive it on that Sunday. Please call the church office (786-1594) and let us know if you aren't going to be able to be in church and would like to have Communion in your home.



Hope of the Resurrection Seminars

In April we were able to have our last two presentations to finish out this series. If you missed any of our 4 seminars you can find them on our website at

www.prosserpres.org

Update on Isaac from Thailand

Isaac, a 12-year-old boy in Thailand, was born with severe scoliosis. He was orphaned at a young age and his relatives lived in a rural mountain village and didn't have access to a hospital to treat him. His family moved to a community just outside of Chiang Mai City when he was about 7 years old, which is where Jojo's Sanctuary staff met him a few years later. They took Isaac and his family to get a medical assessment and the doctor determined Isaac needed intensive corrective spinal surgery in order to have a normal life. Due to Covid lockdowns and costs, the needed surgery was postponed, and during this time, his spinal curvature has become significantly pronounced.

Jojo's Sanctuary (www.jojosthailand.org) started in 2016 providing child protection workshops for at-risk children and youth in Chiang Mai Province. The organization has grown as it has provided support and education for youth and families at higher risk of abuse or dropping out of school. Isaac and his family were members of Building Family Dreams, a family strengthening program for low-income families. We at Covenant Presbyterian Church have supported Jojo's Sanctuary for many years. They are working on getting Isaac insurance at the hospital, and this plus what the family can provide will cover some of the costs, but \$5500 is still needed. *Will you join us as we help this family achieve their dream of a normal life for Isaac?*

We have set up a GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/d7d71ba3>) for donations or you may bring your donation to the church and label for Isaac's surgery. More information is on our website too (www.prosserpres.org).



January-April 2022

Actual Income: \$123,113.60*
Actual Expenses: -\$ 96,728.96
\$ 26,384.64

**reflects three pledges paid in full for 2022*

RENOVATE

RENOVATE 3 YEAR GIVING TOTAL (2018-2020):
\$432,041.40 (96% of pledges were fulfilled)

RENOVATE EXTENSION (1/2021-6/2023):
Total Recv'd: \$92,156.00

LOAN BALANCE 4/30/22: \$146,851.59

Giving options:

- bring to worship on Sunday's
- mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- drop your check off at the office
- set up bill pay through your bank
- go to our website and look for the giving tab





PROMISELAND

Sunday, June 5th will be the final Promiseland of the season.

Thank you to our Promiseland Team:
Michelle Hall, Joann Schnellbach, Jessie Schmick,
Will Schmick and Warren Barmore.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 15-19



Save the Date!

Youth Opportunities:



Girl's Group Bible Study

Pastor Jacki will lead the six week study

Guy's Group Bible Study

Pastor Paul will lead the six week study

Wednesday's 5:30-7p

May 11 through June 15

Bible Study~Fellowship~Fun~Snacks

Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](#)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](#)

Church website: [www.prosserpres.org](#)

Find us on Facebook too!



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Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers, texts, phone calls, cards, flowers, and meals during Larry's hospital stay, through his surgery and during recovery. He is healing well from surgery and is getting stronger every day. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks again,
Larry, Jean, Luke and Jacob Wolters

Thank
you!



Cheri Eisen, is a licensed physical therapist that is offering Wellness classes here at the church. She focuses on Geriatric wellness, fitness, strength, and general well-being. Classes are Monday & Thursday at 11am; \$5 each class. You may attend twice at no charge to see if this is something you would benefit from. Please call Cheri if you are interested. You can text at 816-510-5025 or call 509-497-1154.

Do we have your email address? We have a great email program that we use for prayer requests, upcoming church events, volunteer needs, and weekly updates. If you want to be added please call Bonnie.



TENDING CLOUDS
DOCUMENTARY

In an effort to raise awareness about sex trafficking, that is happening right here in the valley, Bethel is offering an opportunity to watch a documentary about a young girls journey. The Story: Reaksmey Haas was rescued from sex trafficking in Cambodia through Agape International Missions (AIM). At 8 years old, Reaksmey was sold to an American pedophile by her mother. Later rescued, her life was changed forever. Now twenty-three, she is moving back to her homeland, relentless in her pursuit to never let others experience what she did. All the while, navigating the complex relationships with family and justice in the midst of a global pandemic.

Sunday, May 15 @ 6pm, Bethel Prosser (270 N Gap Rd), Free to attend and childcare will be provided (movie is not appropriate for young viewers).



**Summer is almost here and
that means it's time
to start thinking about life changing
adventures at Summer Camp!**

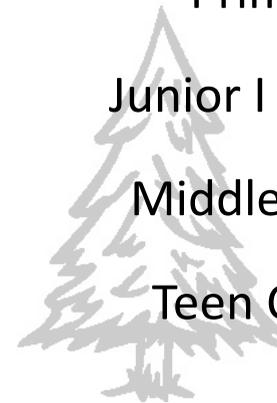
**Check out Camp Ghormley and register
online at ghormleymeadow.org.
We have scholarships available! Forms are
on the table in the lobby or you can ask Jacki.**

Primary Camp (2-4 grade) – June 27-30

Junior I (4-6 grade) – July 5-9 or Jr. II July 25-29

Middle School Camp (6-8 grade) – July 18-22

Teen Camp (8-13 grade) – July 31-August 6



MAY 2022

May Birthdays:

5/01 Donna Greenough
 5/02 Jacob Rainer
 5/05 Kendra Hemming
 5/05 Jon Don
 5/05 Nicole Fredericks
 5/06 Jim Milne
 5/07 Jen Don
 5/07 Carolyn Montague
 5/07 Jude Schnellbach
 5/10 Dany Taylor
 5/12 Ellie Fredericks
 5/14 Brittany Keller
 5/14 Ross Thomas
 5/16 Kendra Candanoza
 5/16 Dennelle McKinney
 5/17 Drew Renollet
 5/17 Janeel Hemming
 5/20 Virginia Bradbury
 5/21 Natalie Schmick
 5/22 Barb McMullen
 5/25 Kora Sabin
 5/29 Judy Harwood



Mothers Day

June Birthdays:

6/1 Scott Roehl
 6/2 Kathy Taylor
 6/3 Austin Candanoza
 6/4 Ginger Quaresma



May Anniversaries:

5/22 Guy & Anne Auld

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	2 1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class	3 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 630p Griefshare	4	5 11a Wellness Class	6	7
8 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	9 1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class 6p Session Mtg	10 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 630p Griefshare	11 530-7p Girls Group & Guys Group	12 11a Wellness Class	13	14
15 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	16 1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class	17 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 630p Griefshare	18 530-7p Girls Group & Guys Group	19 11a Wellness Class	20	21
22 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	23 1030a Amber Hills Bible Study 11a Wellness Class	24 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 630p Griefshare	25 530-7p Girls Group & Guys Group	26 11a Wellness Class	27	28
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