

Update on Mary's Health

To say that we've had some frustrating emotional rollercoaster "moments" these last two years is quite the understatement! Mary's debilitating back/leg pain has confined her to a walker, a wheelchair or a scooter. After months of PT and an MRI, Mary had L4,L5 lumbar fusion in 2016 in which they removed the shattered disc, put in a cage with rods and screws, and cadaver bone with Mary's bone to make the "new" disk. In 2017, she had knee surgery, then later had another lumbar fusion of L5,S1. Also at the end of 2017, she had a temporary nerve stimulator put in followed by a permanent nerve block stimulator surgery the early part of 2018. We made a trip to Cleveland Clinic in June and they did more testing. Their conclusion was the same as Mary's doctors in Lexington and they referred her to a pain management doctor. She's been under constant care of her neurosurgeon, her neurologist and now a pain management doctor. She's had numerous MRIs, multiple X-rays, a myelogram, several CT scans, weeks/months of PT, a Transforminal injection in her spine, and several nerve conduction tests. She's been on pain medication, muscle relaxers and nerve pain medication everyday for almost two years. Nothing has taken the excruciating pain away! The pain management doctor is saying that the Sciatica nerve/nerves are permanently damaged and along with her degenerative disk disease, she doesn't have many options left. The least invasive option is to try some Ketamine infusions...4 hours of IV Ketamine each day for two days. Mary is scheduled for the infusions in November. Please pray with us that this works to somehow lessen the pain or that the pain goes away completely! Her last option, if this doesn't work, is a pain pump!

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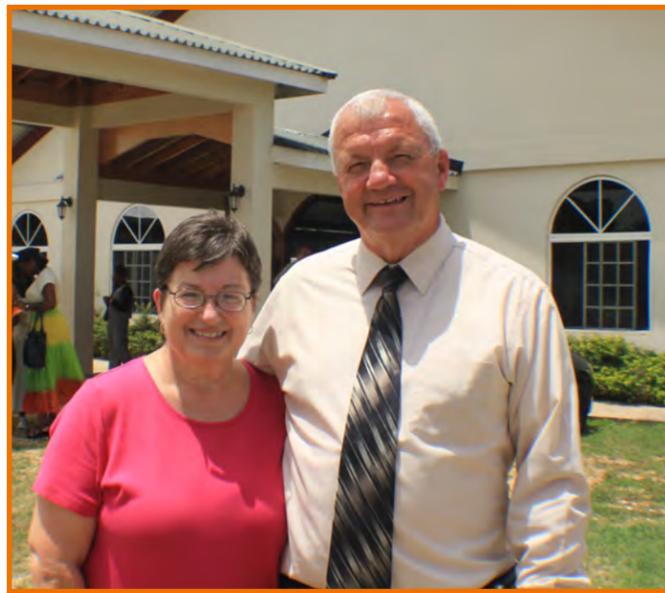
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Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



"May God bless you for your prayers, concerns and financial gifts for this work!" - Dennis and Mary Herko



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Another Successful Basketball Camp in Old Harbour

A short-term mission group from the Center Pointe Christian Church in Liberty Township, OH, came to work with us July 7-15. The team was led by Jeff Schlueter and Mark Roberts. They ministered to almost 350 high school boys and girls through a basketball camp. This is the 4th annual basketball camp led by members of the Center Pointe Church. The theme for this year's camp was "Love" based on John 3:16. The basketball camps at the Old Harbour Church have been instrumental in bringing many young people to Christ. This year was no exception as seven of the campers were baptized into Christ. Every year, the camps have been featured on the national TV station CVM and have gained national notoriety. (To view this year's television interview, go to www.herkomission.org.) The court is also used throughout the year for basketball, volleyball and netball. Many thanks to this group and to the Center Pointe Church for the impact it is having on the lives of many young people in Jamaica.

Two former campers are now in their sophomore year and are playing basketball for Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH, thanks to the help of members of the Center Pointe Christian Church. The players are Nicoloy Bailey and Javell Redwood. Both Nicoloy and Javell returned to Old Harbour to help with the July Basketball camp.

On a sad note, Kevon Godfrey, one of the former basketball campers, previously passed away due to cancer. We are so thankful that Kevon was baptized into Christ during one of our basketball camps. Kevon was faithful in witnessing to his friends. His funeral service was held at the Old Harbour Church.



Center Pointe Team (l to r), Front Row: Collin Patterson, Leslie Weatherhead, Venise Weinberger, Kate Oates, Abby Weinberger, Anna Edwards, Maxx Bosley, Steve Poston, and Jeff Schlueter; Back Row: Mark Roberts, Keith Edwards, Brennan Muha, Brian Oates, Sam Wells, Jacob Oates, Zach Arington, Adam Deckard, Josh Oates, Brady Roberts, Jami Bosley, Caleb Poston, Chad Wolf, Javell Redwood, and Jack Palmquist.



We Really Need Your Help to "Open the Doors" of SonShine Christian Academy



We are continuing to work on the completion of the Old Harbour Church's preschool/kindergarten. The ground floor is almost completed. The total remaining financial need to finish and furnish the school is \$57,000.00. The greater part of that amount is needed for the school's start-up expenses.

We sent a shipping container with the start-up items for the ground floor of SonShine Christian Academy. The items included: student activity desks/chairs, teachers desks/chairs, administrative desks and office equipment, filing cabinets, whiteboards, books, resources for teachers, and playground equipment. With the help of several churches and individuals, the items were loaded on a shipping container and the items arrived safely in Old Harbour.



The purpose for the school is: (1) To use the school as a tool for witnessing to families and bringing them into a relationship with Jesus Christ; and (2) To Provide a Christ-centered education for 3-5 year old children in the Old Harbour community.

Your help with the following needs is great appreciated:

- The financial gifts that will help meet the \$57,000.00 need.
- Sponsoring SonShine Christian Academy with an ongoing gift of \$25.00 per month. Sponsorship gifts for the school can be made by going to: www.herkommission.org and clicking on the "Donate" tab.



In Memory

We have personally experienced a very sad season as Mary's Dad, Lawrence Pascoe, passed away with complications from diabetes. A few months later, Dennis' Mother, Anna Herko Hazen, passed away after a short illness. Thank you for the memorial gifts that were given to Herko Family Mission in their honor by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Louie DeRicco, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Geren, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Cooper, the Open Door Class from Southland Christian Church, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fenechi, Louise Fenechi and family, Martha Henry and family, Rose Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Servick, Dorothy Mateja, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan McQuiston.



Nearly 50 percent of all children, ages 3-5, are unable to attend preschool. As a result, many children are not adequately prepared for elementary school and quickly fall behind.

Your generous gift will help us open the doors for these precious children

Help us give a hope and a future to the children of Old Harbour.

