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# Epiphany Anglican Fellowship

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## Message from Fr. Gerry



**As a Church Epiphany has from the very first service supported missionaries. We love to reach out to the World with the Good News of Jesus and are doing so in many places both domestically and in foreign lands. Please read the stories of those we wholeheartedly support in prayer and with our financial resources and pray for these wonderful friends. If you feel inspired to give financially you can do so by making a check out to Epiphany and just write a note explaining how you**

## *The Missio*

...the act of sending

December, 2011



## Dear Epiphany,

This month we have one letter update. Due no doubt to the holidays this is the only missionary letter we received! We are also including an up to date list of the Outreach activities at Epiphany - Missionaries, both national and international, Epiphany outreach support and local outreach by individuals and groups within Epiphany. See how the financial support as well as prayers of the Epiphany family continue to make a difference in the lives of so many.

We are called by God to serve others in need. As we give and receive gifts from family and friends during this Christmas season please remember that we can gift those less fortunate locally with our food donations, gifts to the priest's discretionary funds and volunteering our time to many organizations. No gift receipts needed! We can help those further from home with our financial gifts and always prayer for their work to share the Gospel and their safety. Reading the letters and updates will show you how these gifts and prayer are working for so many.

*"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. " Isaiah 53:7, ESV*

## Ministry to Women~

**Gillian Sargeant** of the Broomfield Fellowship and supports Streets Hope, a ministry to women who are escaping the sex-for-sale industry. **Ricky Thomas**, of the Longmont Fellowship, is a mentor at **Streets Hope**.

would like for us to use it. As a Church family we are giving over \$2,000.00 a month to support these many ministries. Thanks be to God for the faithfulness of His people.

### Helping Others

The Discretionary funds of the clergy are supported through contributions by Epiphany members. It is given away, mostly to Epiphany members, for rent, electric bills, medical bills, etc. These funds are available to help those in need among us and around us at the discretion of the clergy. Just write discretionary fund in the memo section of your check - please do not include any specific names. Remember - special giving is above and beyond your tithe to the church.

We also give 10% of our total income to the Anglican Mission in America every year. So our total monthly giving is about 23 or 24% of our total income.

Who are those in Mission and Outreach?

Here at home:

**Nancy Bolitho** of the Longmont Fellowship is a volunteer at **Real Choices Pregnancy Center, Lafayette**. We support with \$100 a month and volunteers. We also support their Banquet and Golf Tournament.

### THE KAREN PEOPLE of BURMA

**Paul and Gillian Sargeant** of the Broomfield Fellowship have a ministry with the **Karen people of Burma** (a hill tribe, many of whom are Christian, who have escaped dictatorship and genocide in their country) 10,000 of them have come to Denver; 9,000 in the last two years. They have helped over 800 refugees relocate from Burma to Aurora, Colorado. We support them with in kind donations and prayer Epiphany fellowships have donated food and coats to help them. Further information about praying for Burma can be found by writing to Christians Concerned for Burma, [ccb@pobox.com](mailto:ccb@pobox.com), or at CCB's web site, [www.prayforburma.org](http://www.prayforburma.org).



**Jason Otte & Greg Grandchamp**, of the Longmont Fellowship, pick up bread and pastries from Panera and bagels from Einstein Brothers two days a week and delivers them to the OUR Center in Longmont. The OUR Center serves breakfast and lunch to the poor and homeless in the Longmont community. O.U.R. - Outreach United Resources.

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### Land of a Thousand Hills Coffee-"Drink Coffee, Do Good"



**Fr. Dick Miller** of the Boulder Fellowship is the contact for "Land of a Thousand Hills" Coffee, a product of **Rwanda**. Women who were widowed in the genocide are growing coffee on small patches of land on the hillsides of Rwanda and selling it through churches, to earn a living for themselves and their children.

### Received Dec. 17th

Hello and Happy Advent, friends!

Can't believe it's that time of year again! We are enjoying this season of expectation and preparation--especially the girls! They are able to understand more about Advent this year--waiting for the promised One who rescues and gives freedom and life! What great news!

I, Mary, have been writing this update in my head for about 3 weeks because some have asked what a "typical" day is for me. Well, I started keeping track and realized I do lots of "typical" things, but rarely have a typical day. Most days start out with (not always in chronological order) coffee, quiet time, exercise, breakfast, and general "tidying up" before the girls get ready for preschool (3 mornings a week) and head off with Zack about 8:45. Like any of you who are or ever have been a mom (or dad) of 3 small children,

**Streets Hope:** Gil Sargeant,  
Epiphany Broomfield &  
Ricky Thomas, Epiphany  
Longmont.

**Real Choices Pregnancy  
Center:** Nancy Bolitho,  
Epiphany Longmont.

**Karen People of Burma:**  
Paul and Gill Sargeant,  
Epiphany Broomfield

**OUR Center:** Jason Otte,  
Epiphany Longmont

**Victim's Advocate,**  
**Longmont Police Dept.:**

Michael Mills,  
Epiphany Longmont

**1000 Hills Coffee:** Fr. Dick  
Miller, Epiphany Boulder  
Site Pastor

**Victim's Advocate,**  
**Boulder County Sheriff  
Dept.:** Angelo Torrez,  
Epiphany Boulder

**Marriage Ministry:** Don  
& Rebecca Stockdale, and  
KC & Anne Schwarz,  
Epiphany Broomfield,  
Mark & Alex Martella and  
Bruce & Debbie Otte,  
Epiphany Longmont

**Niwot Knits women's  
outreach:** Christine Drews  
Epiphany Boulder

**Prism women's outreach:**  
Laurel Boni, Epiphany  
Boulder

**Rock Climbing and  
Bouldering Club:** John &  
Page Kuepper, Epiphany  
Boulder

**KidsHopeUSA:** John &  
Audrey Riggle, Directors,  
Epiphany Longmont

**Those in the Field:**  
**Ministry to Unreached  
People in Cambodia:**  
John & Sheryl Roberts and  
Megan Roberts  
**Campus Crusade in  
France:**

our life is full and probably looks much like your typical day--laundry, diapers, cooking, cleaning, ironing (which I only do because if I don't we get eaten up by fleas!!), child-training, changing diapers, more cooking, feeding children-who-never-get-full (is that normal????), cleaning up messes, washing little faces and hands, home schooling, generally trying to enjoy my children :-). etc.--while hoping that as we live and speak the Good News, our friends lives will also be changed forever. The Word became flesh and is our Hope! I have recently had some great "a-typical" days and want to tell you about one--last Thursday.

Background:

Four mornings a week, my friend, Dil comes over to help me with cleaning. She has been helping me for more than a year now and has become a good friend. I often tell her that she is a blessing from God; she just smiles. Two mornings a week I have a language lesson with a girl I met this summer. Nas has great English which has allowed our friendship to deepen quickly. The first time she came to our house and had supper with us, she told me she has a Good Book and went to church every week while she lived in the States for a short time last year. I asked right off the bat if she would like to read and talk about the Good Book and she excitedly said yes. I said we could start at the beginning and read about all the prophets--those that both Muslims and Christians recognize--Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, etc. So, for the last month we've met each week, apart from our language times, to read and talk about how each of these prophets reveal a "sign". Our friends here talk about a "straight path"; one that leads to knowledge of God and His kingdom and the prophet's "signs" help guide us on that path. Much of our discussions have been about sacrifice and our need for something to cover our shame and sin, preparing us to read about the great Sacrifice.

Last Thursday: As Nas and I were reading and talking, Dil was ironing and talking with us just as she's done each week previously. When I haven't been able to express something in our local language, Nas translates for me. I love when she translates because it makes Nas put the concepts into her own language and cultural context, which is really important for future believing generations. I've been praying about asking Dil to read and talk with us and decided that yesterday was the day. As Nas was explaining why God changed Abraham's name, I got a Russian language Good Book from our bedroom. I gave it to Dil and asked if she wanted to read along with us. She accepted it and said yes. She doesn't know English, so I said she can read in Russian, Nas and I will read in English and we will speak together in our local language--They both laughed! (Our language isn't written, so we read together in other languages.) So, we have a "seeker group" meeting together!!! Please pray for us as we continue to meet. Please pray for wisdom for me to know how to best share this Good News, and for the Spirit to be at work in each of their hearts; giving them understanding. I've shared the parable about the sower and the 4 kinds of soil and they both want soft hearts like the good soil. Please pray that their hearts would be soft soil and that the Word would penetrate their hearts and bring about a great harvest!

Up-coming event: The women on our team will be preparing a Christmas party for all our girl friends. Along with fun, games and food, we will be sharing why we celebrate Christmas, with short monologues from Eve, (of Adam and Eve), Sarah (of Abraham and Sarah--you get the idea), a woman preparing for the first Passover,

Ian and Terri Rutter

**Navigators:** Bob and Val  
Schnackenberg

**Summit Ministries in the  
USA:** Tom and Carrie  
Smith

Elizabeth (John the Batists mom) and finally Mary. Please pray for this time and our preparations. We are really excited to have this time with our friends and hope that they will be deeply impacted by the coming of the Messiah. Please also pray for spiritual protection for us all and that God would be working in our friends hearts even before they come.

Finally, a couple requests for our family:

Thank you for praying for Isabelle and please keep praying. She is sleeping better some nights, but still isn't sleeping through the night.

Also, please pray for Nadiah's sleep. She has been getting up every night for the last couple of weeks, sometimes with bad dreams, sometimes just wide awake for up to 2 or 3 hours at a time. Please pray for God's peace over our house and over the girls room--we are getting pretty exhausted!

Finally, pray for our visas. They are in at the government offices right now and we are just waiting. Please pray for our visas to be granted quickly, with no trouble. Thank you!

Again, we cannot say it often enough, Thank you for praying, supporting, and caring for us and our friends here! We are so grateful for each of you and your continued support!

Peace and Joy be yours in abundance this Advent season!

Mary, for the Veseliks5



**VESELIK GIRLS ~**



MISSIONARIES AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES  
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### MISSIONARIES

**John and Sheryl Roberts - Ministry to Unreached People (MUP) in Cambodia.** Their needs are many and we have regular contact with them...John is ministering in out-lying villages, teaching Bible and mentoring middle school boys at Logos Christian School and also ministering in an Anglican Church in Phnom Penh. Sheryl is leading a women's Bible study. John's mother, Judy Roberts, and Sheryl's mother, Coralyn Stransky, worship with Epiphany in Longmont. Epiphany is their sponsoring church. At present we give \$400 a month as a church and members give at least another \$150 a month.

**Megan Roberts - Ministry to Unreached People (MUP) in Cambodia.** She is teaching Bible and Music at Logos Christian

School in Phnom Penh. Her mother, Judy Roberts, worships at Epiphany Longmont. Epiphany is her sponsoring church. We gave her \$500 as an initial gift and at present we give \$100 a month as a church and members give at least another \$50 a month.

**Ian and Terri Rutter - Campus Crusade for**

**Christ**...France/Switzerland...working with "Alongside" ministries helping parachurch organizations work with churches. Also planting churches and doing evangelism with ALPHA. Always need more monthly support. We give \$100 a month as a church and members give at least another \$10 a month.

**Bob and Val Schnackenberg - Navigators**...Regional

Representatives for Eurasia (Russia/Siberia, Ukraine and Central Asia) giving pastoral oversight and shepherding to staff living in the Eurasia Region. Can always use more support for normal daily needs. Bob is Fr. Gerry's brother and the son of Joyce Brower (Epiphany Longmont) Val is Pam's sister. We give \$200 a month as a church and members give at least another \$160 a month.

**Tom and Carrie Smith - Summit Ministries**....California...outdoor wilderness adventures with men, boys, families and children-at-risk from the inner city...Former members of Epiphany. We give \$50 a month.

**Mary and Zack Veselik** - Operation Mobilization (OM)

Tajikistan...missionaries to the Pamir people. Mary's mother worships at Epiphany, Longmont. As a church we give prayer support and members give at least \$50 a month.

## OUTREACH

**RCPC** - **Real Choices Pregnancy Care Center**...Lafayette and Boulder. We support with \$100 a month and volunteers. We also support their Annual Banquet and Golf Tournament.

**Colorado Burma Roundtable Network** [www.cbrtn.org](http://www.cbrtn.org) - Led by Dr Paul and Gill Sargeant, members of Epiphany Broomfield. They have helped over 800 refugees relocate from Burma to Aurora, Colorado. We support them with in-kind donations and prayer.

**Voice of the Martyrs** - Ministry to those being persecuted for their faith. We give \$200 a month.

**Operation Christmas Child** - .All Epiphany sites participate in this Christmas time "shoebox" ministry outreach to children in need around the world.

**Discretionary Fund** - The Clergy Discretionary Funds are mainly supported through contributions by Epiphany members. Epiphany also gives 1% of our total monthly income to the Discretionary Funds These funds are given away, to those in need, among us and around us, mostly to Epiphany members, for rent, electric bills, medical bills, etc.

**Anglican Mission in America** - 10 % of Epiphany's income is sent Anglican Mission in the Americas to support ministries within AMiA.

**EPIPHANY'S TOTAL MONTHLY GIVING IS ABOUT 23% OR  
24% OF OUR TOTAL INCOME**

## OUTREACH happening locally

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**Jason Otte and Greg Grandchamp of the Longmont congregation** pick up bread and pastries from Panera and bagels from Einstein Brothers two days a week and deliver them to the **OUR Center in Longmont**. The OUR Center has a Food Bank and also serves breakfast and lunch to the poor and homeless in the Longmont Community. Also, each Sunday, Longmont Epiphany is collecting nonperishable boxed and canned foods for those in need. These are delivered to the OUR Center each Monday morning.

**Deacon Mark Parker of the Broomfield congregation** is a Hospice Chaplain.

**Annie Dominguez of the Broomfield congregation** works at the **Salud Clinic in Commerce City** and can be contacted for information concerning Food Bank of the Rockies.

**Becky Konshak of the Broomfield Congregation** is serving as chaplain to the Colorado Corvette Racers and Spiritual Director for Epiphany and is also a Hospice Chaplain.

**Fr. Dick Miller and members of the Boulder Congregation** are making studies in basic Christianity available for students at **Front Range Community College**. They also are offering worship weekly at Manor Care Nursing Home. He leads Epiphany in **Rwandan Coffee sales** "Drink Coffee, Do Good" campaign.

**Paul and Gillian Sargeant of the Broomfield Congregation** have a ministry with the **Karen people of Burma** (a hill tribe, many of whom are Christian, who have escaped dictatorship and genocide in their country) 0,000 of them have come to Denver. Epiphany fellowships have donated food and coats to help these people

**Gillian Sargeant** works with **Streets Hope**, a ministry to women who are escaping the sex-for-sale industry.

**Lynn Snyder of the Broomfield congregation** works supporting overseas missionaries (in closed countries, so we cannot be specific). She has travelled to many countries in her ministry. She also travels to S.E. Asia to work with her son and daughter-in-law, who are with **YWAM**

Several couples from the Longmont, Boulder and Broomfield congregations have attended "**Weekend to Remember, Family Life Conferences**" and are available for support and encouragement of married couples. **Mark and Alex Martella of the Longmont congregation** lead this effort.

In January of 2012 **Epiphany Longmont** will begin working with **Kids' Hope USA**, a one-on-one mentoring relationship between church members and students at Twin Peaks Charter Academy in Longmont. John and Audrey Riggle are co-ordinators.

**Greg and Norma Grandchamp of Epiphany Longmont** are Regional Directors for **Operation Christmas Child**.

**Allison Bollegar of Epiphany Broomfield** leads a **Healing Prayer Ministry** which is available to members of various communities. She and **Maryanna Johnson of Epiphany Longmont** have each led **School of Healing Prayer classes**. Several members of Epiphany Broomfield and Longmont congregations are active in this ministry,

**Amy Winkler of Epiphany Longmont** leads **Women's Bible Study** which meets at Starbucks at 6:30 a.m. on Mondays,

If you know of others in Epiphany who are reaching out to our communities, please share them with us, so all of our members can join in prayer support with them.

We are guided by the scriptures to love our neighbor as ourselves and to go and make disciples...We are also always asking the questions...How is Jesus served in this? And who among us will carry the vision with his/her passion? It will be led by the Spirit of God and by at least one individual who has a burning desire and commitment to see it happen.

### **Mission of Epiphany**

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"To know Jesus and make him known in the context of authentic community."

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