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# CrossWay Community Current

an Evangelical Free Church

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## Prayers are needed

Two CrossWay-associated couples' activities have been curtailed in Europe, and they've asked our prayers.

Church treasurer Bob Greenhoe has been surprised by covid upon arrival in Germany to visit son Mike's family. He's been having a rough time and is feeling better, but he and Marcy are unable to do what they had planned with their grandchildren. Mike is a CrossWay missionary who teaches other missionaries' children at Black Forest Academy. Please pray for Bob's full recovery and their safe return from this long overdue trip.

We've also heard from our missionaries to the Roma, Tom and Dora Becker, who have both been suffering similarly instead of attending their Marginal Mission Network meeting and a ReachGlobal European conference. Blessedly, they had had a great ministry trip to Croatia and Bosnia before the illness set in. They are asking for prayers for their return home shortly after we go to press. So, pray now!

Please pray also for their son Nate, who is suffering from an outbreak of hives.

## Thank you, CrossWay shoppers!



When children from the Camelot community, just south and west of our church, go back to school this fall, they

will be carrying backpacks donated by neighbors in the Camelot Community Partnership, an association of ministries located near the apartments and condos southeast of Burton & East Beltline.

CrossWay families were asked to donate 200 boxes of crayons (of 24 each) and 400 wide-ruled, 70-page notebooks. You came through! Thank you for caring about our neighboring families.

### Coming Up at CrossWay Community

Sundays • 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> • Prayer, South Wing classroom

Sundays • 10 <sup>AM</sup> • Gather for worship together (Aug. 7 includes the sacrament of baptism)

Tuesdays • 7 - 9 <sup>PM</sup> • Small group @ Hinkles' home

Tues., Aug. 2 • Primary Election Day

Wed., Aug. 3 • 7 <sup>PM</sup> • Elder meeting

Tues., Aug. 9 • 7 <sup>PM</sup> • Global Missions Steering Committee

Mon., Aug. 15 • 6:30 <sup>PM</sup> • Laugh Impact, women's outing at ResLife Church

Mon., Aug. 22 • 7 <sup>PM</sup> • Outreach meeting re special needs

Sun., Aug. 28 • 11:30 <sup>AM</sup> • Summer Missions at CrossWay, Keith & Judy, ProMETA/ReachGlobal

## Ladies, you're invited!

Brett Kelp is extending an invitation to the ladies of CrossWay to join her — and many other women — in an evening of laughter and fellowship at Laugh Impact, Monday, Aug. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Resurrection Life Church, 5100 Ivanrest Ave. SW, Grandville.

Laugh Impact will feature Christian comedienne Amy Barnes and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

\$15 at the door or in advance online for \$12 via <https://reslife.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1316056>.

## Making music

Our dear member Shirley Wriedt (former pianist for Moody Church in Chicago and, not so long ago, for us at CrossWay) has been sorting through her music library and is bringing boxes of it to church for anyone who would like to take any of it as her gift to our church's families. The collection includes teaching tools as well as hymns and songs for those of us who like to play. Between Aug. 2 and Labor Day, you are welcome to browse the collection and take home what your family can enjoy using. Thank you, dear Shirley!



## With greetings from Spain



On Sunday, July 10, we were privileged to welcome “home” Marlan and Mercedes, who went from Ludington to Spain in 2006 with EFCA/Reach-Global to build relationships and plant a church. They are now supported by the missionary sending organization Ripe for Harvest.

And a harvest is a good way to describe their work. They have gone from a couple of new friends in their living room to opening a small church, to a somewhat larger rental facility. And they are looking for the opportunity to expand their meeting place once again. They have a congregation of around 50 believers in Christ, all of whom have come to love the Lord through the ministry of this devoted couple. They have watched Him change broken lives and solve impossible problems. Now, they shepherd a flock of servants.



Please pray for:



their relationships with those around them. They are not free to express themselves as they would be in America, and their evangelical beliefs can get them into trouble;



the Lord to provide a new pastor for El Shaddai church in Zaragoza so that they can move into a new opportunity to plant another church in Spain;



a lady that Mercedes is discipling who lives two hours away and wants to form a small group to study the Bible with them;



the Lord to provide a strategically located piece of land where Marlan and Mercedes could build their next church.

*Plan to join us in the South Wing after worship on Sunday, August 28, for an update on Keith & Judy’s leadership of Spanish-speaking Gospel training.*



Meet  
Ashnaira



and  
Halmida



These young ladies both are Christians, living in Manilla in the Philippines. CrossWay has sponsored Ashnaira for the past year as she completed her high school education and began college.

This summer, the missions budget adopted by our congregation at the annual meeting allowed for our church to add another child, and we’re pleased to introduce you to Halmida, an 18-year-old who is in high school. She lives with her parents, as well as four brothers and three sisters.

Please pray for:



both of these young ladies to do well in their schooling and for God’s guidance as He prepares each of them for the future.

**To join a CrossWay communications & prayer team,  
or to explore friendship evangelism opportunities in our church’s neighborhood,  
please contact Pam Reed, CrossWay’s missions coordinator.**

# Statement of Faith — Evangelical Free Church of America

**#1**  
**God** We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

**#2**  
**The Bible** We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

**#3**  
**The Human Condition** We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

**#4**  
**Jesus Christ** We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus — Israel's promised Messiah — was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

**#5**  
**The Work of Christ** We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

**#6**  
**The Holy Spirit** We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

**#7**  
**The Church** We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the Gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

**#8**  
**Christian Living** We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed.

**#9**  
**Christ's Return** We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

**#10**  
**Response and Eternal Destiny** We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the Gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.