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**"The Voice of one CRYING in the Wilderness . . .
Prepare the Way of the LORD." Is 40:3
November 2011**

November is the time when thoughts turn to giving thanks to the Lord. We begin to read how everyone thinks of things to give thanks for, good crops, a good game, good grades, good to have an income. The list goes on for so many things, then we sit down to a turkey dinner and begin to wonder if we will have a good Christmas.

The Psalmist wrote an entire Psalm on giving thanks, Psalm 136. That Psalm begins "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." In just this first verse the writer speaks of giving thanks, not for what we have accomplished or have, but he says give thanks to God for he is good. God is not only our creator, but he is good in all things. He can be nothing else but good. Remember, in Genesis 1, it relates that everything He did was good, not as some would have you believe, as flawed and in need of man to fix it. But everything was and is good. God can do nothing but good. Notice the writer goes on to say his love endures forever. What a statement! What a promise!

Ambassadors for Christ share that good news everyday with friends and even strangers. It is not just written on a card to share, but it is written on the hearts of those who share this news.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year take some time to reflect on Psalm 136 and give thanks for a loving God whose love endures forever.

New Years Gathering Planned

O AFC New Years 2012 will be held at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School in Centralia, IL. It is beginning at 4 PM, Thursday, December 29th and will run through Sunday morning January 1st., 2012.

This year our theme will be "Unity Through Humility" with Philippians 2 as our scriptural basis for our gathering. Registration is now open on line. All registrations must be received in the O AFC office by December 10th to guarantee you a New Years Gathering T-shirt. Participants will be asked to bring towels and sleep bags along with Bible, guitar, capo, camera and hygiene items with appropriate clothing for winter canvassing. For more information on this years, New Years gathering, please contact the O AFC office at 217-827-0717.



The 1973 College Travel Team in the Mountains

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken." - Isaiah 54:10

Have you ever seen a mountain? I went to Canada on a band trip four years ago, and I still remember how huge the mountains were. I'm not usually afraid of heights, but with only one little cable and a metal box holding me hundreds of feet above the solid ground, I was a little closer to panicking than I want to admit. I remember praying the whole way up and forcing myself to look at the distant treetops below me.

Mountains look very steady. In fact, they're probably one of the most permanent features of planet Earth. But even these gigantic piles of rock, dust, and dirt don't last forever - earthquakes and volcanoes see to that.

If even these seemingly immovable mountains change in the blink of an eye, what can we trust to never change? God's love. God's love for his children hasn't ever changed. When we make mistakes (earthquakes and volcanoes) the mountain of God's love doesn't move, unlike earthly mountains. He loves us so much that he sent his only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer painful agonies and die a humiliating death on a cross, abandoned by his loved ones, just so that we

could be forgiven for our imperfect mistakes. Jesus' resurrection shows us that NOTHING can come between our loving Heavenly Father and us, the children he loves.

Don't worry if nothing on earth is permanent or lasting; God's love is here, and it always will be.

Eileen Heintz, Minnesota

Prayer & Praise

Thank God for:

- + Opportunities to share Jesus - Daily and o OAFc Outreach Weekends.
- + The Blessings of Host Congregations, Adult Leaders & Youth Ambassadors OAFc Executive Director, Rev. David Dobbertien and all you have served in the past and in the present
- + Providing the facilities of Christ the Rock Lutheran High School for the 2012 New Years Gathering

Pray for:

- The Growth of OAFc both in new areas and in current areas.
- For openings for future OAFc Outreach Weekends, for leaders, youth and host churches
- For those who have recently heard the Good News of Jesus through the ministry of OAFc
- + For the health and recovery of Mike McKinney (NE Illinois group) who is recovering from hip surgery
- + For plans and preparations for the 2012 New Years Gathering.
- + For November OAFc Weekends Scheduled:

Nov. 11-13

Immanuel, Broadlands IL
Good Shepherd, Midwest City OK
Bethel, Willowick OH

Nov. 18-20

Mount Calvary, Galesburg IL

Ambassadors, leaders and OAFc supporters. Did you know that you can go to the "[Prayer Support Request](#)" link on the oafc.org website and leave your prayer requests for posting nationally?

In remembering Veterans Day we share part of this poem by a veteran

WAR

Off to war they sail, they fly
protected by the makers hand
their job is not to reason why
but protect our country an our land

In far off places, foreign sands
simple souls, our nations best
execute those well laid plans
bad food, hot drink, no decent rest

God bless America, I say
I trust in God my Savior
freedom for the USA
our prayer and our endeavor
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