

# Darlene's Diary

ABWE : Church Planting

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## Smile On

Sunday after church one of the women whom had come for the first time greeted me with a big hug. I really like hugs and after living in Mexico it's not uncommon. After she hugged me she told me that her son had not gone to a Sunday school program that he enjoyed in a long time. She said she was thankful for this opportunity. This really made me smile on the inside. Still smiling... On Easter Sunday Pastor Fred baptized eight people. One of the young woman has been coming since the beginning of January and is now trusted in the Lord. It is always a joy to see someone understand the truth and to follow Jesus. Another woman baptized came from the grandparent group I sometimes visit. Such a blessing to see!

KEEP smiling God is working!!

## Faith Community Church:

Pastor Fred always says you need to put your God glasses on to see God working in the details. As I get older and my eye sight is fading and I am realizing how important it is to see clearly. (I have a million pair of dollar store reading glasses all over the house.) To be honest there are days I still miss living in Mexico, but I can clearly see how God is allowing me to connect and minister to the people here in New Cumberland Pennsylvania. This winter I was able to connect with others to co-lead a



Engaging the children in active learning! Love this!



Children's club on Wednesday nights. We worked through the gospel of Mark. Our first night the leaders and I wondered how

many would show up. Well happy to report we had a total of 30 children the first night! Our numbers continued to remain high during the whole program. If you know me you know my sweet spot is ministering to children. I love it. Those that participated

were unreached church children from the community. ☺ We have put the Children's club program on hold for the summer. This really disappointed the children and the Leaders! The future is bright so we are looking forward to what comes next!

The church has decided to lead Creator Camp. June 10<sup>th</sup> through Fridays. We are understanding of the love and Please join me as we pray for delivery of the lessons. Pray for



of the camp. I know there will always be small things we will need to work through as camp begins, but asking for pray now for all the details in advance. I am learning that here in the United States you must have everything approved by Health Codes. The room we will be using will only hold a certain number of children per the health code. We have not yet reached the maximum yet. Please Pray God continues to bring the children to summer camp. I am super excited not only how we can reach the kids but then to reach the families. Follow my Facebook page I will try to post the status of camp. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FINANCIALLY SPONSOR A CHILD FOR SUMMER CAMP PLEASE LET ME KNOW. Weekly tuition is \$180.00. This is Vinny, he is five years old. He has been hearing about God in preschool but will not be able to attend camp because his parents are financially strapped. I would LOVE to help him and others like him attend the summer camp. I pray that if we reach full capacity how wonderful it would be to touch these children and to spread the word.

## Summer Plans!

a three-month long summer camp, Cool through August 19th? - Mondays praying the children will come to a true the plan God has for them in their life's. the leaders in their preparation and their health of our leaders and all the details

On a PERSONAL note:

I have been suffering with my hands going numb over the past few months. In the beginning of March I had a MRI done on my neck to check to see if there were any spinal issues. When I read the results on line there was a note that suggested I have an Ultra-sound on my thyroid, because they saw something. This is called a secondary finding because they were not even looking at the thyroid. All my previous thyroid blood work has come back within the normal range. I called several people who I know have thyroid problems to find most of them said they also have nodules. After consulting Google, I realized older women do develop thyroid nodules. Phew, this helped me worry less. During the Ultra-sound I thought the doctor would just tell me it was nothing and they would just continue to watch it. Not the news I heard! According to the findings it was recommended I have a biopsy done on the nodule. If anyone ever tells you a thyroid biopsy doesn't hurt they are lying to you. After my biopsy I got a call from my doctor to discuss my results. She needed me to come to her office to discuss. I was a bit suspicious because I thought if it was benign then she could tell me on the phone. The consultation was her informing me the biopsy came back inconclusive.

### *What is an inconclusive diagnosis?*

An inconclusive diagnosis is one for which there is no certainty about the nature of your nodule; it could be either benign or malignant. This means that it is not possible to determine the nature of your lump. Either the FNA has to be repeated or the possibility of surgery should be discussed with your doctor.

Again, not the news I was expecting, I was thinking all would be clear and I could put this behind me. I didn't tell many people because nodules are such a common thing. So now the plan is to repeat the biopsy July 16<sup>th</sup>. Pray for clear results either way. If the results come back inconclusive once again, I will have to get the right side of my thyroid surgically removed. My next appointment to get the results with the doctor is on July 25<sup>th</sup>. I am really not worried I am trusting the Lord!

Family update:

Thank you to the Many of you that continue to pray for my parent's health. I appreciate the prayers. My dad seems to be holding his own. It is still his COPD that acts up, but other than that his health is good, so far. Praise the Lord! Mom on the other hand isn't doing too well. Last Friday I had the opportunity to attend her doctor's appointment with her. She is now in stage 5

kidney failure. The last stage. She does not want to do dialysis, but I am praying she changes her mind. My father and I are going to take her to a dialysis center this week. Seems like she could do the dialysis at home while sleeping, and she seems to be ok with this type of treatment. When I was at the doctor's visit I said in front of the doctor, well mom even if you don't take dialysis you could still have many more years ahead of you. I was trying to give her hope! He corrected me and said no she wouldn't she would only have months. WOW something, I really didn't want to hear. I guess I never realized how severe or sick she really was, it's a disease you don't see many issues until it's too late. Please keep her and my father in your prayers. My father has said several times he is worried! Thank you all for asking about my parents. Their needs are the reason I decided to switch fields. Thankful I can help them out during this time.

## *Prayer and Praises*

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### **Prayer:**

1. Summer Camp! Stamina for the leaders, ears for the children and hearts for the families to hear and be impacted with the truth of the gospel.
2. Health, for my parents (And my biopsy in July)
3. For the Mexican churches who I still stay in communication with for them to continue to grow in strength of the Lord. There are several needs in the churches. One of the churches had to leave the building they were renting because it was too expensive. Pray they find a permanent home soon. My plan early this fall is to travel to Mexico to support them for a short visit.
4. For Faith Community Church in Pennsylvania, we would also like to find a permanent home.

### **Praises:**

1. For the Kid's club we were able to have this past winter. Thankful for the new contacts and families I was able to meet.
2. For the Summer Camp opportunity to pour Christ's love into young lives!
3. Opportunities to show Christ love to my parents as I minister to them.

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Gracias para todo,

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