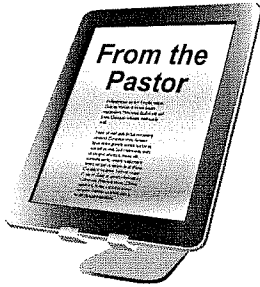


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The gun went off and the crowd of runners, many in bright green shirts, surged forward. I was planning on walking the 5K but caught up in the spirit of the moment, I began to run. I hadn't run in almost two years so I just assumed I would jog for a few minutes and then walk the rest. However, I soon fell in step with a good friend and she encouraged me to keep running.

The disciples must have felt lost when Jesus was no longer with them. As long as he was around, they had his encouragement and love. Then he was gone and although there was promise of his return, the weeks and months went by. The disciples had started off running the race, but perhaps they began to think, "well, if he doesn't return soon, we'll just walk." Or maybe they even had thoughts of quitting all together.

When the social justice committee decided to sponsor "Zion Runs for the Homeless", we were all quietly skeptical. We committed to it, but I know that more than one of us wondered "can we really do this?"

I crossed the one mile mark and found I was still running. I felt elated that I was running with no pain in my "bad" knee and still some significant oxygen reserves seemingly left in my lungs, but at 1.5 miles I wanted to walk. "You can do it," my friend said moving with ease nearly gliding along the sidewalk. I tried to ignore the fact that she was in extremely good shape, ten years younger, and 30 pounds lighter. I kept running.

The disciples kept running and no doubt they wanted to quit. They ran through the sadness of Jesus' death, the euphoria of Pentecost, the conflicts between Paul and Peter, and repeated setbacks. I wonder how they did it? Probably the same way my friend and I did it. They laughed and talked and encouraged their way through.

The night before the race, the members of the social justice committee wondered if we were really ready. Everyone had a job to do and standing around nervously after

our carb-loading dinner, we reviewed each aspect of the race. We reminded each other that we needed to be back at the church at 6:30 AM and said good night. I barely slept that night.

Suddenly, I saw it: Snake Alley. I had done it-- after two years of not running, I completed a 5K. My friend took off down the winding brick path while I followed more slowly. I knew that if I had run alone, I would have stopped and walked, but with a friend I was able to do what I had thought impossible.

The race was a huge success. 71 runners and \$2600.00 raised for the homeless shelter. More than 50 church members came together to make it happen. We worked together-- encouraging, talking, joking, planning, giving. It was truly a whole church effort.

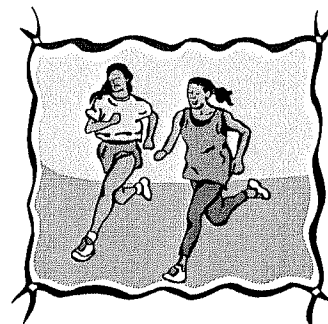
Remember the word of Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

"Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their work:
If one falls down,
his friend can help him up.
But pity the one who falls
and has no one to help them up!
Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?
Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves."

No one makes it alone. Not the Early Church, not today's Church. Running the race by yourself is just no fun.

See you in the pews,

Pastor Jane





Worship

Sunday, September 1 – Communion

10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 8 – Rally Day

10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Luke 14:25-33
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Luke 15:1-10
11:00 am: Coffee Hour
2:00 pm: Sing-along at Klein Center

Sunday, September 22

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Luke 16:1-13
11:00 am: Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 29

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School
10:00 am: Worship
Scripture: Luke 16:19-31
11:00 am: Coffee Hour



Zion's Adult Choir just started rehearsals again on Wednesday, August 28th. We always have room for more voices so if you love to sing, please join us next Wednesday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Janice Gibson at 319-752-7353.

Worship Helpers

Sunday, September 1

Church closer: Judy Taylor
Communion preparers: Bill Daws and Darrell Eden
Greeters: Joe & Sandy Deal, Matthew Patrick, Deb Ruble
Reader: Carol Goddard
Tower Bell: Bob Parmeter
Valet: Milt Paule

Sunday, September 8

Church closer: Kathy Morrish
Greeters: Charles Brissey, Pauline Kuster, Rich & Deb Goble
Reader: Dyan Dietzman
Tower Bell: Bryanna Mehaffy
Valet: Dennis Dietzman

Sunday, September 15

Church closer: Kathy Morrish
Greeters: Jeanette Fisher, Kathy Morrish, Judy Taylor, Judy Tomkins
Reader: Stacey Kerr
Tower Bell: Will Neises
Valet: Craig Neises

Sunday, September 22

Church closer: Kathy Morrish
Greeters: Jim Levins, Marlis Robberts & Jakob, Tom & Connie Ralston
Reader: Pam Daws
Tower Bell: Caleb Mehaffy
Valet: Marvin Fraise

Sunday, September 29

Church closer: Kathy Morrish
Greeters: Dick & Patty Kerr; Stacey, Ethan, & Emery Kerr; Paula Mehaffy
Reader: Deb Goble
Tower Bell: Emery Kerr
Valet: Rich Goble

Coffee Hour Hosts for September



Sept. 1: Emily Roane and Janet McCannon

Sept. 8: "Back to Church" Potluck

Sept. 15: Milt & Laurie Paule;
Wayne & Ruth Smith

Sept. 22: _____

Sept. 29: _____

All are invited downstairs to the fellowship hall following the worship service for a time of coffee, simple refreshments, and fellowship.

Please check the schedule posted on the bulletin board and feel free to sign up for any Sunday without sponsors. Thanks!



**Sunday,
September 8
10:00 a.m.**

Rally Day is an exciting day at Zion UCC! It is that time in the year when all of our church comes together after the rest and relaxation of summer. It is a great time to meet new people, support the Church and feel the vibrancy of God's work at Zion. Children's Church for the kids kicks off its new year with fun Bible story activities.

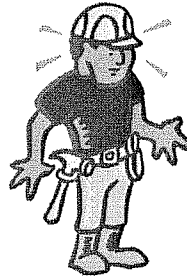


Following worship is a "**Back to Church**" potluck lunch in the fellowship hall for everyone which is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring a dish or two to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.

Please join us on Sunday, September 8!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

by Janice Gibson



Is it --
Tim, the Tool Man?
Bob, the Builder?

No, it's Jesus, the Carpenter - telling us the parable of the *Wise and Foolish Builders!* Find out what Jesus said about growing up and "building" our lives.



The Wise and Foolish Builders
Matthew 7:24-27 & Luke 6:46-49

Don't miss out on September 8th! Children's Church will kick-off the school year with a puppet show and fun activities built (no pun intended!) around this parable that Jesus told. You can even wear your hard hat if you'd like!



Remember, Children's Church meets downstairs, following the Children's Time in the worship service. Children 5 years through 6th grade are invited to attend. Children younger than 5 years are welcome in the nursery, which is also downstairs.

Adult Sunday School

Resuming Sept. 15 at 9:00 am

Genesis: A Journey Through Creation

Adult Sunday School will start off with a fascinating study of the book of Genesis. Reverend Jerry Rigdon will be teaching the class which starts on September 15 at 9:00 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the church library. See you there!

Coffee and Scripture



Adult Bible Study
Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m.
at Diggers Rest

Tuesday morning Bible Study is undertaking the Book of Genesis. We plan to read along with the Adult Sunday School class. This month's assignment – read all 50 chapters! (It's not as long as you think....)

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Stewardship Month.....it's coming!

I'll be talking about money, money, money from September 15th through October 13th! OK. Not really. I'll talk about a few other things, too. But it is our annual stewardship month, and I'll ask you to consider your gift to the church. So think about it—how, when, and why you give. See you at the offertory!

Pastor Jane

Fall Adult Sunday School Summer-Fall Reading List

In November, Adult Sunday School will consider "Racism and National Security" in the context of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. The summer-fall reading list for this topic is:

- A Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston "is the true story of one spirited Japanese American family's attempt to survive the indignities of forced detention...and of a native-born American child who discovered what it was like to grow up behind barbed wire in the United States." [dust jacket copy]
- Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson. "San Piedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American named Kabuo is charged with his murder. In the course of the ensuing trial, it becomes clear that what is at stake is more than one man's guilt. For on San Piedro, memory grows as thickly as cedar trees and the fields of ripe strawberries—memories of a charmed love affair between a white boy and the Japanese girl who grew up to become Kabuo's wife; memories of land desired, paid for, and lost. Above all, San Piedro is haunted by the memory of what happened to its Japanese residents during World War II, when an entire community was sent into exile while its neighbors watched." [dust jacket copy]
- Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford explores the experience of Japanese Americans in the Seattle area during World War II in the context of a love story between a Chinese boy and a Japanese American girl who was sent to the Minidoka camp in Idaho.



Paint-a-thon September 4 - 7

Team UCC will be joined by First Christian Church this year for painting our assigned house. The address is 827 N. 10th Street, and a couple pictures of it are on the bulletin board.

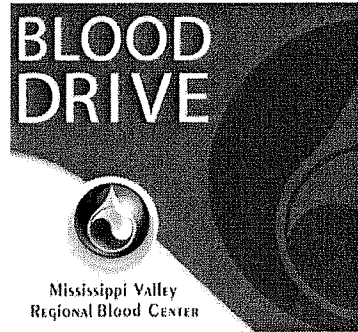
No work will be done on the house on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Power washing of the house will take place on Wednesday morning, September 4. After that, there may be some scraping and caulking to be done, especially on the windows. Painting could start on Wednesday afternoon, but for sure on Thursday morning.

The release forms will be in a folder in the garage. ***Please make sure you sign one before you begin working!*** Paint and some supplies are also in the garage. There are a few paint brushes left from last year, but if anyone has a spare, feel free to bring your own.

Lunch after the Saturday morning painting will again be provided by HyVee. It will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Eagles Club located at 2727 Mt. Pleasant Street.

If you can help during the day or evening on any day or every day, it will be greatly appreciated. Call Pam Daws at 754-5974 if you have any questions. Thanks.



Downtown Burlington Churches Blood Drive

Monday, Sept. 16

1:30 – 6:15 p.m.

First United Church of Christ

Buescher Parlor

611 Columbia St.

(at the top of Snake Alley)

This blood drive includes First Congregational, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, First UCC and Zion UCC churches.

To schedule an appointment please call Zion's coordinator, David Ekman, at 319-752-0425 and leave a message if he's not there. Please give your name, telephone number, and the time you want to donate blood between 1:30 and 6:15 p.m.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 lbs. Donors who last gave blood on or before July 22, 2013 are eligible to give blood at this drive.

Please eat before donating and bring a photo ID or MVRBC Donor Card.

Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors. Thank you!



All-Church Night Out(doors) at the Movies!

Friday, September 13

An outdoor movie night is planned in our very own Zion parking lot on Friday night, September 13th. At 7:30 p.m. we'll show a short Veggie Tales movie, "The Little House that Stood," followed by a family movie that we think all ages will enjoy! Bring lawn chairs for seating, and, of course, popcorn will be provided! You can bring your own snacks, too.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move into the sanctuary. So come, rain or shine – starshine, that is! If you don't like to drive after dark, give the church office a call at 752-2305 and we'll find transportation for you.



Janese L. Davis

July 23, 1936 –
July 31, 2013

We extend our condolences to Gene Davis and his family in the loss of his wife, **Janese Davis**, on July 31st at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Pastor Jane conducted her funeral on Saturday, August 3rd, at Lunning Chapel. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.



Sing-along at Klein Center

**Sunday, Sept. 15,
2:00 p.m.**

A group of volunteers will be going to Klein Center at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, for a sing-along with the residents there. Please try to join them!

Thank you to the following people who sang at Rosebush Gardens for the August 18th sing-along: **Charles Brissey, Janice Gibson, Debbie Gottschalk, Don Kellar, Pauline Kuster, Martha Landstrom, Gail Lawlor, John Riessen, and Jane Willan.**



Wed., October 2 – NOIZ Nites for Families
"Cost of Being Cool" – Come to our first event of the year!

Sun., October 6 – Wildlife Lakes and Wood Duck Cove Bonfire and Potluck
Come for this all-church fun event sponsored by the Fellowship Committee!

Thurs., Oct. 10 – Consistory meeting

Sun., October 20 – Pastor Jane's last Sunday ☹

Wed., October 30 – NOIZ Nites for Families
Starr's Cave Nocturnal Program and Night Hike

Mon., November 4 – Christian Education meeting



The Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the Zion Consistory, has granted a scholarship in the amount of \$260 to each of five student members of Zion. The scholarship can be used for tuition, books, or academic needs.

These five students submitted an application for a scholarship and were approved:

Derek Elmore

Southeastern Community College

Ashlie Graham

Southeastern Community College

Brianna Landstrom

University of Northern Iowa

DeAnna Lerud

Kirkwood Community College

Emily Workman

Friends University – Wichita, KS

Congratulations to all of you!

Laurie Paule, Scholarship Chair

Greetings

Zion received this note in the mail from a lady who attended here for years with her late husband and finally moved to Duncanville, Texas, a few years ago to live with her son. Irene still keeps in touch and enjoys receiving the weekly bulletins and the newsletters. *“Friends of Zion, Greetings to all. I’m in a wheel chair so don’t go shopping. So wish everyone a Happy Birthday and Anniversaries. Best wishes, Irene Trimble.”*

Our Messy Life

Sunday, Sept. 22

11:30am – 1:00 pm

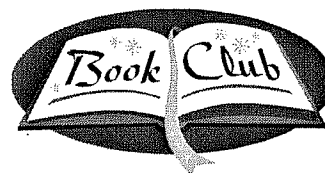


Bring a set of old clothes or swimsuits to the Neises family house (2033 Osborn Street) after church on Sunday.

We will be playing games, getting messy, and washing off with squirt guns. Let me know if you will be attending so I can reserve your container of Cool Whip and bottle of ketchup.

This is open for all third through eighth graders. Lunch will also be provided. Can’t wait to see you there!

Lisa Neises
759-6737



Thursday

Sept. 26

7:00 p.m.

The book chosen for the September meeting is Keepers of the River, a tale of terror along the Mississippi River, by Keith Schulz (yes, the Keith Schulz from Zion!). Deb Ruble will have the books available for purchase each Sunday after church in the narthex area. They are \$19.20 each.

You will meet at the home of Judy Tomkins at 628 South Leebrick Street on Thursday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Community Meal

Thursday, Sept. 26

5:30 p.m.



September is Zion's month to prepare the free monthly community meal which is served at Grace Methodist Church. We will need several volunteers to help plan and prepare this.

Zion's duties are:

- *prepare and serve main meal
- *set up dining room
- *wash pots and pans

Please notify the church office if you can help. If needed, the evening can be broken up into shifts. We would like someone who is familiar with cooking "bulk" meals to help with this, if possible. A volunteer to be in charge of the meal would be great! Call the church at 752-2305 or send an email to ucczionbur@aol.com and let us know what you can do to help. Thanks!

There is no September activity scheduled for the **Over the Hill Gang**. If someone in the group would like to plan any type of upcoming activity, please contact other members of the group or the church office. Thank you!



Zion UCC's Race for the Homeless

was on
August 25

After months of planning, the first Zion Race for the Homeless came to fruition as a great success!

This could not have been possible without our mentor, Lyle Gibson, as well as hard work by the social justice committee – and of course, the volunteer efforts of the congregation and friends of Zion UCC.

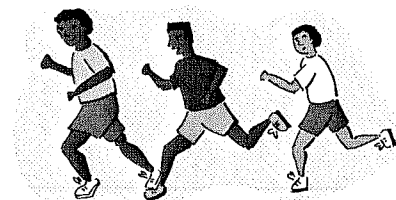
In all, we had over 50 people volunteer and/or serve in some way. My heartfelt thanks goes to each of you. You truly follow in Jesus' footsteps. I hope to see you all involved again next year. In the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone."

Bill Daws

Chair of Social Justice Committee

Please note: The **Social Justice Committee** will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 3rd, for a "race recap." Everyone involved with the race should plan to attend. Thanks!

Bill





Zion's Race for the Homeless Results

Best female runner overall

Jane Landretti - time of 21.57

Best male runner overall

Jason Landretti - time of 19.52

12 & under female

1st place - Stella Hartman
2nd place - Samantha Pothitakis

12 & under male

1st place - Mitchell Pothitakis
2nd place - Will Neises

Ages 13 - 19 female

1st place - Kayla Elmore
2nd place - Catherine Todd

Ages 13 - 19 male

1st place - Samuel Hartman
2nd place - Zack Murphy

Ages 20 - 29 female

1st place - Jessica Ekman
2nd place - Blake Radel

Ages 20 - 29 male

1st place - Brett Traman
2nd place - Brandon Adams

Ages 30 - 39 female

1st place - Christine Ralston
2nd place - Marla Myatt

Ages 30 - 39 male

1st place - Brent Berlett
2nd place - Pete Smillie

Ages 40 - 49 female

1st place - Sandy Elmore
2nd place - Karen Elliott

Ages 40 - 49 male

1st place - Niko Pothitakis
2nd place - Steve Libben

Ages 50 - 59 female

1st place - Jorie Tonkinson
2nd place - Jane Willan

Ages 50 - 59 male

1st place - Matt Mohrfeld
2nd place - Dave Dorethy

Ages 60 - 69 female

1st place - Janice Gibson
2nd place - Dianna Law

Ages 60 - 69 male

1st place - John Goss
2nd place - Michael Dwight

Age 70+ male

1st place - Charles Tonkinson
(7th place overall)!!

Congratulations, everyone!



We also thank the following local businesses for their donations to our race day activities:

Bickel's Cycling and Fitness – 100 coupons for the racers' packets for \$5 off any product

Running Wild – 20% off apparel coupons for the packets and four \$15 gift certificates

River Basin Canoe & Kayak – coupons for the packets for a free Kayak 101 short course

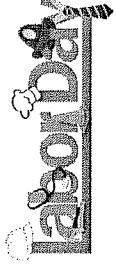

HyVee - \$20 gift card used to buy cookies for the after race snacks

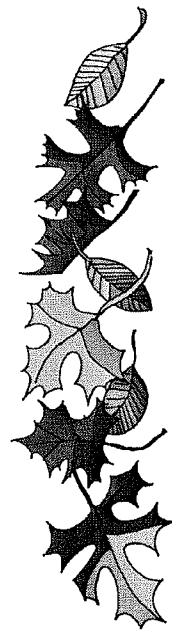
Special thanks to **Don and Vivian Kellar** for making all the sun catchers given as age group prizes, and to **Lyle Gibson** and **Russ Fry** for their guidance!

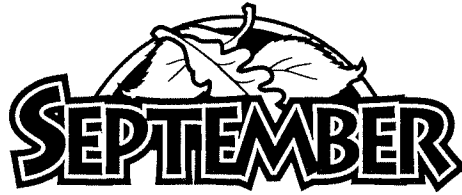


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1 10:00 am: Worship 11:00 am: Coffee Hour	2  Church offices closed	3 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest 6:00 pm: Social Justice Committee	4 7:00 pm: Choir	5	6	7
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29 9:00 am: Adult Sunday School 10:00 am: Worship & Children's Church 11:00 am: Coffee Hour	30					





Birthdays

- 2 ---- **Louise Rolf**, 1731 Dehn St.
5 ---- **Nancy Oetken**, PO Box 231
West Burlington, IA 52655
6 ---- **Emily Roane**, 922 N. 3rd St.
7 ---- **Grace Eden** (6), 200 S. Gunnison St.
9 ---- **Carol Goddard**, 124 Golf Lane
10 --- **Jill Nealey**, 14971 190th Ave.
Danville, IA 52623
Deb Goble, 2000 Charles St.
18 --- **Lisa Neises**, 2033 Osborn St.
19 --- **Byers Nealey** (6), 14971 190th Ave.
Danville, IA 52623
25 --- **Scott Wood**, 14603 Highway 99
30 --- **Martha Landstrom**, 1206 Madison
Trevor Ita, 1419 Cleveland Ave.
Kamryn Ell (14), 1919 S. Main St.

Early October birthdays

- 1 ---- **Cathy Key**, 714 S. 10th St.
Lisa Gerst, 14576 Rosebud Drive
West Burlington, IA 52655
4 ---- **Milt Paule**, 2601 S. 3rd St.

Anniversaries

- 3 ---- **Dick & Patty Kerr** (41)
9828 Glenmark Drive
5 ---- **Dan & Lisa Graham** (26)
321 Summer St. West Burlington 52655
7 ---- **John & Christy Des Jardins** (22)
605 Melville Ct., West Burl 52655
8 ---- **Curtis & April Kenney** (6)
2020 S. 14th St.
Luke & Karen Sneller (1)
1903 River St.
14 ---- **Kenneth & Rita Haley** (51)
RR31, Box 122, Gladstone, IL 61437
Stacey & Chad Kerr (11)
12081 50th St.
16 ---- **Ben & Tamra Eden** (7)
200 S. Gunnison St.
17 ---- **Earnest & Shirley Turner** (30)
316 N. Gertrude St.

Early October anniversaries

- 2 ---- **Gus & Anita Renteria** (21)
907 High St.
3 ---- **Chuck & Martha Landstrom** (60)
1206 Madison Ave.



"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1

Hearts Breaking, Minds Hearing



GLORIA
VICENTE CANÚ

I recently accompanied a group visiting from the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Tennessee. It immediately seemed to me that they were a glowing and warm group. Because of that I believe we walked together during the entire week witnessing, breathing, smelling, feeling and touching the air, spaces and people that surrounded us. As we walked together in various settings, I saw myself differently than before. I was not only a woman representing the church as a missionary of color, but as a mother, as a Maya, as a member of a colonized people and an interpreter of the language and culture. As I processed the visit, I saw what my brothers and sisters meant when they said, "You got a full load". But more important was the love I received from their visit. My role is to accompany visiting church delegations so they may open their eyes and have their hearts broken in such a way that together we may learn about the social reality of a colonized and oppressed people. And from that realization, we must also learn to ask questions, as individuals and as churches, about whether or not we are following Jesus' example of love, justice and compassion with and among our brothers and sisters in Christ, abroad and at home. One lesson learned which impacted all of us who were present is found in the words of Presbyterian pastor Osmundo who said, "We are not investing in building churches but rather investing in building people." What an opportune time to hear these words because they came at a "breaking point," a point in which our hearts needed to feel and our minds needed to hear. Despite all of my feelings and my "full load", I know that it is through this love that I too receive. That will enable me to continue to be resilient despite the social conflict and continuing repression in Guatemala.

"God of justice, free us from the tyranny of false choices. Grant us wisdom to integrate our thoughts, feelings and actions so that we may be integrated agents of transformation. Amen." Dwight Lee Wolter

Gloria Vicente Canú is serving a three-year term with the Ecumenical Christian Council of Guatemala (Consejo Ecueménico Cristiano de Guatemala – CECG), as a consultant for communication, interpretation and women's projects.



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