

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

SHEWMAKERS - RWANDA/FAIRVIEW ROAD
COLUMBIA/GOD - WORLD

It was great to have Sam and Nancy Shewmaker with us last week, and to hear about their ongoing work in Rwanda. It is such a privilege and blessing to talk with them, and to share even in a small way in their ministry work. I marvel at people like them who have such caring hearts for others, such strong faith & trust in the Lord, and a fervent desire to not only serve God, but to be totally lead and directed by Him. How easy it is to say "I am comfortable here and now Lord, so.... how can I serve you?" You will not get that thought from people like them. Fairview Road has a long history of missionary connections and support. I pray that we continue to support these.

But one does not necessarily have to venture overseas to do outreach work, to spread the good news of the gospel, or do the Lord's good work. There are many ministries that are ongoing here at Fairview Road. Have you taken the time to visit



the sign-up table in the foyer to indicate the areas that you are willing to participate in for the next year? We would like to have everyone's form in by today so that the information may be given to the various ministry leaders to plan for the year. It takes a lot of workers to accomplish what we are doing in the many areas of work here at Fairview. Have you noticed in the Family Focus that about 40 people are needed to handle the activities for just the worship hour? And that does not include

the teachers and helpers needed for Bible study hour. Certainly, we do much more than what happens in those two hours each week. So please be sure to sign up and get involved. We need your help to accomplish the Lord's mission for us here.

That brings us back to missions. Last year we began 'Mission Columbia' and had much success with it. We are continuing this effort and are using it as an 'umbrella' under which other ministries will function. It is also one of the two areas of focus that the Elders set as a priority goal for the year (the other area being Youth Ministry). We feel we can really make an impact in the community by serving, and sharing God's love and grace through service. We all can start by filling out our 'Serving to Grow' form. Then keep watching for opportunities to serve in various works during the year. An opportunity coming up next month is during our annual summer Wednesday night series, 'Join Us at the Plate'. During that time there will be many areas to serve in. Plan to attend! Be involved! Be the church!

In much the same way that Sam, Nancy, and their team are showing Christ to the people of Rwanda, we can be showing Christ to people here in Columbia. Sam said that the scripture that they are leaning on and praying through to encourage more involvement from the Rwandan people is Luke 10:2. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." I think that is valid anywhere – even here in Columbia.

Blessing through Him,
Britt Newby

Our Shepherds

Glen Godsey, Charles Martin, Britt Newby, Don Osburn,
Jerry Templer, James Treece, Dee Vanderburg

MIKE COMES THIS WEEK - HELP NEEDED!

The big day is finally here! Mike Cognill arrives in Columbia this Tuesday, May 4. He needs some people to help him move in at Kelly Ridge Apartments on Broadway, west of Wal-Mart. He doesn't have a lot of things, but some big items. Be part of Mike's first day here - meet him at the Kelly Ridge entrance at 2:30 p.m. this Tuesday!

