

Hot Off the Press! 3/29/15

A CONTEMPORARY EXODUS STORY: "GOD'S POSSIBILITY PEOPLE"

BY CAROL FREAS, CHPC MEMBER

Forty years ago on April 30th 1975, the Dinh family prayed for deliverance as they trusted only in the Lord God Almighty. They sat in two small boats alongside relatives listening to news on the radio — South VietNam had fallen to communist forces. If they returned to the shore, they might be killed or would not have freedom. Where would they go if they remained in a boat with waves lapping over the bow? Believing "With God, all things are possible," they remained steadfastly in prayer, then and now. Throughout life, they found divine grace and God's provision amidst the most challenging predicament.



Hill, answered God's call to be sponsors for a Vietnamese family. Dave & Nancy Thorsen, members of St. Clare Church and David & Carol Freas, members of College Hill Presbyterian Church. Far from being 'empty nesters', these couples had young children. The Thorsens had Julie (age 4) and baby Ken and the Freas family had Sean (3) and Joy (1).

On November 17, 1975, forty years ago, the Dinhs arrived in Cincinnati and lived with the Thorsen and Freas families for three months. That sounds simple, but the Dinh family included the parents Hoc Van Dinh & Duom Thi Mai and ten children: Tuyet (age 20), Hoang (18),

Anh (16), Nguyet (13), Nguyen (11), Thong (9), Tuan now Andrew (7), Thu (5), Kim Thanh (3) & baby Nhan (3 months).

The father Hoc Dinh was hired by CHPC as a custodian. The oldest son Hoang held another job to support the family. The Deacons provided transportation for the Dinh family. Merrimates (today's Supper Club) provided the tuition for five children to attend Catholic Schools: Anh – Our Lady of Angels HS, and St. Clare elementary school for Nguyet, Nguyen, Thong and Tuan. Three year old Thu attended preschool through a scholarship from The Lord's Covenant School.

In February 1976, the Dinh family left Cincinnati to find a place to live in a Vietnamese community. After moving to Grannis, Arkansas and Bridge City, Louisiana, they chose San Jose, California, with a large Vietnamese community as their permanent residence. On June 3, 1978, Tuyet graduated in accounting from Xavier University and pursued her career as an accountant in San Jose.

For thirty years, we lost contact with the Dinh family. Imagine our surprise and delight when we received a phone call on January 18, 2015, from Nguyet. Her first words were, "We remember and we pray for your families."

On April 4, 2015, several members of the Dinh family are flying from San Jose to Cincinnati to say, "Thank You!" On Easter Sunday, members of the Dinh family including Mom - Duom Mai, Tuyet, Hoang, Anh and Nguyet with her husband Dang and two children – Matthew and Catherine, will worship with us at CHPC.

Dave & Nancy Thorsen and David & Carol Freas are thanking the Lord for time to reconnect with the Dinh family and are so happy that they are coming to visit. The Dinh family has lived the message of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ celebrated on Easter Sunday! They know in a very personal way that "With God all things are possible" *Matt 19:26*.

[THIS VERSE IS ALSO THE STATE MOTTO OF OHIO.]

The Lord has been a source of strength and provision for a lifetime for the Dinh family. The father Hoc Van Dinh and mother Duom Thi Mai lived in North VietNam until 1945. During WWII the Japanese occupied North VietNam. They burned all the country's rice supply to make charcoal to run the trains for war. This created a horrible famine and over a million people died. To survive many country people including the parents and relatives of Hoc and Duom moved to the more fertile South VietNam. The family lived in Long Khanh, close to Saigon.

During the VietNam conflict, the father Hoc Dinh fought for the South. He left ten children to the care of his wife. In early March 1975, the Vietnamese War escalated. The extended family left their two huge homes to take refuge in another town. Mother Duom worried about her family's economic situation. She sent her oldest daughter Tuyet to Phuoc Tuy which is close to the sea to buy dried fish for resale. Ultimately the family went to live in the Mekong River Delta near Phuoc Tuy with the families of two cousins.

As the war was ending, the family sold their last possessions and bought food and a radio. They sailed into the East Viet-Nam Sea in two boats with their relatives. They prayed, not knowing where to sail. The Lord provided by sending an American freighter which stopped and allowed them to climb up a high rope ladder to the deck. The ship took them to Guam where they stayed for two months before coming to Fort Chaffee near Little Rock Arkansas.

When they arrived in Arkansas, they were given Bibles by the Gideons. They often read God's Word and prayed. Some Vietnamese priests who studied abroad provided leadership for their spiritual lives. The Dinh family were devout Catholics who went to Mass each morning in VietNam. Mrs. Duom Mai continues to attend Mass daily. Catholic Charities worked with American sponsors to relocate them in the United States. Two families, who were neighbors in College

LENTEN ACTIVITY for SMALL GROUPS & FAMILIES

YOU WILL NEED: 7 candles and candle holders. Map of Israel.

WHAT YOU DO: Light all candles. Week 1, darken one. Week 2, darken one more, etc. Recite the meaning of each candle as it is extinguished. Each is a Jesus place, an event and a betrayal.

MEANING: **7th candle: Egypt** (Peril). **6th: Nazareth** (Rejection). **5th: Galilee** (Discipling). **4th: SAMARIA** (Teaching). **3rd: BETHANY**(Healing). **2nd: CAESAREA PHILIPPI** — Revelation. Here, the Holy Spirit revealed to a few the full nature of Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. But the purpose of His life — His death for our sin and His resurrection — remained a secret, not yet fully revealed.

DISCUSS: Read Matt 16:13-20 and Mark 8:27-33. Reflect on the text. Parents explain what the passage means in terms your children will understand. Jesus experienced huge disappointments in life.

ACTIVITY: Locate the ancient Roman city of Caesarea Philippi on a map. Hint: it was north of the Sea of Galilee and west of Mt Hermon. Why was Jesus so mad at Peter? Where did Jesus and the disciples go after these event?



Are you brave? Many would say they are not, some would say they are. The Apostle Peter was at times cowardly and at other times brave; and Peter is the topic of our upcoming seven-week Adult Spiritual Formation curriculum called "Brave". It is an all-church Journey because all 15 classes during the 10:10 Foundational Hour will be discussing it, as will some small groups in the evening. We might call it a community-wide Journey because many churches throughout the Greater Cincinnati Area will be studying this series as well. As some of you have experienced in the Journeys of previous years, this city-wide exposure has the potential for great impact. The "Brave" series begins April 12, the Sunday after Easter, and runs for seven weeks.

If you are interested in leading or helping lead one of these discussion groups either at 10:10 on Sunday or in the evening during the week, contact Bill Custer at William.custer2@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message about your interest. Sign-up sheets are available in the Atrium today.

Be Brave.

Children & Youth Helpers in Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service, then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service. Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time.

This week's helpers are:

10:00am Andrew Duke & Josh and Ian Scheid

29. sunday

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| 8:00am | Morning Prayer | Prayer Room |
| 10:00am | Palm Sunday Service | Sanctuary |
| 11:30am | Lunch & Service Projects | Fellowship Hall |
| 1:30pm | Adult Children of Alcoholics | Clubroom |
| 6:30pm | The Village | Parlor |

30. monday

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| 6:30pm | Karate | Clubroom |
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31. tuesday

1. wednesday

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| 9:30am | Library Work Day | BC 103 |
| 7:00pm | Bi-Polar Support Group | Great Hall |
| | Kindling Prayer Group | White House |
| | Worship Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 7:30pm | College/Young Adult Gathering | Off Campus |

2. thursday

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| 6:10am | Band of Brothers | Fireside Room |
| 8:30am | Prayer - Church & Community | Prayer Room |
| 10:00am | Knitting Group | Atrium |
| 7:00pm | Maundy Thursday Service | Fellowship Hall |
| | Adult Children of Alcoholics | MC Club Room |
| 7:30pm | AI-Anon | BC 201 & 202 |
| 8:15pm | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |

3. friday

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| 7:00pm | Good Friday Service | Sanctuary |
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4. saturday

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| 2:00pm | Praise Dancers | BC Lobby |
| 3:30pm | Ballet Class | Clubroom |

"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" POLICY
When parking, remember to keep your valuables and all parcels out of sight safely locked in your trunk. Thieves can even see through dark tinted glass. Don't tempt!

March 29 - April 4 calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers If you would like to make a gift toward flowers for your loved ones or for Easter Sunday, please contact Sam Routzon at Ext. 1125 or email her at sroutzon@chpc.org The deadline to order Easter Flowers is tomorrow, Monday, March 30. Suggested donation is \$50.

Seminary Scholarships are available for seminary students preparing for full-time ministry. Applications to the Ruth Auburn Scholarship Fund at the Covenant Foundation may be obtained from Tim Johnson, 661-3100.

Breakfast Anyone interested in providing a hot and healthy breakfast for about 12 of our children during first service please contact Roxane at roxanewagner@hotmail.com. If you can't cook a meal, please come and enjoy the company of God's treasured children from 9-10am in the Great Hall. Immediate needs are for most Sundays in April.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Parents please pick up children grades K-3 from Children & Worship in the Great Hall after the service. Then join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

On Easter Sunday, foundation hour classes for 4th-6th graders will be cancelled. Instead, all 4th-6th graders and their families are invited to a reception in the Fireside Room. Several new families of Pleasant Hill kids involved in MEGABLAST plan to attend, so please come connect with these families and welcome them into our church with open arms! All other children's Sunday school classes will be held in usual rooms.

The Village meets tonight from 6:30-8:30pm. This event takes the place of our normal CRASH evening, and is open to all students 7-12th grade. Bring some food to share to this potluck event, and we will finish up our series on making decisions, and continue talking through our discipleship questions.

March 31 is the early registration deadline for Resident Camp (kids completing 2nd-6th grade) and the Overnight (kids completing 1st-2nd grade)! After that, prices are raised. Forms are available online at chpc.org/forms or at the summer ministries table by the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Robyn with any questions.

Scholarship applications are available for all Children, Youth and Family summer trips at chpc.org/forms or at the summer ministries table by the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to provide a scholarship for a child to go to camp, please contact Robyn: rhubbuch@chpc.org or 513-541-5676 ext 1112.

March 31 is the application due date for Resident Camp Work Crew (students completing 7th-9th grade), Resident Camp Counselors (students completing 10th-12th grade), and The Local Local (CRASH service trip for students completing 7th-12th grade). Forms are available online at chpc.org/forms, at CRASH, or at the summer ministries table by the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Andrew with any questions.

Mulch Madness is back as our yearly fundraiser for Jr. High and High School students going on trips this summer. This year, instead of heading out of state for our summer service trip, we will be staying at CHPC for the week and serving locally on different work projects and working with children at Christ's Community Summer Camp. Money raised through Mulch Madness will also go toward paying for 7-9th grade students to be on the work crew at resident camp this year. More information and order forms are available at the front desk.

Mulch Madness Sales Opportunity There is an opportunity for some students to make some extra money through the Mulch Madness fundraiser by having a table at the indoor College Hill Farmers Market held at the College Hill Coffee Company. If you are interested in earning some more money for the trip and are free on Thursday afternoons, talk to Andrew Wells for more details.

SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

HELP NEEDED Do you like to work with computers? We are looking for 1 or 2 people to help with the video desk on Sunday mornings. You would work *one* service a month. Training would be provided. See Sam Routzon if you're interested or email her at sroutzon@chpc.org.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

CHPC is supporting IHN by helping families who will be staying at UCC **March 29 - April 5 (note date correction)**. We need YOUR help for Sunday, March 29th. Please contact Bonnie Mack (513-931-3564; email: tandbmack@yahoo.com) if you can help with dinner preparation and/or being a dinner host. Please contact Eileen Boyle (tel: 513-675-5570; email: boyle.em@pg.com) or Dave & Cyndy Butz (513-218-3439) if you can organize children's activities or be an overnight host for that Sunday.

Feast of Love needs bacon, coffee cakes and volunteers for our annual Easter Brunch! Call Bev if you can help. 513-541-5676 Ext. 1167

Prayer Page

"... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers,"
Romans 1:9

CHPC Community

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| Chris Evans | Mark Evans |
| Marion Eynon | Mary Fortney |
| Susan Faul | Bob Faul |
| Jennifer Fay | Mark Fay |

Staff

Brian Donaldson - Music Director

Officers/Leadership

Ruth Guentter - Deacon

Home Bound/Health Center

Jan Hyde

Ministries

Missional Communities

Global Workers

In the Military

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| Adam Steveley US Army | Chris Jaeger USMC |
| Cary Jaeger USMC | Kirk Kalmbacher US Coast Guard |
| Zach Scharf Army National Guard | Nyjoel Baker Eielson AFB, AK |
| Danny Holian US Navy Pilot | Will Connor US Army |
| Joey Nieberding US Army | Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy |

College/Career Students

Elisa Fay Luke Fay

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child for Adoption

Darlene, Age 16 - Contact Sonya Lary - 513-946-1099

Children and Youth

Prayerfulness: "Grant, Lord, that my children's lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Eph. 6:18).



March 29, 2015
Palm Sunday
Resting in Troubled Times
Preaching: Rev. Drew Smith

Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Single, married, with children or not, there are many opportunities for knowing Christ, worshiping, personal growth and discipleship, service and ministry within the church and beyond the walls.

Visitors - Stop by the welcome table or the desk in the Atrium to find out more about College Hill Presbyterian. Return and become part of this dynamic Church Family.

Upcoming Services

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| April 2 | Maundy Thursday - 7pm |
| April 3 | Good Friday - 7pm |
| April 5 | Easter Sunday - 3 Services 7am Sunrise Service 9am Traditional Service 11:15am Contemporary Service |
| April 12 | New Series Begins - Brave |

Today's Order of Worship

Prelude
Call To Worship & Opening Prayer
Songs of Praise
Welcome Guests
Passing of the Peace
Time of Confession & Forgiveness
Song of Response
Scripture & Sermon
Pastoral Prayer
Offering / Closing Song
Announcements
Charge and Blessing
Postlude

Available Help

Ushers have copies of the song lyrics for the this service. Ushers can also provide help with wheelchairs and equipment for hearing assistance. Handicapped accessible restrooms are located off the exit hallway to the right side of the main platform. This exit also leads to handicapped parking spaces.

