

An Impact on Eternity

Monday morning dawned bright and beautiful. The EMS junior class, excited about learning and experiencing new things, piled into three vans and headed off to New York City. A little over three hours later, we arrived at MTC, the Mission Training Center in Queens. After meeting Joel Yoder and unpacking our things, we got to know NYC better by spending a few hours walking the streets, passing out tracts, and talking with some strangers from the area. This activity put a lot of us out of our comfort zones. Even though many people turned down our tract offers, the activity taught us how to kindly approach strangers and interact with them effectively. Here is an experience that Cassidy, Josh, and Kenya recalled from the trip. "On our first day there we were assigned groups, and we headed out into the streets of Queens to explore and witness to people. While we were walking, a man named Imam approached us and asked us if we have any questions for him. At first, it was really hard to understand what he was saying because of his heavy Indian accent. Soon we were able to put together that he was trying to tell us that he was the Savior sent from the Nation of Islam, which he believed was the Truth. He strongly believed that the nation of Islam were human beings while every other nationality were just people. He also believed that Satan was not a person but any form of sin. We did not get much of a chance to tell him our beliefs because he was so strong in his beliefs. He kept interrupting us. After about an hour, we concluded our conversation by asking him if we could pray for him. Unfortunately, he declined. We learned through this experience that there are many lost people in this world who believe very firmly that they are right. Sometimes words that we say can't change that person's mind. However, our example of Jesus can speak to others around us even if we do not know

it. Through our conversation with Imam, we had multiple bystanders listening in. One young man stood listening for a while and then went and bought a coffee and donut, sat, and continued to listen. Never underestimate what God is doing. Even if our small piece of our puzzle doesn't make sense to us right now, when we see the whole thing it will. Because of this we can trust God because he knows what he's doing." That evening, we had the awesome opportunity to visit Roosevelt Island and ride the tramway. The city lights reflecting on the water was one of my favorite scenes from the trip. On Tuesday we had a missions class with the purpose of introducing us to "the unreached people groups of the world and what our responsibility is towards them." Our next class prepared us for a visit to a Buddhist temple by introducing us to Buddhist beliefs and way of life. We spent the evening witnessing to people in the train station by singing and handing out tracts. Most of Wednesday morning we spent block, praying for the lost people in the city who need Jesus. That afternoon, we set up prayer/Bible tables to reach out in Jackson Heights. We had a great time that evening as we trekked across the Brooklyn Bridge, visited Chinatown, and rode the Staten Island Ferry. The bright city lights against a black sky created a breathtaking picture. Our trip to New York turned out remarkable in many ways. I think we all became more aware of how many lost souls need to hear about Christ and of the need for more missionaries to reach out to them. We also gained confidence as Christians by interacting with strangers on the streets, and hopefully we can continue sharing Christ in our daily lives. MTC did a fantastic job at "IMPACTING ETERNITY BY EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL GLOBALLY." ~Alia Summy

Turning Back Time

Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep! The alarm clock rings abruptly, and for some strange reason there is a newfound feeling of refreshment. Suddenly there is a new awakened realization that the time must have moved forward an hour. But a question arises, where did this idea of Daylight Saving Time derive from? The history of Daylight Saving Time dates back to the once reigning Roman Empire which created different scales on different months for their water clocks in order to adjust their schedules to solar time. Later in 1895, the idea was presented by George Vernon Hudson, an entomologist from New Zealand, who proposed a 2 hour shift forward in October and a 2 hour shift back in March. Although his idea was not brought into fruition immediately, Daylight Saving Time was made popular in Germany in 1916 two years into WWI. The idea was then used by many countries during both world wars to save the use of fuel for the war effort. The idea was later nationalized by Lyndon B. Johnson. The thinking behind it is based on the idea that the longer it's light outside, the less electric everyone will use. Although this idea has only been popular for about 100 years, it is now used in over 70 countries worldwide and affects billions every year.

~Bradley Hurst

EDITORIAL

Taking Time to Thank

As I move through my busy high school life, trying to balance school, work, home, and church responsibilities, it is easy for me to become calloused to all that I have to be thankful for. We hear over and over again that we have been blessed and have been given so much, but when is the last time that we took a moment to remember all of the things and especially the people who love us and have impacted us greatly? Martindale Mennonite Church was challenged by Pastor Dave Sensenig to take the time to thank those people today because we are never guaranteed tomorrow. It may seem awkward to call a grandparent to thank them for a birthday card, and sometimes the last thing you feel like doing is thanking the teacher who

gives you the most homework for their service and investment in you and our school, but sometime down the road you will be thankful you took the time to do it. James 4:17 reminds us that “whoever knows the right thing to do, yet fails to do it, is guilty of sin,” and although not looked upon as a detrimental sin, consequences are definitely present for failing to thank until it is too late. In the words of American Author Og Mandino, “There is an immeasurable distance between late and too late.” Sometimes the difference between a good and a bad day for someone is a single word or act of appreciation, and sometimes the difference between accomplishing a grueling task and giving up is only a word of thanks or encouragement away. I

would love to encourage you as students, children, teachers, parents, and grandparents to take time this season to thank a friend or family member who you feel has really impacted you this year and to thank the One who has given them to you as well. Happy Thanksgiving!



~Timothy Burkholder

HUMOR

Redefining Balderdash

LEGENDASH

Words to be Defined

1. Disflanchie
2. Tartarwear
3. Mant
4. Trippenstanced
5. Schnietze

LEGENDASH

Definitions

1. verb: to dismantle an opponents' key arguments during a debate (Mr. Jesse Weaver)
 - 1a. adjective: clumsy (Tanner Burkholder)
2. noun: a unique garment worn by Mesoamericans that was believed to grant good luck when visiting the village dentist hygienist. (Mr. Christopher Brode)
3. noun: an animal that lives in broccoli (Tiersha Martin)
4. verb - the act of tripping someone while appearing as an innocent bystander (Miss Pheobe Beiler)
5. verb: of German origin, meaning to subtly but swiftly steal something from the plate of the person sitting next to you at the table. (Mr. Jesse Weaver)
 - 5a. (adj.)/slang - A pejorative used by aging Pennsylvania Dutch grandmas to describe bratty children. (Mr. Christopher Brode)

*All the words listed above were collaboratively created by the *EMS Expressions* team. The words are not copyrighted, so feel free to integrate them into the English language. Surely they are better than “yeet!” Concerning the words that have two definitions, feel free to choose whichever definition properly fits your circumstance. Enjoy the etymology!

Searching Through Fall Leaves

B A C Z H P K T L S G C J K T
 M L L V B U Y R T U N H R M H
 X U E P T M L A O F P I E Z A
 H T D S O P Q V W F A L L V N
 N U T E S K U E L S G L K A K
 R R B Y F I O L G P R Y M X S
 I K E L J N N S I Q A C B I G
 L E A V E S H G R A T S K P I
 P Y W U T A M N S B E Y O I V
 Q W E S N O W R T Y F U I L I
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 E X C V I B F A M I L Y U R G
 R N M Y G E F S D O U W P I E
 I A S P R A Y E R A T I O M K
 F D B L E D W A T K H U N S S

Word Key:

- Blessings
- Chilly
- Fall
- Family
- Fire
- Grateful
- Leaves
- Pie
- Pilgrims
- Prayer
- Pumpkin
- Snow
- Thanksgiving
- Travel
- Turkey

Woody & Stanford: An Autumn Attention

“TADA echem, TA DA, TAAAA DAAAA! Hellooooo, Stanford, do you even see me? Mr. Stanford smarty pants, do you even awake? Why are you always sleeping every time I’m not? Okay, I mean, sure you’re an owl, you might be tournoctal or whatever that word is, but I mean, c’mon at least wake up and come weaken trees with me once.”

“Woody, how many times do I have to tell you that the word is ‘nocturnal’ and also I’m not a woodpecker so my beak doesn’t work like yours?”

“Oh yeah, I’m sorry. I always forget, but now that you’re awake, do you wanna play?”

“Well, I guess, but only for a little bit. I cannot miss too much sleep or I will not succeed in my studies. I am headed back to college in two days.”

“Ha ha! Stanford is headed back to Stanford.”

“Seriously, Woody. If I didn’t hear you

make that joke every other time we are flying around together, I might think it was funny.”

“Ah perfect, I’ll only say it every other time then.”



“Okay, if owl’s could snicker, I would. Woody, you never cease to make me smile.”

“You know what, Stanford, you too! Even when I do somersaults in the air

and you don’t see me because you’re sleeping, you still make me smile; mainly that’s because you look really funny when I’m upside down. Stanford, do you see all the beautiful colors of the leaves? It must be fall.”

“Wow, yes I do, Woody, and I prefer if we call it autumn because no one wants to fall out of the sky; typically that means your wing is injured.”

“Oh. I’m thankful that I never had to experience that! *Autumn* is such a great time of the year to be thankful! Thankful that I’m not a buck, thankful that I’m not a turkey, thankful that I’m not a cranberry, thankful that I’m me!”

“I wholeheartedly agree, Woody! Let’s challenge each other to be more thankful everyday.”

“Stanford, you truly are a genius! Maybe the rest of our forest friends will join us.”

~Shanda Nissley

Stuco Update

Stuco had busily planned for the “surprise event” which was named Friendsgiving. Basically, it was a Thanksgiving dinner but with friends instead of family. There were so many fun activities involved, from active rounds of Swat to taking an awkward “family” photo, not to mention the ugly fall sweater contest. It also included a Thanksgiving meal along with a chance to digest food by chilling on couches. Stuco is also looking forward to planning upcoming events such as the annual Stuco Christmas Talent Show and Christmas Caroling. You can also check out the deals that Stuco has been offering at snack stand: fruit roll-ups, granola bars, and peanut butter



crackers are all \$.25 while the Stuco mugs are \$2.00. Look for more details in the weekly announcements and on the display screen at snack stand!

~Kya Snyder
(Stuco President)

December Calendar

- 4th:** HS Basketball vs Terre Hill 1:00 PM
- 5th:** 5th and 6th Grade Christmas Caroling in Reading
- 6th:** HS Guys Basketball vs. Fairview and Damascus 3:30 PM
- 7th:** Senior Sub Fundraiser
- 11th:** Christmas Program 1:30 PM
- 12th:** Christmas Program 7:00 PM (12:00 PM dismissal)
- 13th:** Stuco Christmas Caroling 7:00 PM
- 17th:** HS Basketball vs Schaefferstown 3:30 PM
- 18th:** 9th Grade English Class to play by Chamber Theatre Productions
- 20th:** Noon Dismissal- Christmas Vacation and Talent Show

6th Grade Election

Congratulations to Jamal Wenger and the rest of the Dreamers party whose fundraising plan for our new school was selected by the voters of 4-5th grade and the EMS teaching staff. Their pizza lunch, topped off with creamy Plum Creek ice cream, will be available for purchase on Wednesday December 11th.

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