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## ONE SEED GREAT HARVEST

In 1921 two young missionary couples left Sweden for the Belgian Congo (now Zaire), David and Seva Flood and the Ericson family.

After arriving at the main missionary station they decided to take the gospel to a remote area.

They went to the village of N'Dolera but the chief of the village did not want them there for fear of turning the villagers from their local gods.

They prayed for a spiritual breakthrough but there was none. The only contact was a small boy from the village who brought eggs and chickens twice a week.



Seva Flood, a tiny woman of 4' 8" decided if this was the only African she could talk to, she would try and lead this boy to Jesus and she did.

Malaria continued to strike one member after another and the Erickson family left and went back to the main mission station.

Then Seva Flood found herself pregnant in the middle of the primitive wilderness. However she was weak because

of the malaria and delivered a little girl and then she died seventeen days later and the baby girl was named Aina.

Inside David Flood something snapped in that moment. So he dug a crude grave and buried his 27 year old wife and then went down to the main mission station. There he gave his little girl to the Erickson family to raise and he got on a boat back to Sweden a bitter and broken man who now hated God.

Eight months later both of the Erikson's died of malaria and the little girl was given to an American missionary couple. She was then taken back to America and raised in South Dakota and her name was changed to Aggie.

The American couple was afraid to return to Africa because of legal difficulties and switched from being missionaries to being a pastor.

Aggie grew up in South Dakota and as a young woman she attended North Central Bible College in Minneapolis. There she met and married a young man named Dewey Hurst. The Hurst's had a successful ministry and they had two children.

In time her husband became the President of a Christian College in Seattle, Washington.

Aggie was surprised to find so much of the Scandinavian



heritage in that area. One day a Swedish religious magazine appeared in her mailbox. She had no idea who sent it and of course she couldn't read

the words, but as she turned the pages...all of a sudden a photo stopped her cold.

There in a primitive setting was a grave with a white cross...on the cross were the words "Seva Flood". Aggie jumped in her car and went to a college professor who she knew could translate the article.

The instructor summarized the story...it was about missionaries that came to D'Dolera along time ago...the birth of a white baby...the death of the young mother...and the one little African boy who had been led to Christ, and how after the whites had left the boy grew up and finally persuaded the chief to let him build a school in the village.

The article said that he gradually won all his students to Christ and the children led their parents to Christ and even the chief became a Christian.

Today there are six hundred Christian believers in that one village, all because of the sacrifice of David and Seva

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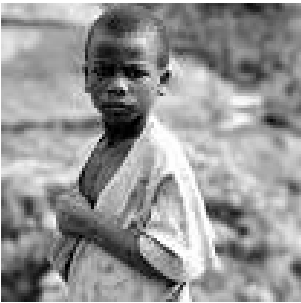
Flood.

For there 25th wedding anniversary the college gave the Hurst's a trip to Sweden. There Aggie sought to find her father. He was an old man now and he had re-married and had four children and became an alcoholic. He had recently suffered a stroke and he was still bitter and angry at God.

He had one rule for his family "never mention God's name" because God took everything from me!

Aggie found her father and got to meet her step brothers and sisters and they advised her not to bring up God when she met her father.

Aggie walked into the apartment room with liquor bottles everywhere and saw her father on a messed up



bed....Papa she said. He turned and began to cry, Aina I never meant to give you away.

It's all right Papa. God took care of me! Her father stiffened and the tears stopped.

God forgot all of us. Our lives have been like this because of Him.

Papa I have a story to tell you and it is a true story.

You didn't go to Africa in vain. Mama didn't die in vain.

The little boy you won to the Lord grew up to win that whole village to Jesus Christ. The one seed that you planted just kept growing and growing.

Today there are 600 African

people serving the Lord because you were faithful to the call of God in your life. Papa Jesus loves you and He has never hated you. The old man gave his life back to Jesus and he died a few weeks after Aggie left him to return to America.

A few years later the Hurst's were attending a high-level evangelism conference in London, England when a report was given from the nation of Zaire (the former Belgian Congo).

The Superintendent of the National Church representing over 110,000 baptized believers spoke of the Gospels spread through his nation.

Aggie went up to him after the conference and asked him if he knew of her mother and father...David and Seva Flood.

He spoke French and his words were translated into English...It was Seva Flood who led me to Jesus. I was the boy who brought food to your parents before you were born. In fact, to this day your mother's grave and her memory are honored by all of us.

He embraced her and told her she must come to Africa to see because your mother is the most famous person in our history.

In time that's exactly what Aggie Hurst and her husband did. They were welcomed by cheering throngs of villagers. She even met the man who had been hired by her father many years before to carry her back down the mountain in a hammock-cradle.

The most dramatic moment came when the pastor escorted Aggie to her mother's grave to see the white cross for herself. She knelt in the soil to pray and

give thanks.

See what one seed that you plant as you witness for Christ can change a nation or a family!

**John 12:24** "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds".

**Psalms 126:5** "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of Joy".

◆ Received from Joe Downs

**THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER**

"Nothing is so important as our view of God, because if our view of God is off, we are spiritually impotent. You cannot trust someone you do not know." Bill Bright

◆ Received from Kathleen Mulkins

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God does extraordinary things through men who have an extraordinary God.

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When you reach the end of your rope, you will find the hem of His garment.

◆ Received from Joe Downs

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The love of God is like the ocean, you can see its beginning, but not its end.

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Remember, when the world pushes you to your knees, you're in the perfect position to pray.

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Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

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**TEAMWORK:** The fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

# ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

**SUNDAYS**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM  
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM  
 EVENING SERVICE 5:pm

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**TUESDAYS**

AL-ANON MEETING  
 6:00 PM

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**WEDNESDAYS**

BIBLE STUDY  
 7:00 PM

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
 9:00 AM

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

SENIORS ON THE GO  
 12:00 NOON

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

AMERICAN LEGION  
 6:00 PM

## **PNA EVENTS**

### **MEN'S RETREAT**

*"What Men Need to Know About Men"*



The PNA is once again hosting a men's retreat at Double K Christian Retreat Center, **June 11-12**. Guest speaker: Jay Bar-

ber, former President of Warner Pacific College Registration deadline is June 1st.

## **CLIMB '10**

Our annual PNA Camp and Conference will be held this year, **July 20-25** (Tuesday evening to Sunday noon), at Double K Christian Retreat Center. Preceding the event is our **Senior Adult Camp, July 18-20**.

**Climb '10** is an event for the entire family, one that provides our churches a unique opportunity for renewal, fellowship and recreation. Special attention will be given to the equipping and strengthening of church leaders.

This year only we are veering slightly from our regular format to help you become better acquainted with the ministries of our member churches. During our evening services (and Sunday morning) we will feature preachers and musicians from within our district that represent our wide diversity. Come be blessed and challenged by what God is doing across the PNA.



Plan now to attend **Climb '10**, even if just for a couple of days, or the weekend!

For more information on these event contact the church office.

## **FELLOWSHIP HALL REPAIR**



As you know we are in the midst of repairing our Fellowship Hall. It started as just leveling the kitchen portion, but as they began work it was not long until we realized that there was more needed to be repaired. There was a lot

of dry rot and this forced us to put a foundation under the entire building. The floor joists were also filled with dry rot so we had to replace floor in the kitchen and entry also needed to be replaced as well as considerable work that placed as well as some plumbing work. We will need to put in new cabinets and new flooring in the kitchen and entry way.



We know that the cost for all these repairs are quite a lot more than we had planned but we praise God that He will supply our needs.

This does not defeat our plans to build a new church on the Leonard Road property it just allows us to trust God in spite of the circumstances.



## THE FLIGHT OF GEESE

TGIF Today God Is First Volume  
1 by Os Hillman  
Sunday, May 09 2010

*"Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the Lord." - 2 Chronicles 30:12*

A major corporation conducted a study on the flight of geese. In their study they found that geese fly in a "V" formation with one goose in the lead. After a period of time,

this goose relinquishes the lead to another goose. During flight they noticed head movements of the leader that seem to give signals to the other geese flying, per-

haps to let the others know how he was doing. They estimate that the formation flight pattern reduces wind drag due to the lift the other birds receive and believe it increases their performance by up to 70 percent. Whenever one goose drops out, another goes with it. These two geese do not catch up to the original pack, but join another group later.

Independence is one of the strongholds of the workplace. The entire system feeds the desire within us to gain recognition from our individual achievements. We wrongly believe financial independence frees us from needing to de-



pend on anyone else. The fact is dependence on others is a good thing. It can bring us into a unity of spirit that accomplishes much more with less effort while meeting needs for each of us. Christ talked a lot about unity among brothers and sisters. He said that others would know we are Christians by our love for one another and by our unity. We need to depend on others so that we don't go it alone. By walking together we increase our strength. By going it alone we must carry a load we were never intended to carry. God did not create us to go it

alone. By joining together we accomplish more for Jesus Christ. Ask the Lord today if there is an independent spirit within you that prevents you from

joining others in the mission He has called you to.

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## YOU TOOK MY PLACE!

One day, a man went to



visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near him. The driver

got out and said, 'I always park there! You took my place!'

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, 'That's my seat! You took my place!' The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday school, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, 'That's where I always sit! You took my place!'

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, 'What happened to you?'

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, 'I took your place.'

◆ *Received from Jeanne Hossler*

To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.

**When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.**

The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

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Winner of last month's quiz was Kevin Massey who came up with the correct answer before Sunday was over. He won his candy bar and I gave it to him before he left with his family on vacation.

The answer to last month's quiz is Shimei, who threw stones at David when he was fleeing from his son Absalom. This story is found in the 16 chapter of the 2 book of Samuel.

*Here is this month's quiz.*

*I was the servant of a very mighty king,  
But I wanted to reign so I did a terrible thing.*

*The king was very sick and wanted to know if he would live.*

*And so I went to the man of God with great gifts that I would give.*

*He told me that the king would live*

*And not die from the sickness that he had.*

*But then he looked at me  
And became so very sad.*

*He told me that the king would die*

*But not from sickness, then he cried,*

*I became ashamed for I knew  
When I got home just what I would do.*

*I told the king he would not die just like the prophet said,  
Then next morning I took a damp cloth and cover up his head.*

*Now tell me the name of the king that was so great,  
And the name of the prophet who told me my fate.*

*And if you're right and the first to say,  
A candy bar will come your way.*

## TALKING DOG FOR SALE

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale'

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.

'Yep,' the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young ... I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA.

In no time at all, they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running... But the jetting around really tired

me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down.

I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'

'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

"Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff"

◆ Received from Jude Cooper



## HOW FIGHTS START.

One year, a husband decided to buy his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift..

The next year, he didn't buy her a gift. When she asked him why, he replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started.