

# Covenant Life Link

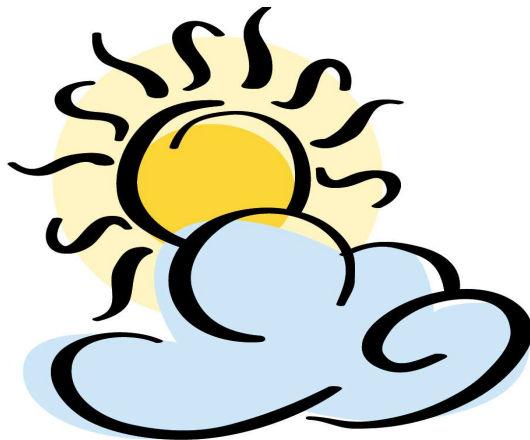
January 2012

## Stewardship Report

The year is over and we have much to celebrate. In regards to service, our church continues to be a beacon in the community. From Network of Nations, Love Inc, Feed My Starving Children, Hope Haven and numerous other service organizations in the area, our brothers and sisters in Christ have been active in answering the call to serve. In the coming year, we are going to be celebrating more often those that have heard the call and answered.

The year has ended fiscally too and we did not meet expectations, but we did improve over 2010. There is a train of thought that many think the church should approach giving like the United States tax code. The more you have the higher percentage you should give. But for Christians there are no loopholes or exemptions. God calls us to give the first fruits, no matter our circumstances or income level.

## BUDGET



“Partly Sunny”

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## Meet The Sanders!!

Gary and Mary Lou Sander were commissioned as Long Term Missionaries to Colombia at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church in June 1990. They are called in the areas of Pastoral Training, Leadership Development and Discipleship.

Gary first responded to God's call on his life when he was an eight-year-old camper at Covenant Heights Bible Camp in Estes Park, CO. He asked Jesus into his heart during that week of camp. Gary knew that God was drawing him toward missions, and at the age of 17, made a commitment to follow God wherever He would lead.

Mary Lou was nurtured in a Christian home and family that surrounded her with love. She accepted Jesus into her heart when she was seven years old at a backyard Vacation Bible School. She is thankful for the positive Christian role models she had in her family, her church, and her youth group.

After ministering in the churches of Bogotá for the first 10 years in church planting and discipleship, the Sanders were asked by the Colombian Covenant Church to move to Medellin in 2000. Gary and Mary Lou have been called to minister in the following areas: pastoring and counseling couples, families and church leaders; working in discipleship and spiritual formation of pastors and their wives; teaching courses and coordinating the Mission relationship with the Colombian Covenant Ministerial Education Foundation; coordinating the Mission relationship with various regional boards of the Colombian Covenant Church, Covenant Women, the Colombian Covenant Youth and with each individual Covenant church in Colombia as they seek to reach out to the needs around them in their community.

The Colombian Covenant Church is involved in ministering to social and community needs as a means of reaching the Colombian people for Christ. The Colombian Covenant Church is experiencing great growth and its challenge is to stabilize and strengthen itself and its leadership as it moves forward in spreading the Gospel.

Gary received his BS from North Park College (Philosophy, 1978, Chicago IL), and his MDiv from North Park Theological Seminary (1983, Chicago IL). Gary was ordained as a Covenant Minister in June of 1984. Mary Lou received her BS from North Park College (Elementary Education, 1978, Chicago IL).

The Sanders have four grown children (Lissa, Leslie, Leah, Skye), and are members of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Kingsburg, California.

## **Hello and Happy 2012 from the Missions Committee.**

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and a very merry New year. As 2012 gets underway, we just want to give you an idea as to some events, and hopeful plans that are coming up here at HCC.

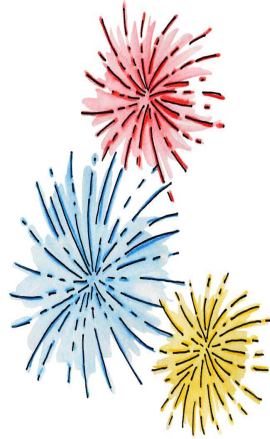
1st, Gary Sanders, our supported missionary in Columbia will be here at HCC the weekend of January 29. He will be attending the Mid-Winter conference during the week, and is looking forward to spending worship with us that weekend, where he will be preaching during worship, and hopefully teaching during the Sunday school hour. Please plan on attending both Sunday school, and worship hour. His previous visits have always been exciting, and very informative. A reception for Gary will follow our worship time downstairs in the multi purpose room.

The very next weekend, February 5th, we will have another visitor, Alex Velasco. Some, or most of you have met Alex over the past few years, and his visits are always a joy. During our Missions Moment in church, Alex will share where God has taken him while working with the Covenant Church as a Missionary, and where God is leading him in the future. Alex is very excited to visit HCC again, and he hopes to see everyone that weekend. We are in the process of looking into some local, and not so local missions serving opportunities.



At this point its unclear as to where God will send us this year, but if you have an idea as to where we might want to serve, please don't hesitate to let us know, as all ideas are welcome. As always, its a pleasure to serve God, and see where he will lead HCC to do His work, by serving others once again.

Blessings to all,

HCC Missions Committee.



# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u>	<b>2</b> <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>Deacon Meeting</u>	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> AWANA <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>X4J</u> <b>8:15 PM</b> <u>Choir Practice</u>	<b>5</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <u>Middle School Hang Time</u> <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>Christian Formation</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Missions Meeting</u> <b>7:30 PM</b> <u>Vitality Team</u>	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>X4J Game night</u>	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <u>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study</u>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>4:00 PM</b> <u>Shift</u> <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>High School Youth Group</u>	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Stewardship Meeting</u>	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Deacon Visitation Strategy Meeting</u>	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> AWANA <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>X4J</u>	<b>12</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <u>Middle School Hang Time</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Outreach Meeting</u>	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>X4J Game night</u>	<b>14</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <u>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study</u>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>4:00 PM</b> <u>Shift</u> <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>High School Youth Group</u>	<b>16</b>  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Trustees Meeting</u>	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> AWANA <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>X4J</u>	<b>19</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <u>Middle School Hang Time</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Executive Committee Meeting</u>	<b>20</b> <u>Deep Freeze</u>	<b>21</b> <u>Deep Freeze</u> <b>7:30 AM</b> <u>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study</u>
<b>22</b> <u>Deep Freeze</u> <u>Newsletter Finishline</u> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>4:00 PM</b> <u>Shift</u> <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>High School Youth Group</u>	<b>23</b> <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> AWANA <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>X4J</u>	<b>26</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <u>Middle School Hang Time</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Music &amp; Worship Meeting</u>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <u>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study</u> <b>6:00 PM</b> <u>Comedy Cafe Dinner</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Comedy Cafe</u>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>4:00 PM</b> <u>Shift</u> <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>High School Youth Group</u>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <u>Midwinter</u>	<b>1</b> <u>Midwinter</u> <b>6:30 PM</b> AWANA <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>X4J</u> <b>8:15 PM</b> <u>Choir Practice</u>	<b>2</b> <u>Midwinter</u> <b>2:30 PM</b> <u>Middle School Hang Time</u> <b>6:30 PM</b> <u>Christian Formation</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Missions Meeting</u> <b>7:30 PM</b> <u>Vitality Team</u>	<b>3</b> <u>Midwinter</u>	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <u>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study</u> <b>3:00 PM</b> <u>X4J Super Bowl Subs &amp; Game Night</u>

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - David Vollstedt
- 4 - Joe Bothe
- 7 - Jo Swan
- 8 - Ron Rozema
- 9 - David Livingston
- 12 - Cheri Auman
- 13 - Becky Sisler
- 14 - Steve Klopfenstein
- 21 - Martha Snyder
- 22 – Austin Pianovski
- 23 - Carol Hegberg
- 23 - Mary Lou Sander (missionary)
- 25 - J. Patrick Kevin
- 25 – Millie Kostrey
- 25 - Jeanne Holly
- 25 – Isaac VanderWeide
- 31 - David Wessel

happy,  
happy  
birthday  
to you!

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

23-2010 – Matt & Brianna Hook



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